



Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District

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Ocmulgee ADVISORY COUNCILS
Meeting Summary
October 16, 2014

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's Ocmulgee Basin Advisory Councils met on Wednesday October 16, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Henry County Water Authority Tussahaw Water Treatment Plant, Jackson, GA.

Flint BAC Members Present

Tara Brown, Henry County Water Authority
Billy Buckhalt, Gwinnett Co. Public Interest
Todd Cosby, Rockdale County Stormwater
Division
Tom Harrison, Rockdale WSA
Vikki McReynolds Consiglio, Georgia Utility
Contractors Association
Jennifer Suttles, Woodard & Curran
Steve Williams, Water Management Inc.

Flint BAC Members Not Present

Babafemi Adesanya
Larry Allen, Henry County Farm Bureau
Gary Campbell
James Carter, Jr. Henry County Farm Bureau
and Henry County Water & Sewerage Authority
Ernest Earn, CCWS
Mark Eastland
Richard Edinger, Jr.
Mary Gazaway
Antonio Harris
Robert Harris, Jr. Gwinnett County Department
of Water Resources
Chip Hatcher, Jr. Rockdale Water & Sewer Auth
Jenny Hoffner, American Rivers
Shirley House
Angel Jones, DeKalb County
Faye Lyons-Gary, DeKalb League of Women
Voters/DCSWCD
Robert Michener
Paul Morgan, RainHarvest Company
Elaine Nash, Rockdale Co Water & Sewer Auth
George Patterson, Henry County
Lee Pope, Fayette County
John Prokopovich
Barbara Seal, Gwinnett County/Citizen
Ken Sebastian
Joe Stickell
Peter Terrebonne
Lynn Thorndyke
Anthony Wiggins

Metro Water District/ARC Staff Present

Andy Cornwell, Planner
Danny Johnson, District Manager

Others Present

Kristin Rowles, GA Water Planning & Policy
Center
Stephen Simpson, Black & Veatch

Welcome and Introductions

BAC Chair Election

There were not enough members present for a quorum and so it was announced that the election would take place via email. It was announced that Maureen Tompkins had volunteered to run, there were no other nominations or volunteers to run at the meeting.

2016 District Plan Update

Danny Johnson provided an overview of stakeholder engagement activities of 2014 that will help fuel the scope of work for the plan update. Mr. Johnson summarized the major talking points from breakout sessions at the July 2014 Joint BAC meeting and provided a summary of the August 2014 Governing Board meeting which included a panel discussion on integrated planning.

BAC members had the following comments and questions:

- Related to the challenges of septic maintenance, public education, and the funds available for septic issues, is septic able to fit under stormwater fees? Mr. Johnson replied that stormwater fees may be used per the discretion of the local stormwater utility.
- The District should increase its involvement of education to public officials such as what the ARC offers to the planning commissions so that it includes training on water related issues.
- It is also important to make people more interested in water. It is important for the elected officials to be in attendance themselves instead of sending designees.
- Is there a plumber's association to provide outreach to for water efficiency improvements in the home? Mr. Johnson will relay this question to Kostoula Vallianos, the public outreach and education coordinator for the District.
- Multiple members expressed that there can still be more outreach for the toilet rebate program. One member expressed that the plumbers in the Metro District area do not care about conservation.

Henry County Long Range Water Supply Plan

Pat Hembree gave an overview of the history of the HCWSA and the changes that they have gone through. Henry County has 5 separate reservoirs: the Upper Towaliga/Cole Reservoir, the Tussahaw, the Indian Creek, the Long Branch, and the Lower Towaliga Reservoirs. This makes up 18.1 billion gallons of storage. There are 2 water treatment plants as well, the Towaliga and the Tussahaw.

Other

- Mr. Johnson provided a summary of information from the Water Research Foundation to respond to a question about the dangers of Ebola in the water system.
- The winner of the calendar contest was announced and the picture shown to the BAC.

-Mr. Cornwell gave an update on the social media efforts of the District and encouraged the BAC members to like and follow the social media pages on [Twitter](#) and Facebook ([My Drop Counts](#), [Clean Water Campaign](#), [District](#))

-The next meeting will be in January with the exact date TBD.

-There being no further business the meeting was adjourned to begin the facility tour.

Facility Tour

Henry County Water Authority provided a tour of the Tussahaw Water Treatment Plant.