



**Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District
Stormwater Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting Summary
August 15, 2012**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's Stormwater Technical Coordinating Committee met on Wednesday, August 15, 2012 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
Vanessa Birrell, Fayette County
Dave Breaden, Cobb County
Jennifer Carlile, City of Atlanta
Michael Cash, City of Dallas
David Chastant, DeKalb County
Tina Clark, City of Dallas
Joey Collings, City of Dallas
Pamela Conner, City of Powder Springs
Charles Corbin, Austell, Buford, Palmetto,
Union City, Hapeville, Chattahoochee Hills
Bruce Coyle, Paulding County
Tammie Croy, Hall County
Catherine Fox, Dallas/Paulding County
Kris Garcia, City of Atlanta
Mary Gazaway, Georgia EPD
Horace Gee, City of Gainesville
Jameson Green, City of Villa Rica
Robert Hill, City of Newnan
Renee Hoge, Forsyth County
Brian Keel, DDCWSA
Lamont Kiser, Bartow County
William Klahr, City of Newnan
Michelle Lawrence, Fulton County

Erik Lombard, Rockdale County
Kathy Macias, DDCWSA
Brice Martin, Coweta County
Anderson Mycroft, Fulton County
Jackson Myers, City of College Park
Shayla Nealy, Clayton County Water Authority
Kevin Osbey, Clayton County Water Authority
Tony Parrott, Fayette County
Timothy Pugh, Paulding County
Tim Schick, City of Sugar Hill
Barbara Seal, Gwinnett County
Kelen Shostak, City of Woodstock
Brian Shoun, DeKalb County
Brittney Thropp, City of Sandy Springs
Julie Todd, City of Atlanta
Zack Truelove, City of Alpharetta
Kelli Uyesugi-Turner, Rockdale County
Beth Vaughn, Town of Tyrone
Michelle Vincent, Georgia EPD
Keith Watkins, Clayton County Water Authority
Jon Whitmer, City of Kennesaw
Emily Wingo, Georgia EPD
Seth Yurman, City of Johns Creek

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.

Revisions to the Model Floodplain Management / Flood Damage Protection Ordinance

Steve Haubner informed the Subcommittee that the Metro Water District had been contacted by FEMA Region IV regarding the District's Model Floodplain Management / Flood Damage Protection Ordinance. As FEMA has been reviewing the ordinance as adopted by several local jurisdictions, it came across several items where FEMA staff determined that revisions were necessary to bring the ordinance in line with current federal definitions and requirements.

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Mr. Haubner met with FEMA Region IV staff and Collis Brown of Georgia EPD on July 2, 2012 to discuss the requested changes. District Staff prepared a marked-up version of the proposed ordinance changes which was sent out to the TCC in advance of the meeting.

The requested changes include:

- Revisions to the definitions of "Addition," "Building," "Elevated Building," "Functionally Dependent Use," "Substantial Improvement," and "Variance" (Section 2)
- Changing the term "foundation openings" to "flood openings" (Section 3.2)
- Specifying the use of a FEMA Floodproofing Certificate (Sections 3.3, 5.2)
- Adding the responsibility to a local reviewing authority that they review the proposed development to assure that all necessary permits have been received from those governmental agencies from which approval is required by Federal or State Law (Section 3.4)
- Changing "Community Consent forms" to "Community Concurrence" forms (Section 4.3)
- Changing "hydrologic" to "hydrostatic" (Section 5.2)
- Making building standards consistent by adding elevation options for non-residential buildings and manufactured homes (Section 5.3)
- Adding provision for foundation walls for those structures and buildings adjacent to the future-conditions floodplain (Section 5.4)
- Including "new construction" to the building standards for areas of shallow flooding / AO-Zones (Section 5.5)
- Adding "and other proposed new development" to several clauses in the standards for subdivisions (Section 5.6)
- Changes to two variance provisions (Section 6)
- Addition of new Severability section (new Section 8)
- Several instances of changing "or" to "and"
- Other minor language revisions
- Cleanup of misplaced punctuation and typos

Mr. Haubner walked the Subcommittee through the marked-up version of the model ordinance. Though many of the changes raised no issues, there were several instances in which members wanted more clarification from FEMA or felt that the semantics would be significantly changed with a word replacement. Mr. Alan Giles and Mr. Tom Shillock from the Georgia EPD Floodplain Unit were in attendance and also provided input to the discussion.

Mr. Haubner indicated that all of the feedback provided by the Subcommittee would be shared with FEMA staff and that more information on those particular revisions would be requested and provided to the TCC. He noted that the FEMA request will be brought to the next Executive Committee meeting on September 6. It was asked that the markup be shared with local floodplain administrators and that any other comments be provided to District staff no later than close of business on Tuesday, Sept. 4.

Other Items

- A request was made to move the start time of the TCC Stormwater Subcommittee meetings from 1:30 pm to 1:00 pm. The group discussed and voted to move the meeting time with no objections.

With no further items, the meeting was adjourned.