



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

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's Water Supply-Water Conservation Technical Coordinating Committee met on Wednesday, August, 15, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. in the Amphitheatre, on "C" level of the R. Charles Loudermilk Center for the Regional Community in Atlanta, Georgia.

**Attendance**

Nick Ammons, Fulton County  
Jennifer Carlile, City of Atlanta  
Tina Clark, City of Dallas  
Todd Cleaver, Gwinnett County  
Charles Corbin, Keck & Woods  
Bruce Coyle, Paulding County  
Ernest Earn, Cobb County Water System  
Richard Ferry, City of Senoia  
Catherine Fox, Fox Environmental LLC  
Horace Gee, City of Gainesville  
Terrell Gibbs, Rockdale County Water Resources  
Steve Green, Douglasville-Douglas County WSA  
Tonja Halton-Mincey, Henry County WSA  
Kevin Kelly, Georgia Environmental Finance Authority  
David Kubala, Cherokee County WSA  
Melinda Langston, City of Atlanta  
Billy Lunsford, City of East Point

Jennifer McLaurin, Fulton County  
Becky Mixon, Cobb County- Marietta WA  
Heather Moody, Gwinnett County Water Resources  
Kathy Nguyen, Cobb County Water System  
Tony Parrott, Fayette County Water System  
Ron Peters, Gwinnett County  
Guy Pihera, Clayton County Water Authority  
Timothy Pugh, Paulding County Water & Sewer System  
Richard Randolph, City of East Point  
Jerri Russell, City of Atlanta  
Barbara Seal, Gwinnett County  
Kelen Shostak, City of Woodstock  
Tracy Thigpen, Coweta County  
Brittney Thropp, City of Sandy Springs  
Michelle Vincent, Georgia EPD  
Keith Watkins, Clayton County Water Authority  
Emily Wingo, Georgia EPD

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

**Public Comment Period**

Russell Holly, Fulton County Schools, provided a comment on smart metering technology. He stated that smart metering has helped identify leaks and save between \$30,000 and \$50,000 per year in water costs.

**Drought Update**

Ms. Ram updated the committee on the status of the drought, precipitation, and reservoir levels in the Metro Water District.

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### **AWWA Water Loss Audit Results**

Dr. Lebone Moeti, Georgia EPD, presented an overview of the preliminary results from the water loss audits that large system utilities were required to submit this year. This included a discussion of key performance indicators being measured by the audit, language for a disclaimer that will accompany posted results, and also performing validity checks for the data provided. Dr. Moeti stated that the preliminary results will be posted on the EPD Web site in September, and each water provider will be assigned a random number to ensure anonymity until a quality check has been conducted and is complete. TCC members discussed how the results would be presented to the public and also how they would be interpreted by EPD.

### **Status of Implementation of Georgia's Water Stewardship Bill**

Ms. Deatre Denion of Georgia Department of Community Affairs provided an overview of the requirements in the Water Stewardship Bill for local governments. This included an overview of the Water Stewardship Bill, Outdoor Watering Restrictions, and updating local plumbing codes to meet the requirements for high efficiency plumbing fixtures. TCC members discussed exemptions to the plumbing code.

### **WaterFirst Community Certification**

Ms. Deatre Denion, Georgia Department of Community Affairs, provided an overview of the requirements for local governments to be certified a WaterFirst Community, a voluntary incentive program. This included criteria for certification and incentives offered through the program.

### **Financing Conservation Projects**

Kevin Kelly, GEFA, provided an overview of financing available for water conservation and efficiency projects in Georgia. This included interest rate reductions for qualifying projects and availability of funds. TCC members discussed combining incentives for interest rate reductions.

### **Other**

Ms. Lora Nance provided an update on the Georgia Sales Tax Holiday for Water and Energy Efficient Products in 2012. The sales tax holiday will be held on October 5 – 7, 2012.

Ms. Nance provided an update on the Water Drop Dash 5k and Children's Fun Run. She invited TCC members to join the working group and to consider participating in the education fair during the race.

The meeting was adjourned.