



**Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District
Stormwater
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY
March 19, 2009**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's Water Stormwater Technical Coordinating Committee (SW TCC) met on Thursday, March 19, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. in the Amphitheatre, on "C" level of the R. Charles Loudermilk Center for the Regional Community in Atlanta, Georgia.

Attendance

Dave Breaden, Cobb County
Billy Buckhalt, City of Snellville
David Chastant, City of Sandy Springs
Charles Corbin, Austell, Buford, Palmetto,
Union City, Hapeville
Melinda Davies, City of Stockbridge
Ernie Earn, Cobb County
Don Easterbrook, City of Fayetteville
Kris Garcia, City of Atlanta
Mary Gazaway, Georgia EPD
Horace Gee, City of Gainesville
Anita Gunnoe, City of Stockbridge
Connie Haynes, Georgia EPD
William Higgins, Cobb County
Rob Hill, City of Newnan
Renee Hoge, Forsyth County
Samuel Jones, DeKalb County
Bryan Keller, Fayette County
Richard King, City of Marietta
Lamont Kaiser, Bartow County

William Klahr, City of Newnan
Celia Klardie, City of Canton
Michelle Lawrence, Fulton County
Betsy Massie, Forsyth County
Alex Mohajer, DeKalb County
Terry Moy, Clayton County WA
Andy Mycroft, Fulton County
Kevin Osbey, Clayton County WA
Shelia Nealy, Clayton County WA
Tony Parrott, Fayette County
Steve Payne, Town of Braselton
Timothy Pugh, Paulding County
Jim Scarbrough, Gwinnett County
Barbara Seal, Gwinnett County
Kelen Shostak, City of Woodstock
Julie Todd, City of Atlanta
Steve Turner, City of Kennesaw
Beth Vaughn, Town of Tyrone
Randy Willis, City of Stockbridge
Emily Wingo, Georgia EPD

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

Plan Adoption Process

Matt Harper briefly reviewed the upcoming steps on the plans stating that the memo being reviewed by the Stormwater TCC today would be forwarded to the Governing Board for their consideration at the April 4 meeting. At that meeting, they would be asked to send the Public Comment Drafts and recommended changes to EPD for certification of the plans. Upon an affirmative certification, the Board would be able to take action on formal adoption of the plans in May.

Discussion on the Recommended Text Changes to the Watershed Management Plan

Kim Shorter walked the group through the memo outlining the recommended text changes to the Watershed Management Plan that was developed in response to the comments received during public comment period in December and January, and subsequent discussion and feedback on those comments with both the BAC's and TCC.

A question was received as the impact of the changes to the recommendation on fertilizer research. Kim explained that this change was made to make the Metro District Plan consistent with language in the State Water Plan, and that Georgia EPD would be undertaking most of the research on this topic.

The Committee was supportive of the new measure 5.B.4 on Greenspace and Green Infrastructure Tools for Watershed Protection, and did not feel that this new requirement would be burdensome.

A question was asked if the long-term ambient trend monitoring submittal dates would be based upon existing permit reporting dates. Steve Haubner of the Metro Water District staff explained that this had not yet be determined, but did not see a problem of varying submittal dates as long as local jurisdictions submit their data annually to the District. Mr. Haubner asked the group about biological and habitat reporting, and several local governments remarked that this data was not suitable for spreadsheet submittal or easy summary at a regional level. It was suggested that the Metro Water District remove the language requiring submittal of data reports under measure 5.F.2, and develop appropriate metrics for collecting and evaluating biological and habitat results.

Some suggestions were offered on the text recommending a regional monitoring network to not sell short the benefits of the local monitoring.