



**Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District
Joint Wastewater and Stormwater
Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting Summary
May 20, 2010**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's Wastewater and Stormwater Technical Coordinating Committees met on Thursday, May 20, 2010, 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

Bob Bourne, Cobb County
David Breaden, Cobb County
Billy Buckhalt, City of Snellville
Mark Caspar, City of Peachtree City
David Chastant, City of Sandy Springs
Bruce Coyle, Paulding County
Melinda Davies, City of Stockbridge
Ernest Earn, Cobb County Water System
Don Easterbrook, City of Fayetteville
Chris Edelstein, City of Griffin
Virgil Fancher, GA DHR
Richard Ferry, City of Senoia
Wanda Floyd, City of Canton
Catherine Fox, FOX Environmental, LLC
Kris Garcia, City of Atlanta
Mary Gazaway, GA EPD
Horace Gee, City of Gainesville
Tonja Halton Mincey, Henry Co WSA
Connie Haynes, GA EPD
Marjorie Hicks, Cherokee County
Bill Higgins, Cobb County
Keith Higgs, DDCWSA
Renee Hoge, Forsyth County
Donna Joe, Gwinnett County

Kaaba Johnson, City of East Point
Celia Klardie, City of Canton
Michelle Lawrence, Fulton County
Jo Ann Macrina, DeKalb County
Betsy Massie, CH2M Hill-Atlanta
James Moore, Henry County
Terry Moy, CCWA
Anderson Mycroft, Fulton County
Jackson Myers, City of College Park
Bob Olson, Natural Resources Eng. Inc.
Kevin Osbey, CCWA
Steve Payne, Town of Braselton
Guy Pihera, CCWA
Richard Randolph, City of East Point
Jerri Russell, City of Atlanta
Kelen Shostak, City of Woodstock
Kendall Smith, City of Dallas
Beth Vaughn, Town of Tyrone
Keith Watkins, CCWA
James Wilgus, City of Marietta
Christina Williams, City of Cartersville
Emily Wingo, GA EPD
Randy Willis, City of Stockbridge

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

Public Comment Period

Fred Wooten expressed his concerns about the implementation and auditing of the model stream buffer ordinance in DeKalb County.

Georgia EPD Draft Water Resource Assessments

Bob Olsen with Natural Resources Engineering, Inc. presented a summary of the Georgia EPD Draft Water Resource Assessments for surface water quality. This included a review of procedures and models employed by Georgia EPD, results, considerations and future issues that may affect the

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Metro Water District. He asked the group if they had suggestions or comments that the Metro Water District should provide to GA EPD. No comments were immediately suggested. Mr. Olson requested that any comments the TCC may have be forwarded to Matt Harper.

Cobb County's Grease Management Program

Jamie Stones with Cobb County Water System's Office of Environmental Compliance provided an overview of the County's grease management efforts. This included a review of the County's history of inspections, staffing levels, collaborative efforts between departments and agencies, highlights of collected mapping data, educational efforts and the future goals of the program. A question and answer session was held after the presentation for TCC members.

Gwinnett County's FOG Education Program

James Jones and Lisa Robbins with Gwinnett County's Department of Water Resources, presented an overview of the County's Fats, Oils, and Grease Program. This included a review of the FOG problem in the County, the role of the County in FOG prevention, the role of food service establishments in FOG prevention, residential outreach program and an introduction to Secret Agent H2O. A question and answer session was held after the presentation for TCC members.

DRAFT FOG Education Brochure for Food Service Establishments (FSE's)

Corey Babb provided a copy of the DRAFT FOG Education Brochure for Food Service Establishments to the TCC for their review and comments. He requested that comments be submitted no later than late July so that a DRAFT brochure could be finalized for the August TCC meeting.

Stormwater Technology Assessment Protocol Update

Steve Haubner updated the group on the Metro Water District's stormwater technology assessment protocol which is now available on the website. He explained that the District would soon be forming its review committee and accepting testing results from vendors. The review committee will be responsible for assessing whether or not testing results comply with the protocol. Valid results will be made publically available on the Metro Water District website for the use of local governments, developers and others. He asked for nominations to the review committee to be sent to staff.

Mr. Haubner also announced the upcoming Georgia Stormwater Management Manual (Blue Book) Training course to be conducted from June 7-8, 2010 in Marietta.

Discussion of 2010 Implementation Survey Questions

Steve Haubner presented the revised 2010 Implementation Survey questions for the Watershed Management Plan. This included an overview of 3 new questions regarding comprehensive land use planning, sanitary sewer and septic system coordination and greenspace and green infrastructure tools. He also provided an overview of changes to two additional questions regarding stormwater asset management and stormwater pollution prevention.

Corey Babb presented the revised 2010 Implementation Survey questions for the Wastewater Management Plan. This included clarification of two questions previously included on the 2009 survey regarding grease management program elements and the number of identified sewer blockages and introduction of a new question regarding the number of sanitary sewer overflows that reach a water of the state. A TCC member expressed concerns regarding this new question and asked if the Metrics Committee had a chance to review the document. Mr. Babb responded that the committee had reviewed the document and did not express any concerns.

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Updated Audit Checklist

Emily Wingo with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division presented the updated audit checklist to the group. She explained that the audit process has been modified and every local government in the Metro Water District will be audited every 4 or 5 years. Once audited, it will be the local government's responsibility to submit documents to EPD demonstrating they are still making a "good faith effort" to comply with the plans.

Other

Heather Moody requested that any TCC members who know of reuse projects within their jurisdiction and would be willing to host a BAC meeting or conduct a tour of the project contact her for further details.

The meeting was adjourned.