



Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes
December 4, 2013

The Executive Committee of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Governing Board met on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Harry West Room at the Atlanta Regional Commission offices in Atlanta, Georgia.

Members Present

Hon. Boyd Austin, Chairman

Ms. Katie Kirkpatrick, Vice Chair

Mr. Birdel Jackson, Secretary/Treasurer

Hon. Buzz Ahrens

Clayton County Designee: Mr. Mike Thomas

DeKalb County Designee: Mr. Charles Lambert

Fulton County Designee: Mr. Nick Ammons

Gwinnett County Designee: Mr. Ron Peters

Members Not Present

Hon. Kasim Reed

Hon. Tim Lee

Hon. Tommy Smith

Others Present

Mr. Barry Lucas

Mr. Charles McKinney

Mr. David Kubala

Mr. Frank Stephens

Chairman Boyd Austin called the meeting to order.

Approve Meeting Minutes

Chairman Austin called for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion to approve the August 28, 2013 meeting minutes was made by Vice Chair Katie Kirkpatrick, seconded by Mr. Ron Peters and passed unanimously.

2013 and 2014 Budget Revisions

Mr. Birdel Jackson presented the Finance and Executive Committees' recommendations on the 2013 year-end and 2014 budget revisions. Chairman Austin explained that recommendations of a committee do not require a second. The 2013 and 2014 budget revisions were approved unanimously.

Guidance Document for Conservation Pricing

Ms. Neela Ram provided an overview of a new Conservation Pricing Guidance Document developed through coordination with the Water Supply and Water Conservation Technical Coordinating sub-committee. This document aims to provide clarification on how conservation pricing relates to various customer classes and billing categories in the Metro Water District. It provides an overview of the various types of rate structures and provides general guidelines and

guidance for applying conservation rates, or increasing block rate structures, to the various sectors – from single family residential and multi-family residential to commercial customers. The document also addresses concerns that may affect our utilities, such as, financial stability, customer equity, cost of serving the customer class, and average consumption volume by customer class and its impact to those customers. Stakeholders have provided comments and staff hopes to finalize the document and make it available on the Metro Water District website early next year.

Plan Amendment for Forsyth County

Chairman Austin opened discussion on the plan amendment to the Wastewater Management Plan from Forsyth County to: 1) convert the James Creek WRF with reuse/LAS and no discharge into a reuse and 365 discharge only facility; 2) convert the Dick Creek WRF with reuse and a seasonal discharge to a reuse and 365 discharge and; 3) convert the Manor WRF from a reuse and no discharge into a reuse and cold weather seasonal discharge. The amendment had been categorized as a minor amendment at the last meeting and was posted for a 15-day public comment period. No comments were received. Mr. Birdel Jackson made a motion to approve the plan amendment. The motion was seconded by Ms. Katie Kirkpatrick and passed unanimously.

Plan Amendment for the City of College Park

Chairman Austin opened discussion on the plan amendment to the Water Supply and Water Conservation Management Plan from the City of College Park to add the development of several groundwater wells with a nominal capacity up to 0.6 MGD within the city limits for the purpose of reducing demand for purchased water. The City currently purchases approximately 3.2 MGD (AAF-MGD) of which 92% is purchased from the City of East Point and the remaining from Clayton County Water Authority. The reduction in purchased water volume may range from 17% to 24% equally from both suppliers. The amendment had been categorized as a major amendment at the last meeting and was posted for a 30-day public comment period. One comment on the amendment was received and was provided in the meeting materials. Mr. Charles Lambert made a motion to approve the plan amendment. The motion was seconded by Ms. Katie Kirkpatrick and passed unanimously.

Chairman Austin noted that the plan amendment proposed by Hall County has been postponed.

Revised Final Draft of the Model Floodplain Management / Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance

Mr. Steve Haubner provided an update of the status of the amendment to the Model Floodplain Management / Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance, originally request by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in 2012. After multiple reviews by the Technical Coordinating Committee and a series of meetings with FEMA and multiple revisions, District staff recommends the Executive Committee approve the final version of the amendment. Mr. Ron Peters made a motion to approve the Model Floodplain Management/Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mike Thomas and passed unanimously.

Other

Mr. Nick Ammons presented the Executive Committee with a series of letters from EPD to Fulton County regarding master metered private subdivisions and EPDs interpretation that those neighborhoods should be public water systems. EPD found Fulton County to be non-compliant given the county has connections to un-permitted public water systems. District staff will reach out to EPD to discuss the interpretation and possible implications to others in the District.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.