



**Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District
CHATTAHOOCHEE BASIN ADVISORY COUNCIL
Meeting Summary
August 24, 2009**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's Chattahoochee Basin Advisory Council met on Monday, August 24, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Utoy Creek Water Reclamation Facility in Atlanta, GA.

Members Present

Femi Adesanya
Patty Berkovitz, Watershed Al. of Sandy Springs
Harry Boone
William Braswell, West GA Board of Realtors
Howard Carson Jr., Carson Developments, Inc.
Steven Culp, Veolia Water NA
Katherine Feeman, Big Trees Forest Preserve
Douglas Fulle, Oglethorpe Power Corporation
Laura Hartt, Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper
Travis Eugene Henry, Douglas Farm Bureau
Kenneth Kagy, Gwinnett County
Gene Kelly
F. Keith Laguaite
Jo Ann Macrina, Dekalb County
George Martin, Georgia Power
Doug Miell
Michael Morton
John Oliver, URS Corporation
James Patterson, Columbus Water Works
Wes Rogers
Yomi Sholarin, Comm. Board of Realtors
George Taylor Jr., Oglethorpe Power Corp.
Wayne Waldrip, Keep Smyrna Beautiful
Stacey Williams, Ken Harris and Asso. Realty

Keith Bentley, Keep Smyrna Beautiful
Rick Blackwell, Let's Go Fishing USA
Alan Bowling, Cobb S&WC District
Robert Bunker, RM Bunker Associates LLC
Daryl Cook, Watts & Browning Enter's Inc.
Jared Daley
Steve Foster
Martin George
Patrick Heerd
Warren Howe
Mike Kauffmann, City of Villa Rica
James Kurtz, NAMAR- Real Estate
John Lawrence, BAC Chair
James Martell
Tavia McCuean, Forestar Group
William Millkey
Kevin Norton, Paulson Mitchell, Inc.
Glenn Page
Catherine Pruitt, Stevenson & Palmer Eng.
K. Scott Robertson, Sweetwater Environmental
Martin Smith
Shana Udvardy, The Georgia Conservancy
Butch Watson III, Croy Engineering
Albert M. Wilson III

Members Not Present

Ginger Blackstone, GA Dept. of Labor
Lee Duncan
Jill Glascock
Charles McMullen III
Jason O'Rourke, Council for Quality Growth
Dan Reeves, Hunter Industries
Bryan Tolar, GA Agribusiness Council
Corinne Valentine, Eng Management, Inc.
Kenneth Wood, Planners and Engineers Coll.
Mary Kay Woodworth

Ellis Cadenhead, Coweta W&S Authority
Matthew Floyd
Edward Klaas, II, Southern Sprinkler Systems
Eric Olson
Larry Phillips
Bob Sutton, Lake Allatoona Preservation Auth.
Billy Turner
Bruce Widener, GA Onsite WW Assoc.
Larry Wood, City of Villa Rica

Metro Water District Staff Present

Matt Harper, Senior Principal Planner
Corey Babb, Senior Environmental Planner
Heather Moody, Senior Program Specialist

Welcome and Introductions

Heather Moody of the Metro Water District staff introduced Ms. Judy Skeel, Cobb County Board Alternate, who began the meeting by welcoming the group on behalf of the Metro Water District Board.

ACF Ruling Update

Matt Harper led a follow up discussion of the July 17, 2009 ACF court ruling. At the previous BAC meeting, 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. In response to that request, council members shared the following comments:

- It is important for Georgia to consider creating new off-line storage reservoirs that would not be subject to litigation.
- The issue is not only about the economic impacts to the states. How our water use affects water quality and the ecosystem must also be considered. The phase two ruling on endangered species preservation will also include NEPA requirements and will consider impacts on the environment.
- Treated returned water could be put in off-line water storage reservoirs and be used to augment the water supply.

- Congress must approve some level of water withdraw from Lake Lanier because no other water supply options could be implemented in three years. Georgia should put together a plan to show that we are making greater conservation efforts and demonstrate to Congress that we are doing our part.
- In addition to conservation rate structures, education about water use on customer bills is an important part of encouraging water conservation.
- We should form a united front around water conservation measures that we can all agree on and encourage our elected officials to pass proactive legislation.

Chattahoochee BAC Chairperson Election

Heather Moody invited the BAC Chair candidates to say a few words to the Council prior to voting. Candidates John Lawrence and K. Scott Robinson shared a little about their background and told the group why they were interested in being Chairperson. Ballots were cast and John Lawrence was voted in as Chair of the Chattahoochee BAC. Mr. Lawrence will serve a one year term.

Review of the Wastewater Management Plan

Corey Babb of the Metro Water District staff reviewed the newly adopted Wastewater Management Plan. All BAC members were provided with a hard copy of the Wastewater Management Plan. He focused in on key wastewater issues and showed the BAC where to find specific information in the Plan.

During the discussion, a member asked if the Metro Water District Plans will be redone to take into account the State's revised population employment forecast. Matt Harper explained that GA EPD provided the District with planning guidance in 2007 when the Plan update process began. For future Plan updates, the Metro Water District will use the population forecasts that GA EPD directs us to use.

A member also asked if there are dates associated with measures in the Wastewater Plan. Mr. Babb explained that the Implementation Schedules for all measures can be found in section 12 of the Plan.

Facility Tour

Utoy Creek Water Reclamation Facility staff members Mike Shelhamer and Loren Yarbrough took the group on an informative tour of the wastewater treatment facility. Our guides led Council members through the impressive facility and explained each step of the wastewater treatment process.