



**Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District
FLINT BASIN ADVISORY COUNCIL
Meeting Summary
April 13, 2012**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's Flint Basin Advisory Council met on Friday, April 13, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at South Fayette Water Treatment Facility in Fayetteville, GA.

Members Present

Richard A. Greuel, BAC Chair
Vanessa Birrell, Fayette Co Board of Comm.
John Caldwell
Don Easterbrook, City of Fayetteville
Roger A. Greuel, Fayette Co Farm Bureau

Dorothy Harris, D. Clark Harris Inc.
Brice Martin, Coweta Co Stormwater
Edward Strong, Newnan Utilities
Tracy Thigpen, Coweta Co WSA

Members Not Present

Ernest Curtis
Richard Harp
Richard Little

Dale Phenicie, Fayette County Chamber
Scott Tolar

Metro Water District Staff Present

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

Board Representative Present

Tim Thoms, Citizen Member

Welcome and Introductions

District Board Member, Tim Thoms welcomed the group on behalf of the Metro Water District Board and officially convened the meeting. Mr. Thoms introduced Mr. Bill Stevens, Assistant Manager of South Fayette Water Treatment Plant, who gave a brief overview of the operations and management of the facility. Mr. Thoms then 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.

2012 Targeted Membership Drive

Ms. Simmons explained that the District is holding a membership recruitment drive until May 1, 2012 in an effort to increase membership in the Flint BAC. The District is not asking that current members reapply at this time, only that current members help District staff seek new members by passing along the membership application to interested individuals.

Water Supply and Water Conservation Management Plan Overview

Mr. Matt Harper gave an overview of the District's Water Supply and Water Conservation Management Plan. He discussed the elements of the plan, the important issues in planning for water supply and the schedule for implementing the plan. Additionally, Mr. Harper highlighted the progress made by local governments in implementing water conservation measures. He 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:

- What are considered real water losses? Leaks in the water system, primarily.
- Does the District have any enforcement? EPD has the enforcement behind the District. EPD audits local governments and can withhold permits if they are not following the plans.
- During the drought in 2007, restrictions were put on outdoor watering. But when those restrictions were lifted after the drought, consumption of water did not go back up. Conservation pricing has helped with this.
- Drought is a good teaching tool. There is a difference between long-term responsible management and having to react quickly to it.

Household Water Use Assessment Brochure

Mr. Harper explained that the District would be changing and updating elements of the Household Water Use Assessment brochure. He 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. Members had the following questions and comments:

- Only parts of this apply to some individuals because I do not meter my well.

Other

Mr. Tim Thoms believes that landscape architects are qualified to complete and sign off on a stormwater site design under the District's Model Ordinance for Post-Development Stormwater Management. He asked the BAC members to contact him if they would like to discuss this further.

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 South Fayette Water Treatment Plant led by Assistant Plant Manager, Bill Stevens.