



**Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District
CHATTAHOOCHEE BASIN ADVISORY COUNCIL
Meeting Summary
January 19, 2012**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's Chattahoochee Basin Advisory Council met on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Georgia Association of Water Professionals headquarters building in Marietta, GA.

Members Present

Charles McKinney, BAC Chair	Phillip Hutfilz
Wayne Waldrip, BAC Vice Chair	Kenneth Kagy, Gwinnett County
Femi Adesanya	Thomas Kohler, Carrol Co Water Authority
Hal Benner	Richard Lisska
Chad Braswell	Bill Millkey
William Braswell, West GA Board of Realtors	Mitzi Moore
Emily Buffington, Cox Enterprises	John Oliver, URS Corporation
D. Scott Cole	Gil Puffer, Atkins
Daryl Cook, Watts & Browning	Trish Reifenberger
Teresa Crisp	K. Scott Robertson, SEC
James Crowder	Trudy Slaby Eissler
Steven Culp, Garney Construction	Sanford Stoke, Western Summit Constructors, Inc.
Roland de Liniere	Charles Surasky, Smith Currie & Hancock, LLP
Steven Foster	George Taylor, Oglethorpe Power Corporation
Jimmy Garrison III, DPE, Inc.	Frankie Thompson
Jack Gleason, Friends of Caney Creek.org	Billy Turner, Columbus Water Works
Jessica Guinn, The Collaborative Firm, LLC	Butch Watson, Croy Engineering, LLC
Laura Hartt, Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper	Mark Wolff, City of Roswell
James Hawkins	Larry Wood, City of Villa Rica
Patrick Heerdt	Van Yon, Atlanta Commercial Board of Realtors
Warren Howe	

Members Not Present

Laura Aikens	James Klinkenberg
Cassandra Barber	Keith Lagaute
Peter Berk	Charles Laughinghouse
Patty Berkovitz, Watershed Alliance of Sandy Springs	John Lawrence
Robert Bunker	Jo Ann Macrina, City of Atlanta
Denise Carleton, Reaping Nature	George Martin, Georgia Power Company
David Chastant	Tavia McCuean, Forestar Group

Edward DeHart, Jr.
Lee Duncan
Samantha Dunn, Gwinnett Braves
Michael Echols
Joseph Epherson
Debra Ewing, D. Clark Harris, Inc.
Donald Fry, Engineering Design Technologies
Douglas Fulle, Oglethorpe Power Corp
Kevin Garmon
Stephen Garton, UGA Extension Forsyth Co
Scott Halperin
Bob Harbort
Travis Henry, Douglas Co Farm Bureau
Colin Holden
Matthew Houser, UPCCA
Celia Klardie, City of Sandy Springs

Charles McMullen, III
Doug Miell
Michael Morton, City of Chattahoochee Hills
Fred Nixon
Kevin Norton, Paulson Mitchell, Inc.
Randy Payne, Tyson Foods, Inc.
Angus Reed
Theodore Ruff
Mark Scheinfeld
Nathan Shields, Michael Baker Jr. Corporation
Yomi Sholarin
Dan Thalimer
Bryan Tolar, GA Agribusiness Council
Richard Wells, Georgia Power Company
Kenneth Wood, Planners and Engineers Collaborate

District Staff

Matt Harper, Senior Principal Planner
Sarah Simmons, Senior Program Specialist
Corey Babb, Senior Planner

Welcome and Introductions

Chattahoochee BAC Chair Charles McKinney began the meeting with group introductions. He then turned the meeting over to Ms. Sarah Simmons.

District's 2012 Legislative Agenda

Mr. Matt Harper gave an overview of each of the bills on the District's 2012 Legislative Agenda. He explained that these bills are still active in the Georgia General Assembly and that the District is tracking their progress at the capitol as they contain items/issues of particular interest for the District. BAC members had the following questions and comments:

- Has anyone looked at the economic impact of HB 153?
- In HB 153, consumptive use is used as a negative term; however septic systems recharge the ground water.
- It's clear from the State-wide Water Management Plan that we need more data.
- Is evaporation considered a consumptive use like cooling towers?

2011 Implementation Review and Annual Report

Ms. Sarah Simmons gave an overview of the Metro Water District's 2011 Plan Implementation Review and the 2011 Activities and Progress Report. She explained the two reports and highlighted information from the Plan Implementation Review.

BAC members had the following questions and comments:

- Are the counties required to adopt the same stormwater requirements?
- Are toilet rebate programs effective? The plumbing community believes that this program is very effective.

- Local governments should require anti-flood valves that would shut off water in homes when there is a leak. This would prevent water damage when people are not home.

Wastewater Management Plan Overview

Mr. Corey Babb gave an overview of the Wastewater Management Plan, highlighted some of the key regional issues with wastewater management and discussed the measures of the plan of particular importance to local wastewater utilities as identified by the 2011 Plan Implementation Review.

BAC members had the following questions and comments:

- Does anyone track septic failures? GA Department of Public Health tracks failures when a permit for replacing a drain field or tank is issued. Also neighbors' complaints will help to track failures.
- When updating FEMA maps, how does that impact sewer lines? Would it reassess the critical areas?
- The issue is residents knowing they have septic and knowing where the tank and the drain field are. Residents have to be educated.
- The Health Department should have a maintenance plan for septic.
- Septic systems meet a certain need, but when an area grows to maximum density you need the government to provide wastewater management.

Other

The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 19, 2012. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.