



Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District

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LANIER/OCONEE BASIN ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Summary

October 7, 2014

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's Lanier/Oconee Basin Advisory Council met on Tuesday, October 7, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Lake Lanier Management Office in Buford, GA.

Lake Lanier BAC Members Present

Val Perry, BAC Chair
Richard Check
James Hazelwood, StoneHenge Consultants
Jon Heard, City of Cumming
Eugene Holmes
Stephen Jenn
Nancy Lovingood, Forsyth County
Norman McGinnis
Adrian Mixon
Cleghorn Penn
Wilton Rooks, Scenic Georgia, Inc.
Ottie Stringer
Thomas Vivelo, Lake Lanier Association

Oconee BAC Members Present

Jill Stachura, BAC Chair
Christopher Jones, H&H Insurance Service
William Tietjen
Jerry Van de Water
Brian West, Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc.

Metro Water District/ARC Staff Present

Andy Cornwell, District Staff
Danny Johnson, District Manager

Lake Lanier BAC Members Not Present

William Barber
James Boff, Forsyth County
Alice Brock
Scott Lippman, Lanier Northwest Subdivision
Beverly Nicholls, LLA/GLS
Harvey Phelps
David Porter
Cole Shaffer
Shane Taylor
David True

Oconee BAC Members Not Present

Shirley Cooley, Rockdale Pipeline
Chris Manganiello, GA River Network
Jann Moore, Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce
Chris Oliver
David Radcliffe, University of Georgia
Matthew Vinson, GOWA and Natural Systems
Utilities, LLC

Others Present

Duncan Hughes, Chattahoochee River Keeper
Russ Lundstrum, Army Corps of Engineers
Craig Sowers, Army Corps of Engineers

Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Val Perry, Lanier BAC Chair, and Ms. Jill Stachura, Oconee BAC Chair, opened the meeting.

Elections for BAC Chairperson

Mr. Danny Johnson opened the meeting for the election of the chair. In his remarks he spoke about the increased responsibilities that the chair would have over the next year because of the plan update process. These increased responsibilities would possibly include the chair meeting every 1-2 months.

Only one person nominated themselves for the position of chair from the Lanier Basin, this was the current chair, Mr. Val Perry. There were 13 members present for the vote, which is enough for a quorum. Mr. Perry was unanimously re-elected to the position with no objections.

Only one person nominated themselves for the position of chair from the Oconee Basin, this was the current chair, Ms. Jill Stachura. There were only 5 members present for the vote, which is not enough for a quorum. Therefore an email will be sent to the Oconee BAC for written votes to be submitted to confirm the candidate.

Plan Update and Results

Danny Johnson provided an overview of stakeholder engagement activities of 2014 that will help fuel the scope of work for the plan update. Mr. Johnson summarized the major talking points from breakout sessions at the July 2014 Joint BAC meeting and provided a summary of the August 2014 Governing Board meeting which included a panel discussion on integrated planning.

Update from the Lake Lanier Stakeholders Meeting

Mr. Johnson provided an overview of the work conducted by the Lake Lanier Stakeholders group. The stakeholders have been working since September 2013 to become educated on issues related to the potential TMDL for Lake Lanier and to make recommendations to the Georgia EPD for assumptions to be used for future nutrient reductions across the basin.

Presentation on Lake Lanier Sedimentation

Rus Lundstrum with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers gave a presentation on the accumulation of sedimentation in Lake Lanier and potential correlations to development density around the lake..

Presentation on Lake Lanier Dredging

Craig Sowers with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers gave a presentation on the dredging efforts at Lake Lanier and their overall effect and reasons for the dredging taking place.

-To date, the dredging has had little effect on the conservation and flood storage, however the dredging operation is the right thing to do. Only about 0.1% of the storage capacity has been replaced compared with 6% lost since the lake was completed in the 1950's.

Other

The next meeting will be in January 2015 with the exact date TBD. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.