



**Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District  
COOSA / ETOWAH BASIN ADVISORY COUNCILS  
Meeting Summary  
October 18, 2011**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's Coosa/Etowah Basin Advisory Council met on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at Gritters Library in Marietta, GA.

**Members Present**

Doris Cook, BAC Chair	Donald McClure
David Braswell, WK Dickson	Keith McLaughlin
Robert Endress, Atkins	Carol Moson, GA Association of Realtors
Craig Ferguson, Brown and Caldwell	Ed Mullinax, Cartersville Water Dept
Richard Gray, Murray's Loch Preservation Group	Thomas Shannon, Ewing Irrigation Products
William Grizzle, Cherokee Co Farm Bureau	Douglas Sowar, Paulding Co Farm Bureau
Nolton Johnson	Bobby Terrell
Dart Kendall, GOWA	Martha Williams, Georgia Lakes Society
Aylin Lewallen, Brown and Caldwell	

**Members Not Present**

Leslie Adams	H. Luke Mayes, IV, Cobb Co Farm Bureau
David Alaniz	Kevin Medved
Daniel Coffey	Robert Morrison, LAPA
Bruce Coyle, Paulding County	Sean Nicholl, Lake Allatoona Association
Adam Dreyer	Bettie Sleeth, Home Builders Assn of GA
James Durham	Joseph Vivona
William Francis, GAWP	Chris Williams
David Kubala, Cherokee County WSA	Christina Williams, City of Cartersville
Rebecca Long	Kenneth Williams

**Metro Water District Staff Present**

Matt Harper, Senior Principal Planner  
Sarah Simmons, Senior Program Specialist  
Steve Haubner, Principal Planner

**Board Representatives Present**

Ed Mullinax, Bartow County Designee

**Non-Members Present**

Bill Higgins, Cobb County	Marjorie Hicks, Cherokee Co Stormwater
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**Welcome and Introductions**

Ms. Sarah Simmons introduced Bartow County Board Designee, Ed Mullinax who welcomed the group on behalf of the Governing Board and officially convened the meeting. Mr. Mullinax turned

the meeting over to BAC Chair, Doris Cook who began group introductions. Ms. Cook turned the meeting over to Ms. Sarah Simmons.

### **District Overview**

Ms. Sarah Simmons gave an overview of the District. She explained why the District was created, described the three plans and the process of plan implementation and enforcement. She also gave a brief overview of the District budget process.

### **Election of BAC Chair**

Ms. Sarah Simmons informed the group that she sent an email in September asking for nominations for BAC chair. Ms. Simmons received one nomination for Ms. Doris Cooks to continue as chair of the Coosa BAC. Ms. Simmons announced that she would accept nominations at that time. There were no other nominations.

The BAC Operating Procedures state that, "A quorum (50 percent plus one) of the BAC membership is required for a vote". The Coosa BAC did not have a quorum of members to take a vote for BAC chair. Ms. Simmons announced that she would send an email to the group asking members to place a vote for BAC chair. Ms. Simmons received the necessary votes by October 21 and announced that Ms. Doris Cook will continue to serve as Coosa BAC Chair for another one year term ending in October of next year.

### **Watershed Management Plan Overview**

Mr. Steve Haubner gave an overview of the Watershed Management Plan, highlighted some of the key regional issues with stormwater management and provided an in-depth explanation of each of the model ordinances and their role in watershed protection.

BAC members had the following questions and comments:

- There are problems identifying septic critical areas.
- Although the number of septage dump sites has reduced, there should be more legal dumpsites. As legal dumpsites disappear, illegal dumping will continue.
- Are developers included in discussions regarding the Watershed Improvement Plan?
- Critical areas should be based on soil.
- Need to be careful to not be too restrictive because we do not want growth to cease.

### **Chastain Meadows Regional Stormwater Management Facility**

Mr. Bill Higgins, Cobb County Stormwater Manager gave a presentation on Chastain Meadows Regional Stormwater Management Facility located on Noonday Creek in Marietta. The purpose of the project is to reduce peak stream flows and flooding downstream on Noonday Creek. Mr. Higgins showed before and after images from the project sites. He explained that a 13 square mile area feeds into this stormwater facility, which covers 11 acres. The project has an 1100 foot long dam and is an in-line detention system with dry storage that only fills in rain events. The project was finished in July 2011 and cost approximately \$8.8 million. The meeting was followed with a site visit of this project.

### **Other**

The 2012 Coosa BAC meetings are listed on the agenda. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 11, 2012. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.