



**Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District  
EDUCATION  
Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting Summary  
February 12, 2013**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (Metro Water District) Education Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) met on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Harry West Room at the Atlanta Regional Commission, Atlanta, Georgia.

**Attendance**

Lora Amedu, Metro Water District	Heather Moody, Gwinnett County
Gwen Brinkley, Fulton County	Shayla Nealy, Clayton County Water Authority
John Butler, Gwinnett County	Danita Ogandaga, City of Atlanta
Terrell Clark, Paulding County	Michele Robbins, City of Sandy Springs
Erica Dunbar, Paulding County Water System	Sharon Smith, Fulton County
Jennifer Flowers, City of Gainesville	Tracy Thigpen, Coweta County
Harold Harbert, GA EPD	Kostoula Vallianos, Metro Water District
Brice Martin, Coweta County	Amy Warnock, Cobb County
Jennifer McCoy, Cobb County	Brian Wiley, City of Gainesville
Brenda McDaniel, Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful	Emily Wingo, GA EPD
Jennifer McLaurin, Fulton County	

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.

**Water Drop Dash and Water Festival Update**

Ms. Amedu announced Saturday March 16, 2013 as new date for the first annual Water Drop Dash race and water festival. The permit was accepted by the City of Roswell. Partners were encouraged to participate in the event by hosting a table at the water festival, volunteer for the day or host a race team. Any questions about the race should be directed to Lora Amedu.

### **Unique Collaborations**

Ms. Stephanie Butcher from Coweta County Cooperative Extension presented an overview of the Coweta County Water Education Team. This team is made up of representatives from Coweta County School District, Coweta County Cooperative Extension, Coweta Water Authority, Newnan Utilities and Cargill Inc. The team works collaboratively to provide water education and outreach to the students in Coweta County Schools. Programs include teacher training, essay contest, and school water conservation competition.

Ms. Sharon Smith provided an overview of the GAWP Wonder of Water Children's Water Festival. This collaborative event has been held annually since 2004 during Drinking Water Week. The event is made possible through a partnership among local water utilities in metro Atlanta. Each partner invites an entire 4<sup>th</sup> grade class from their service area. Students spend the day at one of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area park units learning about water resources through hands-on activity stations.

### **Review Material**

Ms. Vallianos presented the following materials for discussion:

- Draft septic system brochure
- Draft pool and spa fact sheet
- Clean Water Campaign youth activity book

Comments related to the draft materials were noted and will be taken under consideration as the documents are finalized. After discussing the Clean Water Campaign youth activity book, it was decided that it will require significant revision. A working group will be created to help revise this resource.

### **My Drop County Creative Material Update**

Ms. Vallianos discussed the status of the My Drop Counts creative materials. Creative spots for three video PSAs, three radio PSAs, and five outdoor advertisement designs are in production. Final creative materials will be completed in March and be presented at the May Education TCC meeting.

### **Other Items and Announcements**

- Ms. Vallianos presented environmental education holidays list and messaging calendar for members to use in their outreach and education efforts.
- Ms. Vallianos facilitated a brief discussion of the events occurring throughout the Metro Water District in the coming months.

The next Education TCC meeting will be held on May 8, 2013 at 10am.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.