



**Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District
FLINT BASIN ADVISORY COUNCIL
Meeting Summary
October 20, 2010**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's Flint Basin Advisory Councils met on Wednesday, October 20, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the Coweta County Water & Sewerage Authority in Sharpsburg, GA.

Members Present

Bud Butcher, Coweta Co Farm Bureau	Michael Harp, GA Farm Bureau
John Caldwell, Coweta Co WSA	Dorothy Harris, D. Clark Harris Inc.
Ernest Curtis	Christine McGehee
Charles Gibson, Georgia Kayak Fishing	Dale Phenicie, Fayette County Chamber
Ted Greene, Delta Environmental	Edward Strong, Newnan Utilities
Richard A. Greuel	Tim Thoms, BAC Chair
Roger A. Greuel, Fayette Co Farm Bureau	

Members Not Present

Vanessa Birrell, Fayette Co Board of Comm.	Richard Little
Don Easterbrook, City of Fayetteville	Brice Martin, Coweta Co Stormwater
Todd Gullekson	Ted McCarter

Metro Water District Staff Present

Pat Stevens, Environmental Planning Division Chief
Heather Moody, Senior Program Specialist
Marissa Duff, Senior Environmental Planner

Welcome and Introductions

Flint BAC Chair Tim Thoms welcomed the group and asked the Council members to introduce themselves. He then introduced Coweta County Board Designee Ellis Cadenhead, who introduced Linda Lou and Tracy Thigpen from Coweta County Water & Sewerage Authority. Mr. Cadenhead officially began the meeting by welcoming the group on behalf of the Metro Water District Board.

BAC Chairman Elections

There were two members who expressed interest in running for Chairman of the Flint BAC. Statements from the two candidates had been emailed to the group for review prior to the meeting. Heather Moody invited the BAC Chair candidates to say a few words to the Council prior to voting. Ballots were cast and Richard Greuel was voted in as the new Chair of the Flint BAC. Mr. Greuel will serve a one year term.

Update on Tri-State Litigation

Pat Stevens with the Metro Water District provided members with an update on recent developments in the Tri-State Water Wars Litigation. Members discussed the status of the Phase 1 Appeal, Judge Magnuson's Phase 2 Ruling and the Army Corps of Engineers' decision to reinstate consultation with the Fish and Wildlife Service.

BAC members had the following comment during the discussion:

- Water use is not authorized from Lake Lanier yet it is required to help the environment.

Public Comment Period on Additional Water Conservation Measures

Pat Stevens with the Metro Water District presented an overview the Additional Water Conservation Measures recommended for consideration as plan amendments to the Metro Water District's Water Supply and Water Conservation Plan. Ms. Stevens discussed the formation of the Chattahoochee-Lanier Working Group and outlined the deliberation process used to develop the recommendations. She explained that most of the recommendations would only apply to water providers whose supply would be limited by the Judge Magnuson ruling.

BAC members had the following questions and comments during the discussion:

- How are multi-family units affected by the retrofit on reconnect? *Action Item CL-3- Fixture Retrofit on Reconnect only applies to reconnection following a change in ownership; retrofit does not apply to renters.*
- An analysis of DeKalb's program showed that it would take 34 years to make an impact.
- Home Depot offers dual flush mechanisms for \$14.99.
- How will the landfills be affected by fixture retrofit? *There is a company in Cobb County that recycles toilets.*
- I would like to see the fixture retrofit on reconnect be implemented in federal and state buildings to see results.
- What is the next step for these additional conservation measures? *Based on public comments and BAC discussions we take our recommendations to the Board in December. If the board approves the measures they will become part of the plan.*
- What about outdoor water use? What is the proportion of outdoor water use in comparison with indoor use? *During a normal year, outdoor use accounts for approximately 20% of annual water use. The group thought that the best way to reduce outdoor water use is through tiered pricing.*
- Why not give people a cost benefit by lowering their cost of water if they can use less than the "normal" amount? *The existing infrastructure still needs to be supported.*
- How did they get permits in the lake to intake water? *The State and Army Corps of Engineers supported the permits until Alabama and Florida sued.*
- Education of our kids is very important so that they will learn the right way to use water.

Coweta County Water & Sewerage Authority Presentation on Water Conservation Program

Tracy Thigpen, with Coweta County Water & Sewerage Authority described their current water conservation program. Coweta County WSA is moving towards an AMR system with 75% of their transfer already complete. Ms. Thigpen answered several questions from the BAC members about how the AMR system, how the meters operate, cost-effectiveness, and the daily operation of the new system.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be January 19, 2011.