



**Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District  
EDUCATION  
Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting Summary  
August 6, 2013**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (Metro Water District) Education Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) met on Tuesday, August 6, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Harry West Room at the Atlanta Regional Commission, Atlanta, Georgia.

**Attendance**

Lora Amedu, Metro Water District  
Bob Bourne, Cobb County  
John Butler, Gwinnett County  
Vicki Culbreth, City of Roswell  
Chris Faulkner, Metro Water District  
Jennifer Flowers, City of Gainesville  
Harold Harbert, GA EPD  
Danny Johnson, Metro Water District  
Jennifer McCoy, Cobb County  
Jennifer McLaurin, Fulton County  
Heather Moody, Gwinnett County  
Shayla Nealy, Clayton County Water Authority

Michael O'Sheild, DeKalb County  
Terry Porter, City of Alpharetta  
Neela Ram, Metro Water District  
Michele Robbins, City of Sandy Spring  
Kelen Shostak, City of Woodstock  
Sharon Smith, Fulton County  
Kostoula Vallianos, Metro Water District  
Amy Warnock, Cobb County  
Brian Wiley, City of Gainesville

Kostoula Vallianos, Metro Water District staff, opened the meeting by welcoming Education TCC members and initiating self-introductions.

**Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**New Staff Introductions**

Ms. Vallianos introduced Chris Faulkner and Danny Johnson to the Education TCC. Chris Faulkner started in July as a waste water planner for the Metro Water District. Danny Johnson is the new Metro Water District manager. He began working for the District in June.

### **Review Draft Material**

Ms. Vallianos presented a draft of an updated Clean Water Campaign "Putting the Brakes on Water Pollution" brochure. The committee reviewed the document and provided feedback. Comments were noted and will be taken under consideration as the document is finalized. Ms. Vallianos also provided an update on the outreach material that the committee reviewed at the February and May Education TCC meetings.

### **2013 Essay Contest**

Ms. Vallianos presented a draft of the 2013 Water Essay Contest entry form and judging rubric. Comments were noted and will be taken under consideration as the document is finalized. In addition, the committee discussed important dates related to the Essay Contest, changes to contest judging guidelines and the judging rubric.

### **Demonstration Gardens**

Committee members from Rockdale County, Fulton County and Cobb County provided overviews of their respective demonstration gardens. They each discussed the purpose and history of their garden, how the garden is used to educate the public, lessons learned and associated costs. Committee members expressed interest in taking a garden tour of the three gardens. A tour of the gardens is tentatively scheduled for early fall.

### **Other**

Ms. Vallianos discussed the upcoming Sales Tax Holiday and outreach materials that will be developed. In addition, Ms. Vallianos discussed a FOG door hanger order, which is scheduled for September. Upcoming regional events were also reviewed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next Education TCC meeting will be held on Wednesday November 6, 2013 at 10am.