



Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District

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EDUCATION
Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting Summary
November 12, 2014**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (Metro Water District) Education Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) met on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Harry West Room at the Atlanta Regional Commission, Atlanta, Georgia.

Attendance

Bob Bourne, Cobb County
Terrell Clark, Paulding County
Susan Hess, Henry County Stormwater
Danny Johnson, Metro Water District
Jennifer McCoy, Cobb County
Harold Harbert, GA EPD
Susan Hess, Henry County Stormwater
Heather Moody, Gwinnett County
Shayla Neely, Clayton County

Michael O'Shield, DeKalb County
Erica Pope, Paulding County
Terry Porter, City of Alpharetta
Michele Prescott, Rockdale County
Mary Sheffield, UGA Extension Paulding
Cornell Sims, Clayton County
Kim Tucker, Henry County Stormwater
Kelli Uyesugi-Turner, Rockdale County
Kostoula Vallianos, Metro Water District
Amy Warnock, Cobb 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.

2014 Essay Contest

A record number of essays were submitted to the 2014 Middle School Water Essay Contest – over 1900 essays! City of Atlanta and the 15 counties were well represented. There was a significant increase in teacher and school participation, in addition to overall student participation. The judging committee convened after the Education TCC meeting and determined the winners. The winners' names are listed on: <http://www.northgeorgiawater.org/education-awareness/water-essay-contest>. They will be honored on Thursday, December 4th in the South Wing of the Georgia State Capitol.

2015 High School Video Contest

Ms. Vallianos facilitated the review of the 2015 High School Video Contest material. Comments were made and will be taken in to consider as the material is finalized. The 2015 Video Contest topic is "Here's the Scoop on Pet Waste." Promoting the contest to schools will begin in early 2015. The deadline for the contest is Friday, March 27, 2015. The following Education TCC member volunteered to serve on the 2015 Video Contest Judging Committee: Erica Pope, Terrell Clark, Kelli Uyesugi-Turner, Jen McCoy and Cornell Sims.



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Review Material

Ms. Vallianos facilitated the review of a DRAFT Septic Maintenance door hanger and postcard. Comments will be taken under consideration as the material is finalized.

2015 Children's Water Festivals

Ms. Vallianos invited TCC members to participate in the planning of the 2015 Wonder of Waters Children's Water Festivals scheduled for early May. A Doodle poll was sent to interested members to identify a planning date.

Septic System Maintenance Education and Outreach in Paulding County

Erica Pope, Terrell Clark with Paulding County and Mary Carole Sheffield with UGA Extension Paulding County discussed their unique education and outreach partnership. This year they focused on septic system maintenance.

Other

- The 1st annual Metro Water District Photo Contest Calendar was revealed.
- The 2016 Plan update scheduled was reviewed. Education partners were encouraged to attend the November Joint TCC Webinar on Climate Variability.
- Education partners were reminded about the Water Drop Dash March 21, 2015 and to get involved if they haven't already done so.
- Winter events were discussed.
- Next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2015. Due to the Plan update the May, August and November 2015 meeting dates are tentative.