



## Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District

International Tower | 229 Peachtree St., NE | Suite 100 | Atlanta, GA 30303

### LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

#### Summary/Final Minutes

January 29, 2021

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's Legislative Policy Committee met via a video call on January 29, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

#### **Members Present**

Glenn Page, Chairman  
Katie Kirkpatrick, Vice Chair  
Mark Berry, Treasurer  
Mikita Browning  
Pam Burnett  
Kit Dunlap  
Eric Olson  
Gil Shearouse  
Tim Thoms

#### **Members Not Present**

Gerald Pouncey  
Kevin Farrell

#### **District State Funding Update**

Katherine Zitsch and Camila Knowles provided an update on the \$200,000 in state funding for the District in the Governor's proposed state budget for fiscal year 2022.

Instead of seeking \$250,000 a year in base funding and then seeking a large increase once every five years for the state-mandated plan update, the group discussed seeking \$350,000 as a level of amount of annual state funding.

#### **Outreach to Legislators**

The group discussed reaching out to legislators in the House of Representatives asking for an increase in state funding for the District to a total of \$350,000. It was recommended to wait to do this until after more conversations were held with Committee members.

#### **Update on Water-Related Legislation**

There was no discussion on any bills given that few significant water-related bills have been introduced.