



**Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District
COOSA / ETOWAH BASIN ADVISORY COUNCIL
Meeting Summary
April 11, 2012**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's Coosa/Etawah Basin Advisory Council met on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cherokee County Administration Building in Canton, GA.

Members Present

Doris Cook, BAC Chair
David Alaniz, S&ME, Inc.
David Braswell, WK Dickson
Bruce Coyle, Paulding County
Craig Ferguson, Brown and Caldwell
William Francis, GAWP
Richard Gray, Murray's Loch Preservation Group
William Grizzle, Cherokee Co Farm Bureau

Donald McClure
Sean Nicholl, Lake Allatoona Association
Thomas Shannon, Ewing Irrigation Products
Bettie Sleeth, Home Builders Assn of GA
Douglas Sowar, Paulding Co Farm Bureau
Chris Williams, Landscapers of the South
Christina Williams, City of Cartersville
Marty Williams, Georgia Lakes Society

Members Not Present

Adam Dreyer
Robert Endress, Atkins
Nolton Johnson
Dart Kendall, GOWA
Aylin Lewallen, Brown and Caldwell
Keith McLaughlin
Kevin Medved

Robert Morrison, LAPA
Carol Moson, GA Association of Realtors
Ed Mullinax, Cartersville Water Dept
Bobby Terrell
Joseph Vivona, A&J Computers
Kenneth Williams

Metro Water District Staff Present

Matt Harper, Senior Principal Planner
Neela Ram, Senior Planner
Sarah Simmons, Senior Program Specialist

Pat Stevens, Env Planning Division Chief
Kostoula Vallianos, Education Coordinator

Board Representatives Present

David Kubala, Cherokee Co Alternate

Non-Members Present

Marjory Hicks, Cherokee County Stormwater
Becky Mixon, CCMWA

Welcome and Introductions

Cherokee County Board Alternate, David Kubala welcomed the group on behalf of the Metro Water District Board and officially convened the meeting. BAC Chair Doris Cook introduced Ms. Marjory Hicks with Cherokee County Stormwater who welcomed the group to the Cherokee County Administration Building and highlighted the water conserving features of the new LEED Silver building. Ms. Cook initiated group introductions.

BAC Membership Survey Results

In February 2012 a membership survey was sent to all current Basin Advisory Council members to determine how to increase attendance and improve the overall experience for the members. Ms. Simmons presented the highlights of the survey including suggestions from members to make the meetings more interesting and effective. Ms. Simmons thanked those members who took the survey. The input received was very helpful in preparing today's meeting and will be used in the planning of future meetings.

Water Supply and Water Conservation Management Plan Overview

Ms. Pat Stevens gave an overview of the District's Water Supply and Water Conservation Management Plan. She discussed the elements of the plan, the important issues in planning for water supply and the schedule for implementing the plan. Additionally, Ms. Stevens highlighted the progress made by local governments in implementing water conservation measures. She also discussed the District's education campaigns which educate residents on water conservation (www.mydropcounts.org) and reducing stormwater pollution (www.cleanwatercampaign.com). Members had the following questions and comments:

- National Drug Take Back Day is April 28th. Various locations throughout the Coosa/Etowah basin will be collecting unused and expired prescription drugs.
- The type of employment a community has is going to affect its per capita water use.
- It is better for a utility to compare itself to itself over time rather than to compare one utility to another when using the audit software.

Household Water Use Assessment Brochure

Ms. Stevens explained that the District would be changing and updating elements of the Household Water Use Assessment brochure. She asked the group to take the brochure home and use it to assess their own water use. The group was asked to provide comments on the brochure's ease of use.

Other

Ms. Simmons provided a meeting wrap up and informed the group on where to meet for the tour following the meeting. The next meeting will be on Friday, July 20, 2012 and will be a joint meeting of all the Basin Advisory Councils. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was followed by a tour of Hickory Log Creek Dam led by Mr. Heath Lee and Mr. David Hatabian.