



**Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District
CHATTAHOOCHEE BASIN ADVISORY COUNCIL
Meeting Summary
July 27, 2009**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's Chattahoochee Basin Advisory Council met on Monday, July 27, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the B.T. Brown Water Treatment Facility in Newnan, GA.

Members Present

Keith Bentley, Keep Smyrna Beautiful
Rick Blackwell, Let's Go Fishing USA
William Braswell, West GA Board of Realtors
Ellis Cadenhead, Coweta W&S Authority
Steven Culp, O'Brien & Gere
Steve Foster
Stacey Garvin-Lovett
Jill Glascock
Travis Eugene Henry, Douglas Farm Bureau
Mike Kauffmann, City of Villa Rica
F. Keith Lagaite, Volkert & Associates, Inc.
Jo Ann Macrina
George Martin, Georgia Power
Doug Miell
John Oliver, URS Corporation
James Patterson, Columbus Water Works
Dan Reeves, Hunter Industries
Wes Rogers
George Taylor Jr., Oglethorpe Power Corp.
Billy Turner
Wayne Waldrip, Keep Smyrna Beautiful
Albert M. Wilson III
Mary Kay Woodworth

Ginger Blackstone, GA Dept. of Labor
Alan Bowling, Cobb S&WC District
Robert Bunker, RM Bunker Associates LLC
Daryl Cook, Watts & Browning Enter's Inc.
Jared Daley
Douglas Fulle, Oglethorpe Power Corporation
Martin George
Patrick Heerd
Kenneth Kagy, Gwinnett County
Edward Klaas, II, Southern Sprinkler Systems
John Lawrence, Chigger Ridge Farm
James Martell
Charles McMullen III
Michael Morton
Eric Olson
Catherine Pruitt, Stevenson & Palmer Eng.
K. Scott Robertson, Sweetwater Environmental
Martin Smith
Bryan Tolar, GA Agribusiness Council
Shana Udvardy, The Georgia Conservancy
Butch Watson III, Croy Engineering
Kenneth Wood, Planners and Engineers

Members Not Present

Femi Adesanya	Harry Boone
Howard Carson Jr., Carson Developments, Inc.	Lee Duncan
Katherine Feeman, Big Trees Forest Preserve	Matthew Floyd
Laura Hartt, Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper	Warren Howe
Gene Kelly	James Kurtz, NAMAR- Real Estate
Tavia McCuean, Forestar Group	William Millkey
Kevin Norton, Paulson Mitchell, Inc.	Jason O'Rourke, Council for Quality Growth
Larry Phillips	Glenn Page
Marjorie Poole	Yomi Sholarin
Bob Sutton, Lake Allatoona Preservation Auth.	Corinne Valentine, Eng Management, Inc.
Bruce Widener, GA Onsite WW Assoc.	Larry Wood, City of Villa Rica
Patty Berkovitz, Watershed Alliance of Sandy Springs	

Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Ellis Cadenhead, the Metro Water District Board Alternate for Coweta County, welcomed the group on behalf of the Metro Water District Board and expressed appreciation for the commitment of the BAC members. Mr. Cadenhead also thanked the BAC for visiting their facility.

Matt Harper of the Metro Water District staff welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new Chattahoochee BAC and initiated group introductions. BAC members introduced themselves and shared their interest in the basin.

BAC Operating Procedures

Matt Harper presented an overview of the Basin Advisory Council Operating Procedures. He stated that the BACs provide input in the development of the Metro Water District's comprehensive plans and policies that guide water resources management in the 15 county metro Atlanta region. He also outlined District staff roles, introducing Heather Moody and informing the group that she will manage the BAC process. Mr. Harper then explained that the first three meetings of the BAC would be part of an extended orientation and beginning in 2010, regular meetings will be held quarterly. Mr. Harper went on to describe attendance policies and encouraged consistent attendance for all members. Mr. Harper then provided details about the role of the BAC Chairperson. The BAC Chair will review BAC meeting agendas and meeting summaries and will serve a one year term. The Chair will also have the option to represent the BAC by attending Metro Water District Board meetings. Mr. Harper said that the Chair election would be held at the next meeting and that members could vote by absentee ballot if necessary. Interested candidates were asked to submit a statement of interest by August 19th. Finally, Mr. Harper outlined the BAC voting procedures. He explained that a quorum of 50 percent plus one is required to hold a vote. Also, if consensus on an issue is not reached, Mr. Harper confirmed that both the majority and minority opinions will be included in the meeting summary and the summary will be shared with the Governing Board.

ACF Ruling Update

Matt Harper provided a summary of the July 17th 2009 court ruling by Judge Magnuson regarding the ACF litigation. BAC members were asked to think about suggestions for other water supply options, political strategies or any other ideas concerning how best to deal with the court ruling and to bring those ideas to the next BAC meeting.

Review of the Water Supply and Water Conservation Plan

Maia Davis of the Metro Water District staff reviewed the newly adopted Water Supply and Water Conservation Management Plan. She showed the BAC where to find specific information and highlighted important facts and figures.

A BAC member asked how the Metro Water District determines actual water savings that occurs through implementation of the plan. Maia Davis explained that the Metro Water District conducts implementation surveys every year to track how well the measures in the Plan are being implemented. In reference to section ES-4, a member asked when the last real data point on the graph occurred. Ms. Davis said that 2006 was the last measurement based on actual water use data, and the first was collected in 2001. She explained that the noticeable decline in water use over that period of time was due to conservation measures and drought restrictions.

Ms. Davis explained that the Metro Water District addresses municipal supplied water use. This includes anyone who buys their water from a municipal source, not just homeowners. A question was also asked about collecting water return data from power plants and determining their net consumption. Maia Davis stated that power plants report their water use data to Georgia EPD and said that the data is publically available. In regard to industrial versus commercial water use, a BAC member asked where high-industrial water use is mentioned in the plan. Maia Davis replied that Table 2-7 lists non-municipal withdraws permitted by Georgia EPD.

Facility Tour

Following the meeting, Water Plant Manager Barry Brand led the group on an informative tour of the B.T. Brown Water Treatment Plant. Our guide answered many questions from the BAC members and explained the various functions of the water treatment equipment. Participants learned about the water treatment process, from its origin at the reservoir all the way to its arrival in their homes or businesses.

Next Meeting

Matt Harper announced that the next Chattahoochee BAC meeting would take place on August 24th at 10:00am in Atlanta.