



**Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District
WASTEWATER
Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting Summary
June 17, 2009**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's Wastewater Technical Coordinating Committee (WW TCC) met on Wednesday, June 17, 2009, at 11:00 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
David Chastant, City of Sandy Springs
Charles Corbin, Austell, Buford, Palmetto,
Union City, Hapeville
Bruce Coyle, Paulding County
Ernest Earn, Cobb County
Horace Gee, City of Gainesville
Conrad Gelot, Gwinnett County
Steve Green, Douglasville-Douglas County WSA
Keith Higgs, Douglasville-Douglas County WSA
Donna Joe, Gwinnett County
Abdul Karim Khan, City of East Point
Patrick Koffman, Cobb & Douglas County
Michael Kauffman, City of Villa Rica

David Kubala, Cherokee County, WSA
Billy Lunsford, City of East Point
Tonja Mincey, Henry County WSA
Terry Moy, Clayton County Water Authority
Kathy Nguyen, Cobb Water System
Steve Payne, Town of Braselton
Jim Poff, Clayton County Water Authority
Russell Ray, Fayette County Water System
Jerri Russell, City of Atlanta
Richard Randolph, City of East Point
Barbara Seal, Gwinnett County DWR
Keisha Thorpe, Peachtree City
Keith Watkins, Clayton County Water Authority
Emily Wingo, Georgia EPD

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

Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

Newly Adopted Plan and Training Needs Discussion

Corey Babb presented a short overview of the newly adopted Plan. This included overall changes made to the Plan from the 2003 Plan, planned infrastructure to be existing in 2035, requirements for the management of sewer and septic systems, requirements for local wastewater planning, and a look at the immediate 2009 and 2010 implementation requirements.

A brief discussion was held concerning any training or information needs that the TCC may require in order to effectively meet the requirements of the newly adopted Wastewater Management Plan. Possible topics included future state nutrient standards for streams, the TMDL process, biosolids and septage management, grease management and sewer system inspection and maintenance.

One TCC member suggested that it may be beneficial to have someone provide guidance to the TCC on nutrient trading possibilities and how to address non-point source control in the nutrient trading formula. No other comments were supplied.

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Review of the Draft 2009 Plan Implementation Survey

Pat Stevens presented background information regarding the need to conduct a yearly survey of progress made toward the implementation of the Wastewater Management Plan. She explained that the survey was a report required by the Governor's office and was due by December of each year.

Corey Babb reviewed the Draft Implementation Survey questions. One TCC member suggested clarifying the question regarding the cost associated with septage disposal to clearly indicate that it meant the cost to the dumper for disposal of septage, and not the cost incurred by the wastewater treatment facility for treatment. There were no further comments regarding the Draft Implementation Survey Questions.

Corey then reviewed suggested metrics provided by a board member. TCC members felt that the questions being presented fell under the auspices of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division and their permitting process and was not the job of the District staff. The TCC made it clear that District staff should not be performing the function of auditors. Questions were also raised concerning the value of each suggested metric. The TCC felt that the purpose of each question was unclear, and that the value of each for tracking the implementation or effectiveness of the Wastewater Management Plan was not readily apparent.

The TCC agreed that if this line of questioning was to be implemented in the future, they should be included in a report separate from the Annual Implementation Survey. It was suggested that a wastewater working group be formed to further discuss this matter.

Review of Comments on Georgia EPD's Draft TMDL for Lake Allatoona

The final agenda item was a review of the District staff's comments regarding the Georgia Environmental Protection Division's Draft TMDL Evaluation for Two Segments of Lake Allatoona for Chlorophyll a. Corey Babb provided the review. TCC members suggested that District staff continue to follow developments regarding this issue. Matt Harper informed the TCC that an invitation was extended to Georgia EPD staff to appear at the next Board meeting to discuss the TMDL and future nutrient requirements.

The meeting was adjourned.