

Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Wastewater Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting Summary February 15, 2012

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's Wastewater Technical Coordinating Committee met on Wednesday, February 15, 2012, 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

Bobby Brooks, Gwinnett DWR Tony Carnell, Henry County WSA Charles Corbin, Keck and Wood Holly Elmendorf, Gwinnett DWR Virgil Fancher, GA DPH Catherine Fox, Fox Environmental Kris Garcia, City of Atlanta Mary Gazaway, GA EPD Tonja Halton Mincey, Henry County WSA Jonathon Heard, City of Cumming Keith Higgs, Douglasville-Douglas Co WSA Chris Hindman, City of Fayetteville Stephen Hogan, City of Fayetteville Brad Holtzinger, City of Stockbridge Nolton Johnson, City of Atlanta Russell Kelly, Paulding County

David Kubala, Cherokee County WSA Chris Kumnick, GA DPH Charles Lambert, DeKalb County Terry Moy, CCWA Tony Parrott, Fayette County Jim Poff, CCWA Timothy Pugh, Paulding County Richard Randolph, City of East Point Jerri Russell, City of Atlanta Barbara Seal, Gwinnett DWR Margaret Tanner, City of Atlanta Keisha Thorpe, Peachtree City WSA Michelle Vincent, GA EPD Keith Watkins, CCWA Cameron Wiggins, GA DPH Brian Wiley, City of Gainesville

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

Public Comment Period

No Public Comments.

F. Wayne Hill's Anaerobic Digesters

Holly Elmendorf, Gwinnett Department of Water Resources presented an overview of the F.Wayne Hill Facility's Anaerobic Digesters. This included an overview of the facility, why anaerobic digesters were employed in the treatment process, digestion efficiency, methane gas production, kilowatt hours of energy saved and other processes currently existing at the facility or planned for future implementation. TCC members discussed nutrient removal efficiencies and the role of innovation in future wastewater treatment operations.

Update on Roswell's Grease Waste to Energy Program

Mark Wolff, City of Roswell Public Works presented an update on the City's Local Energy Assurance Planning Project (LEAP). This included an overview of: why the project was undertaken, project objectives and goals, partner agencies and the current status of Roswell's market analysis for the feasibility of collecting fats, oils, and grease for conversion to biodiesel. Questions from TCC

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members were concerned with the quality of fats, oils, and grease that were required for biodiesel production.

Wastewater Topics Survey

Mr. Babb reviewed a list of potential topics for 2012 TCC meetings and/or workshops. The TCC members were asked to review the list and rank the topics according to their interest. Mr. Babb asked that all surveys be returned by Friday, February 24, 2012.

GA EPD's Proposed 2012 305(b)/303(d) List

Corey Babb presented an overview of GA EPD's proposed changes between the 2010 and 2012 305(b)/303(d) list. The overview included a breakdown of new "supporting" designations, new "not supporting" designations and additional administrative changes proposed by GA EPD. The TCC discussed the listing process and data qualifications for listing streams.

Other

Mr. Babb provided an update on the status of F.O.G. door hanger distribution by the Atlanta Apartment Association. As of the TCC meeting, the Atlanta Apartment Association had delivered approximately 104,000 door hangers to member units in the 15 county area. The Association had also received positive feedback from member property managers regarding the appropriateness of the materials and had several additional requests for doorhangers. Mr. Babb stated that a second order was being placed for door hangers and these would be distributed as soon as possible.

Mr. Babb provided an update on the Georgia Environmental Protection Division's proposed changes to the State's Anti-degradation Policy.

The meeting was adjourned.