



**Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District
EDUCATION
Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting Summary
February 5, 2014**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (Metro Water District) Education Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) met on Wednesday, February 5, 2014 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
Bob Bourne, Cobb County	Michael O'Sheild, DeKalb County
Tara Brown, Henry County	Erica Pope, Paulding County
John Butler, Gwinnett County	Terry Porter, City of Alpharetta
Jennifer Carlile, City of Atlanta	Neela Ram, Metro Water District
Terrell Clark, Paulding County	Lyndsey Sargent, Douglasville – Douglas County
Vicki Culbreth, City of Roswell	Mary Sheffield, UGA Extension Paulding
Chris Faulkner, Metro Water District	Cornell Sims, Clayton County
Christine Fox, Athens-Clarke County	Sarah Skinner, Metro Water District
Nyahuma Fort, City of Atlanta	Tracy Thigpen, Coweta County
Harold Harbert, GA EPD	Kostoula Vallianos, Metro Water District
Danny Johnson, Metro Water District	Amy Warnock, Cobb County
Corey Jones, City of Gainesville	Brian Wiley, City of Gainesville
Jennifer McCoy, Cobb County	
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 5K and Water Festival

Lora Amedu discussed the final details for the race and presented the race postcard. District members were asked to participate and promote the race in their community.

Fix a Leak Week

Ms. Vallianos discussed the upcoming Fix a Leak Week scheduled for March 17-23, 2014. Material for the national awareness event was included in the meeting materials. They include EPA WaterSense logos, press release, timelines, postcards, bill inserts, factsheets and children's material. District members were encouraged to use the material to promote Fix a Leak Week. Requests for additional materials are to go to Ms. Vallianos.

Review Material

Ms. Vallianos presented a new Clean Water Campaign TV slide. The message of this slide was "Wipes Clog Pipes". There were no further comments. Ms. Vallianos also provided an update on other previously reviewed material.

Fog Clogs Video Contest

Ms. Vallianos reminded education partners that the FOG Clogs! High School Video Contest deadline is February 28, 2014. Judging will take place the first week of March. Cobb County, City of Roswell, Gwinnett County and Paulding County representatives volunteered to judge the video submissions. Winners will be notified March 7, 2014. Winners will be honored at the Water Drop Dash 5K at the Chattahoochee Nature Center.

Metro Water District Plan Update

Danny Johnson, provided overview of the Plan Update schedule. Mr. Johnson also led a discussion about future participation in the development of the Plan Update's visions and goals. It was agreed that the May Ed TCC would be combined with the other two TCCs.

Targeted Outreach

- Laurie Loftin with Athens-Clarke County presented on their septic maintenance program for home owners. This program focused on traditional methods of outreach such as billboard advertising and printed materials, but also inventive approaches like septic pumping parties and pumping prompts on promotional plungers. They used GIS mapping to identify neighborhoods with a lot of septic tanks.
- John Butler from Gwinnett County presented the outcomes from a pilot project focused on veterinary clinics. Gwinnett County left pet waste brochures in 60 veterinary clinics across the county. Mr. Butler then went back and counted how many brochures were actually taken.

Other

- Ms. Vallianos provided an update on the WOW Children's Water Festival and the Southern Children's Water Festival scheduled for May 8 and May 6 respectively. Education partners are invited to volunteer at both if they aren't already involved.
- Event highlights were reviewed. Education partners were reminded to send planned event dates.
- Rain Garden Tour is scheduled for May 16, 2014. The event will start in South Fulton County, and end in Cobb County. Three rain gardens will be visited.
- Education partners were reminded that the May meeting will be held May 21 as a joint meeting.
- Remaining 2014 Education TCC meetings are scheduled for 8/6, and 11/12.