



**Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District
OCMULGEE BASIN ADVISORY COUNCIL
Meeting Summary
October 5, 2012**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's Ocmulgee Basin Advisory Council met on Friday, October 5, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at Rockdale Water Resource, Central Maintenance Training Room in Conyers, GA.

Members Present

Michael Walker, BAC Chair
Todd Cosby, Rockdale Co Stormwater
Tom Harrison
Chee Hill, Dewberry & Davis
Vikki McReynolds, GUCA

Tonja Mincey, Henry Co WSA
Paul Morgan, Rainharvest Co. Inc.
Elaine Nash, Rockdale Co WSA
Anthony Wiggins, CERM

Members Not Present

Larry Allen, Henry Co Farm Bureau
Bob Carpenter, IAPMO
Jimmy Carter, Jr., HCWA and Henry Co Farm Bur.
Jennifer Christman, ADS
Richard Edinger, Jr.
Roger Hatch, Rockdale/DeKalb Farm Bureau
Wayne Haynie, Jacobs
Jenny Hoffner, American Rivers

Shirley House
Angel Jones, DeKalb Co Roads Drainage
Faye Lyons-Gary, DeKalb Co LWV
Jay Marlow
Russell Toning, GSWCC
Donald West, Clayton State University
Steve Williams, Water Management Inc
Chris Yancey, City of Loganville

Metro Water District Staff Present

Steve Haubner, Principal Engineer

Kostoula Vallianos, Education Specialist

Board Representative Present

Lee Pope, Rockdale Co Alternate

Non-Members Present

Chip Hatcher, Rockdale WSA

Welcome and Introductions

Rockdale County Board Alternate, Lee Pope welcomed the group on behalf of the Metro Water District Board and officially convened the meeting. BAC Chair Mike Walker initiated group introductions.

BAC Chair Election

Koustoula Vallianos informed the group that Sarah Simmons sent an email in September asking for nominations for BAC chair. Ms. Simmons received nominations for Mr. Lee Pope as chair of the Ocmulgee BAC. Ms. Vallianos announced that she would accept nominations at the meeting. 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”. There was not a quorum of members present to take a vote during the meeting. Ms. Vallianos announced that she would inform Ms. Simmons that members would need to vote for chair by email. Ms. Simmons sent an email and received the necessary quorum of votes of the BACs by the October 15 deadline and announced that Lee Pope will serve as the Ocmulgee BAC Chair through October 2013.

Public Review and Comment Period: Amendment to the Floodplain Model Ordinance of the Stormwater Management Plan

Mr. Steve Haubner provided a brief overview of the Metro Water District’s Floodplain Model Ordinance and the reasoning for the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) requested amendments. FEMA assisted the District in developing the Floodplain Model Ordinance in 2006 based on the state of Georgia’s floodplain ordinance. A local jurisdiction is required to adopt the Floodplain Model Ordinance so that private property owners in that jurisdiction can apply for flood insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program.

In the summer of 2012, FEMA approached the District with amendments to the already adopted Floodplain Model Ordinance to bring the ordinance up to date with current definitions and federal guidelines. District staff brought these requested changes to the Stormwater Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) at their August meeting for guidance. The TCC had questions and clarifications which were addressed again by FEMA and District staff. District staff brought a final version of requested amendments to the District Executive Committee at their meeting in September. At that time, the Executive Committee assessed the changes as a major amendment to the model ordinance and released the changes for a 30 day public review and comment period. The public comment period started September 17 and will last through October 16, 2012. Mr. Haubner requested that all formal public comments be submitted by email to Sarah Simmons by the deadline.

BAC members had the following comments and questions:

- What are the next steps moving forward after the comment period is over? The comments will be taken to the Stormwater TCC and then to the Board.

Drought Update

Mr. Haubner gave an update on the current drought conditions in the state and highlighted the current status of federal reservoir levels. Drought conditions have continued in the metro area through the late summer and early fall months, and much of middle and north Georgia is still experiencing extreme drought conditions. Although the downpour Metro Atlanta experienced in

the first part of October brought a significant amount of rain, drought conditions persist and lake levels are still at or below the long-term average. BAC members had no questions or comments.

Topics for 2013 BAC Agendas

Ms. Vallianos asked the group to recommend topics for the 2013 BAC agendas. District staff wants to bring speakers and topics of interest to the BAC meetings that have a particular relevance to the BAC members, as these topics related to the District plans.

BAC members had the following questions and comments:

- Finances related to small reservoirs – issues and maintenance
- Soil erosion and small reservoir dredging
- Would like to hear from Clayton County on their experiences as a water provider
- Issues associated with headwaters being a developed area
- Would like to hear from Jackie Eckles, President of South River Watershed Alliance
- Bring all water resources organization in the South River region together to talk
- Would like to help facilitate local government discussions upstream, share information and discuss big projects.
- Stormwater management and implementation
- Illegal junkyards and their impact on water resources
- Is there illegal pumping from the Yellow River?

Other

Mr. Haubner provided a meeting wrap up and announced the list of 2013 BAC meetings at the bottom of the agenda. The next meeting will be on January 17, 2013. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.