



**Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District  
FLINT BASIN ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Meeting Summary  
January 18, 2012**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's Flint Basin Advisory Council met on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the J.W. Smith Community Use Building in Hampton, GA.

**Members Present**

Richard A. Greuel, BAC Chair	Dorothy Harris, D. Clark Harris Inc.
Ernest Curtis	Dale Phenicie, Fayette County Chamber
Ted Greene, Delta Environmental	Tracy Thigpen, Coweta Co WSA
Roger A. Greuel, Fayette Co Farm Bureau	

**Members Not Present**

Vanessa Birrell, Fayette Co Board of Comm.	Richard Little
John Caldwell	Brice Martin, Coweta Co Stormwater
Don Easterbrook, City of Fayetteville	Edward Strong, Newnan Utilities
Charles Gibson, Georgia Kayak Fishing	Tim Thoms
Richard Harp	Scott Tolar

**Metro Water District Staff Present**

Matt Harper, Senior Principal Planner  
Sarah Simmons, Senior Program Specialist  
Corey Babb, Senior Planner

**Welcome and Introductions**

Flint BAC Chair Richard Greuel began the meeting with group introductions. He then turned the meeting over to Ms. Sarah Simmons to begin the meeting.

**District's 2012 Legislative Agenda**

Mr. Matt Harper gave an overview of each of the bills on the District's 2012 Legislative Agenda. He explained that these bills are still active in the Georgia General Assembly and that the District is tracking their progress at the capitol as they contain items/issues of particular interest for the District.

BAC members had the following questions and comments:

- Right now DOT is not held to the same erosion and sedimentation requirements as local governments.
- Please keep the BAC updated on the legislative session and changes made to the agenda.

### **2011 Implementation Review and Annual Report**

Ms. Sarah Simmons gave an overview of the Metro Water District's 2011 Plan Implementation Review and the 2011 Activities and Progress Report. She explained the two reports and highlighted information from the Plan Implementation Review.

BAC members had the following questions and comments:

- Does the toilet rebate program include urinals? It seems like you could reach a lot of commercial uses by including urinals.
- Why is the rehabilitation program so low?
- Have grease blockages decreased? The grease flyer and fats, oils and grease door hanger will educate residents and reduce the problem at the source.

### **Wastewater Management Plan Overview**

Mr. Corey Babb gave an overview of the Wastewater Management Plan, highlighted some of the key regional issues with wastewater management and discussed the measures of the plan of particular importance to local wastewater utilities as identified by the 2011 Plan Implementation Review.

BAC members had the following questions and comments:

- What is the Georgia Onsite Wastewater Association's (GOWA) take on consumptive reuse? GOWA does not want the elimination of septic.
- When a jurisdiction starts a new plant or expands an existing one, why not have provisions in place for septage treatment?
- Columbus wants to do away with septic. Some places ban the future use of septic.
- The problem with septic issues is that wastewater managers are being pinned with septic treatment but they did not have a say in putting it in.
- Consider septic planning in zoning. Local governments need to be on the hook to provide a place for septic disposal and they need to think about the septic needs of the future.
- Is that something that should be built into the comprehensive plan?

### **Other**

The next meeting will be on Friday, April 13, 2012. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.