



Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District

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**Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District  
CHATTAHOOCHEE BASIN ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Meeting Summary  
October 15, 2014**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's Chattahoochee Basin Advisory Council met on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Manheim-Cox Auto Auction in Atlanta, GA.

**Members Present**

William Braswell, West GA Board of Realtors	Colin Holden
Emily Buffington, Cox Enterprises/Citizen	Warren Howe
D. Scott Cole	Carl Jacobsen
Teresa Crisp, Dewberry Engineers Inc/Cobb County Resident	Kenneth Kagy, Gwinnett County
Steven Culp, Consultant	Doug Miell
Carol Duffey, Keep Newnan Beautiful/City of Newnan	John Oliver, URS Corporation
Mark Esoda, Georgia Golf Course Superintendents Association	George Taylor, Oglethorpe Power Corporation
Douglas Fulle, Oglethorpe Power Corporation	Daniel Thalimer
Jack Gleason, Friends of Caney Creek.org and SmartGrowth Forsyth County, Inc.	Billy Turner, Columbus Water Works
Laura Hartt, Chattahoochee Riverkeeper	Michelle Vincent, Jacobs
James Hawkins, Cobb Citizen	James Warner
Patrick Heerdt, Cobb Citizen	Wayne Waldrip, Keep Smyrna Beautiful
	Nancy Wylie, League of Women Voters of Georgia
	Van Yon, Member of Atlanta Commercial Board of Realtors

**Members Not Present**

Charles McKinney, BAC Chair	Kevin Norton, Walton Development and Management
Dannelle Alloway, City of Roswell Water Resources	Angus Reed
Taylor Anderson	Amreeta Regmi
Isaac Asher	Trish Reifenberger
Corey Babb, DHA	Michele Robbins, City of Sandy Springs
Robert Bunker	Kenneth Robertson
Marissa Chanin, Riverwood Properties, LLC	Penny Round, Atlanta Apartment Association
David Chastant	Ryan Rowberry
Roland de Liniere	

Debra Ewing, D. Clark Harris, Inc.  
Richard Farmer, Watershed Alliance of Sandy Springs  
Courtney Flores, Watershed Alliance of Sandy Springs  
David Forbes  
Steven Foster, Cobb Citizen  
Donald Fry, Water Works Group  
Jimmy Garrison, Development Planning & Engineering, Inc.  
Lynda Jenkins  
Richard Lisska  
Victoria Lister  
Jo Ann Macrina  
Frank Mann, Atlanta Commercial Board of Realtors  
William Millkey  
Mitzi Moore, Sundial Plumbing  
Michael Morton, City of Chattahoochee Hills

Yomi Sholarin, Atlanta Board of Commercial Real Estate  
James Steele, Paulding County Water System  
Sanford Stokes, Western Summit Constructors, Inc.  
Charles Surasky  
John Tarpley  
Frankie Thompson  
Bryan Tolar, GA Agribusiness Council  
Hoyt Tuggle  
Butch Watson, Croy Engineering  
Mary Kay Woodworth, Georgia Urban Ag Council

**Metro Water District/ARC Staff Present**

Andy Cornwell, District Staff  
Danny Johnson, District Manager

**Others Present**

Richard Hanson, Georgia Water Tanks  
Matt Harper  
Kelen Shostak  
Stephanie Valdez Streaty, Manheim

**Welcome and Introductions**

**BAC Chair Election**

There was not a quorum present at the meeting to have the election. Therefore, an election was announced to take place via email. Two members of the BAC volunteered to run for the chair position: Jack Gleason and Teresa Crisp. Each candidate will send brief bios to the District which will be sent to the other members to assist them in making their decision.

**Over of Facility by General Manager**

The general manager of the Manheim Auto gave an overview of the business, the size of their operation and background into what they do.

**2016 District Plan Update**

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.

BAC members had the following comments and questions:

- Would you provide the BACs with access to the 80 page comments document that was compiled from the comments of the BAC and TCC and given to the consultant? As well as some sort of summary of all of the comments that are included in that document. Mr. Johnson agreed this would be provided.
- We should have uniform FOG outreach. Danny Johnson replied that the current plans leave the level of public education outreach up to that community to decide. We can look at a uniform approach strategy during the next plan update.
- Can you explain the funding mechanisms for the District? Danny Johnson replied that GEFA and EPD and the District have a three way base level contract and then additional funding is provided at 26.5 cents per each person paid for by each county.
- There was discussion on the lack of environmental education for municipal elected officials.
- There was discussion on volume discharge and that return flow policy will be a big part of next year's conversation, so it is something to keep thinking about.
- How does the District's 2016 plan update relate to the other 10 regional water councils and their 2016 plan updates. Mr. Johnson replied that it will likely be up to the councils to see what they can do. Their ability to replicate programs similar to the District's will be dependent on the level and methods of financing available to them.
- There was a comment about needing better communication regarding what impact the District's actions have had in layman's terms.

### **Other**

- The winner of the calendar contest was announced and the picture shown to the BAC.
- Andy Cornwell gave an update on the social media efforts of the District and encouraged the BAC members to like and follow the social media pages on [Twitter](#) and Facebook ([My Drop Counts](#), [Clean Water Campaign](#), [District](#))
- The next meeting will be in January with the exact date TBD.
- There being no further business the meeting was adjourned for the facility tour.

### **Facility Tour**

A tour was taken of the Manheim-Cox Auto Auction Atlanta, Georgia facility. The group toured the water reuse treatment system, the thermal solar water heater system and the rain water harvesting infrastructure which uses the recycled and grey water for car washing.