

# Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Stormwater Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting Summary February 16, 2011

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's Stormwater Technical Coordinating Committee met on Wednesday, February 16, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. in the Amphitheatre, on "C" level of the R. Charles Loudermilk Center for the Regional Community in Atlanta, Georgia.

## **Attendance**

Jill Bazinet, City of Alpharetta Dave Borkowski, City of Peachtree City John Butler, Gwinnett County Dan Cohen, City of Clarkston Charles Corbin, Austell, Buford, Palmetto, Union City, Hapeville Bruce Coyle, Paulding County Melinda Davies, City of Stockbridge Ernest Earn, Cobb County Chris Edelstein, City of Griffin Catherine Fox, Dallas/Paulding County Kris Garcia, City of Atlanta Horace Gee. City of Gainesville Jameson Green, City of Villa Rica Nick Griffiths, Henry County Tonya Halton-Mincey, Henry County WSA Connie Haynes, Georgia EPD Jonathan Heard, City of Cumming Marjorie Hicks, Cherokee County Keith Higgs, DDCWSA Rob Hill, City of Newnan Chris Hindman, City of Fayetteville Renee Hoge, Forsyth County Donna Joe, Gwinnett County Lamont Kiser, Bartow County William Klahr, City of Newnan Sam Krishnan, City of Atlanta Michelle Lawrence, Fulton County Linda Liu, Coweta County Billy Lunsford, City of East Point

Kathy Macias, DDCWSA JoAnn Macrina, DeKalb County Brice Martin, Coweta County Betsy Massie, Forsyth County Merrick McClure, City of Canton James Moore, Henry County Jennifer McLayrin, Fulton County Terry Moy, Clayton County Water Authority Anderson Mycroft, Fulton County Jodi O'Brien, Gwinnett County Kevin Osbey, Clayton County Water Authority Fernell Patterson, Fulton County Tim Perkins, Forsyth County Jim Poff, Clayton County Water Authority Lee Pope, Rockdale County Timothy Pugh, Paulding County Richard Randolph, City of East Point Tim Schick, City of Sugar Hill Barbara Seal, Gwinnett County Kelen Shostak, City of Woodstock James Steele, Bartow County Julie Todd, City of Atlanta Kelli Uyesugi-Turner, Rockdale County Miguel Valentin, Rockdale County Beth Vaughn, Town of Tyrone Tammy Walker, Hall County Keith Watkins, Clayton County Water Authority Randy Willis, City of Stockbridge Emily Wingo, Georgia EPD

Steve Haubner of the Metro Water District staff opened the meeting, initiated introductions and reviewed the meeting agenda with the group.

#### **Public Comment Period**

There were no public comments.

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## 2010 Implementation Survey Overview

Steve Haubner presented an overview of the watershed management section of the 2010 Implementation Survey. This included an overview of the status of ordinance adoption and coordination efforts undertaken over the past year between local stormwater officials and local planning, wastewater and environmental health officials.

## 2010 Water Metrics Report

Marissa Duff presented the group with an overview of the water supply, wastewater, and water quality data from the Water Metrics Report. She presented background information about population, economic, and weather trends for 2000 – 2009, all of which affect water demand in our District. Ms. Duff explained that total water use and per capita water use have decreased due to the combined effects of weather, the economic recession, and water conservation. In regards to wastewater returns, the percentage of water returned to the District through treated wastewater returns has increased. Ms. Duff explained that the definition of net use as presented on page 34 of the report distributed to the group was incorrect. Net use is correctly defined as the total amount of raw water withdrawn minus the total water returned through treated wastewater returns. She asked group members to review the report and submit any other changes to her within the next few days. The report will be presented to the District Board in March.

#### **ARC Regional TMDL Coordination Efforts**

Corey Babb provided an overview of the Atlanta Regional Commission's approach to developing watershed improvement plans in the fulfillment of Section 106 and 604(b) Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Planning Contracts. This included an overview of what a TMDL is and an introduction to the new watershed improvement planning process which included a review of visual field surveys, targeted monitoring and next steps.

## Overview of Georgia EPD Efforts in Developing Lake Water Quality Standards

Susan Salter with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) provided an overview of the agency's past and ongoing efforts to develop numeric, nutrient criteria for lakes and rivers and streams. This consisted of a brief review of existing water quality standards on reservoirs in the state, an overview of the remaining lakes for which standards must be developed and a preview of efforts to be undertaken in developing water quality standards for streams and rivers.

#### **Integrating TMDL Implementation Efforts with Your MS4 Program**

Richard Gruel with Integrated Science and Engineering provided a review of his approach to integrating a community's TMDL implementation efforts with their MS4 program. This included a review of the required TMDL component of a Phase I MS4 permit, the goal of a TMDL, guiding principles for developing sampling and best management practices plans, how to develop the annual report and thought on how to approach working with Georgia EPD.

#### TMDL Delisting and SQAP Development

Corey Babb provided an overview of the steps required to develop a Sampling and Quality Assurance Plan (SQAP). This included an overview of the three major components of a SQAP which included introduction and study objectives, a sampling plan and a quality assurance plan. The steps for submitting collected data to Georgia EPD for consideration in listing decisions was also reviewed.

With no further items, the meeting was adjourned.