



**Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District
Joint Water Supply/Wastewater
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY
March 19, 2009**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's Water Supply/Water Conservation and Wastewater Technical Coordinating Committees (WSWC/WW TCCs) met on Thursday, March 19, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. in the Amphitheatre, on "C" level of the R. Charles Loudermilk Center for the Regional Community in Atlanta, Georgia.

Attendance

Chris Browning, Fulton County
Ellis Cadenhead, Coweta County
Charles Corbin, Austell, Buford, Palmetto,
Union City, Hapeville
Kathy Crews, Atlanta Fulton County WRC
Ernie Earn, Cobb County
Rick Eastin, City of Fayetteville
Jim Free, GA Onsite WW Assoc.
Scarlett Fuller, City of Gainesville
Horace Gee, City of Gainesville
Steve Green, Douglasville-Douglas County WSA
Thomas Heard, Cherokee County Water
Keith Higgs, Douglasville-Douglas County WSA
Donna Joe, Gwinnett County
Abdul Karim Khan, City of East Point
Katie Kirkpatrick, Metro Water District Board
Celia Klardie, City of Canton
Patrick Koffman, Cobb & Douglas County
David Kubala, Cherokee County, WSA
Chris Kumnick, Georgia DHR
Melinda Langston, City of Atlanta
Billy Lunsford, City of East Point

Tonja Mincey, Henry County WSA
Terry Moy, Clayton County Water Authority
Kathy Nguyen, Cobb Water System
Glenn Page, Cobb County-Marietta Water
Authority
Tony Parrott, Fayette County Water System
Michael Patton, Douglasville-Douglas WSA
Steve Payne, Town of Braselton
Tim Perkins, Forsyth County
Guy Pihera, Clayton County Water Authority
Jim Poff, Clayton County Water Authority
Timothy Pugh, Paulding County Water
Ken Rearden, Hall County
Jerri Russell, City of Atlanta
Jim Scarbrough, Gwinnett Public Utilities
Kelen Shostak, City of Woodstock
Julie Todd, City of Atlanta
Keith Watkins, Clayton County Water Authority
Dwight Wicks, Rockdale County
Emily Wingo, Georgia EPD
Richard Randolph, City of East Point

Matt Harper of the Metro Water District staff opened the meeting, initiated introductions and reviewed the meeting agenda with the group.

Public Comment Period

Shana Udvardy, representing the Georgia Conservancy, presented comments to the TCC during the public comment period. These comments were in regards to the changes that have been incorporated into the Plans, water conservation, and sub-metering.

Discussion On the Summary of Recommended Changes to the Long-term Wastewater Management Plan (Dec. 2008)

Matt Harper discussed the process and explained that the comments on the plans being finalized in today's meeting would be forwarded to the District Governing Board as final recommendations for the April 4th Board Meeting. At that meeting they will be asked to approve the changes and send the plans to Georgia EPD for certification.

Kim Shorter discussed a summary of proposed recommended changes to the Long-term Wastewater Management Plan.

Concerns voiced by the TCC members primarily focused on typographical corrections. Typographical corrections (typos) will not be included in the Summary of Recommended Changes that will be presented to the Board but will be corrected.

Comments received from the BAC's regarding the new Annual Plan Survey and Reporting section as outlined in the Summary of Recommended Changes were then discussed. The discussion focused on whether or not to include asking for information about the acceptance of septage at facilities in the metrics. It was agreed that including a question about septage disposal into the future metrics was acceptable.

A TCC member voiced concerns over language for the proposed change to be included on pg. B-1, in paragraph 3. The concern was that the plan will limit wastewater providers to the 2035 capacity in the plan. The intent of the language change was to allow flexibility for facilities to build in phased increments smaller than outlined in each period in the plan without having to amend the plan. Providers are limited to the maximums and a plan amendment would be required to exceed.

Discussion On the Summary of Recommended Changes to the Water Supply and Water Conservation Plan (Dec. 2008)

Kim Shorter discussed a summary of proposed recommended changes to the Water Supply and Water Conservation Management Plan. Kim asked the committee to provide feedback regarding the outlined changes. TCC members were also asked to look at the comments from the BAC meeting summaries.

TCC members had several small corrections, most of which were typographical corrections. In addition, there were several other suggestions including the following:

- One member asked that any groundwater discussions not reference that existing land use limits needed recharge areas for groundwater and that it also state that it is expected future groundwater use remain *about* constant. Similar changes should be made on other related pages.
- One member preferred the term "normal" conservation to "natural" conservation. However, it was explained that "natural" was the more common term.
- One BAC comment asked for additional explanation of why the 2006 base year was selected and a TCC member commented that it is already explained well in the proposed recommended changes.

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- The third tier of the Plan's recommended rate structure calls for the rate to be 200% above the base rate. A couple members felt that setting irrigation meter pricing at 200% of the first tier rate would be more appropriate than stating set the rate the same as the third tier because many water systems have more than 3 tiers.
- BAC comments included a recommendation that rates be reviewed for conservation effectiveness every 2 years instead of every 5 years. Many TCC members felt that small water systems may have staff limitations to do it more often than every 5 years. TCC members asked that it not state rates must be adjusted after the review because rates at that time may already be effective.
- Change comment on AWWF Study to focus on differences in housing age, not that the study is outdated.
- Regarding setting a goal for water loss, one TCC member ask that it be clear that if a water system already has an excellent real water loss it is acceptable that their goal can be to maintain the low water loss they have already achieved.
- Douglasville-Douglas County WSA asked that an additional expansion of Dog River be added as a post-2035 water supply option and Annawakee and Sweetwater be removed.
- Several TCC members questioned the small and large reservoir costs and suggested that the small v. large delineation be taken out and instead simply provide the range of reservoir costs.
- BAC comments included a recommendation that dates be set to all of the benchmarks in the metrics discussion. One TCC member suggested that we need to collect some of the data before dates can be set to certain benchmarks.