



**Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District
JOINT MEETING of the BASIN ADVISORY COUNCILS
Meeting Summary
July 20, 2012**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's six Basin Advisory Councils met for a joint meeting on Friday, July 20, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. at the Loudermilk Conference Center in Atlanta, GA.

Chattahoochee Members Present

Charles McKinney, BAC Chair	Kenneth Kagy, Gwinnett Co
Patty Berkovitz, Watershed Alliance of Sandy Springs	Celia Klardie, City of Sandy Springs
Bill Braswell, West GA Board of Realtors	John Lawrence
David Chasant	Richard Lisska
Daryl Cook, Watts and Browning	George Martin, GA Power Company
Teresa Crisp	Doug Miell
Roland de Liniere	Mitzi Moore
Lee Duncan	John Oliver, URS Corporation
Debra Ewing, D. Clark Harris, Inc.	Angus Reed
David Forbes	Kenneth Robertson, SEC
Steven Foster	Nathan Shields, Michael Baker Jr. Corp
Douglas Fulle, Oglethorpe Power Corp	Sanford Stokes, WSC, Inc
Jack Gleason, Friends of Caney Creek.org	Charles Surasky
Bob Harbort	Daniel Thalimer
Laura Hartt, Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper	Frankie Thompson
James Hawkins	Billy Turner, Columbus Water Works
Travis Henry, Douglas Co Farm Bureau	Wayne Waldrip, Keep Smyrna Beautiful
Colin Holden	Richard Wells, GA Power Co
Matthew Houser, UPCCA	Larry Wood, City of Villa Rica
Warren Howe	Van Yon

Chattahoochee Members Not Present

Babafemi Adesanya	Jo Ann Macrina, City of Atlanta
Laura Aikens	Tavia McCuean, Forestar Group
Harold Benner	William Millkey
Chad Braswell	Michael Morton, City of Chattahoochee Hills
Emily Buffington	Fred Nixon
Robert Bunker, US Army Corps	Kevin Norton
Denise Carelton, Reaping Nature	Randy Payne, Tyson Foods, Inc
D. Scott Cole	Gil Puffer, Atkins
James Crowder, Schnabel Engineering	Trish Reifenberger
Steven Culp, Garney Construction	Theodore Ruff

Donald Fry
Jimmy Garrison, III
Stephen Garton, UGA Extension, Forsyth
Jessica Guinn
Patrick Heerdt
Phillip Hutfilz
Thomas Kohler
Charles Laughinghouse

Mark Scheinfeld
Yomi Sholarin
Trudy Slaby Eissler
George Taylor, Oglethorpe Power Corp
Bryan Tolar, GA Agribusiness Council
Butch Watson, Croy Engineering, LLC
Mark Wolff
Kenneth Wood, PEC

Coosa/Etowah Members Present

Doris Cook, BAC Chair
David Alaniz
Robert Endress, Atkins
Craig Ferguson
Marjorie Hicks
Dart Kendall, GOWA
Donald McClure
Keith McLaughlin

Robert Morrison, LAPA
Sean Nicholl, Lake Allatoona Association
Bettie Sleeth, Home Builders Assn of GA
Douglas Sower, Paulding Co Farm Bureau
Bobby Terrell
Joseph Vivona
Christina Williams, City of Cartersville
Kenneth Williams

Coosa/Etowah Members Not Present

David Braswell, WK Dickson
Bryce Coyle, Paulding Co
Adam Dreyer
William Francis, GAWP
Richard Gray, Murray's Loch Preservation Group
William Grizzle, Cherokee Co Farm Bureau
Nolton Johnson

Aylin Lewallen
Carol Moson, GA Assn of Realtors
Edmund Mullinax
Thomas Shannon, Ewing Irrigations Products
Chris Williams
Martha Williams, GA Lakes Society

Flint Members Present

Richard A. Greuel, BAC Chair
William Brundage
Adrienne Collins, Georgia Power Company

Ernest Curtis
Dorothy Harris, D. Clark Harris, Inc

Flint Members Not Present

Vanessa Birrell, Fayette Co BOC
John Caldwell
Don Easterbrook, City of Fayetteville
Roger Greuel, Fayette Co Farm Bureau
Richard Harp
Richard Little

Brice Martin, Coweta Co Stormwater Mgmt
Dale Phenicie, Fayette Co Chamber of Commerce
Gordon Rogers, Flint Riverkeeper
Edward Strong, Newnan Utilities
Tracy Thigpen, Coweta Co WSA
Scott Tolar

Lanier Members Present

Val Perry, BAC Chair
Bryan Bearden

Nancy Lovingood
Cleghorn Penn

Thomas Corbin
David Forbes
James Hazelwood, Stonehenge Consultants, LLA
Dale Jaeger, The Jaeger Company
Stephen Jenn

David Porter
Tracy Robar
Cole Shaffer, CPCU Society
David True

Lanier Members Not Present

Drew Addison
James Boff
Richard Check
Joanna Cloud, Lake Lanier Association
Foster FitzHugh
Jerry Gardner
Diane Grinstead
Rebecca Hacke

Jon Heard, City of Cumming
Eugene Holmes
Mary Jones
Norman McGinnis
Wilton Rooks, Scenic Georgia, Inc
Carrie Toth
Steven Tyler

Ocmulgee Members Present

Bob Carpenter, IAPMP
Todd Cosby, Rockdale Co Stormwater Division
Richard Edinger, Jr.
Roger Hatch, Rockdale/DeKalb Co Farm Bureau
Wayne Haynie

Jenny Hoffner, American Rivers
Shirley House
Donald West, Clayton State University
Anthony Wiggins
Steve Williams, Building Greener, LLC

Ocmulgee Members Not Present

Michael Walker, BAC Chair
Larry Allen, Henry Co Farm Bureau
James Carter
Jennifer Christman, ADS
Tonja Halton-Mincey, Henry Co WSA
Tom Harrison
Chee Hill, Atlanta Women's Outdoor Network
Angel Jones, DeKalb Co Roads; Drainage

Faye Lyons-Gary, DeKalb LWV
Jay Marlow
Vikki McReynolds, GUCA
Paul Morgan, RainHarvest Company
Elaine Nash, Rockdale Co WSA
Lee Pope, Rockdale Water Resources
Russell Toning, GSWCC

Oconee Members Present

Julian Byrd
Matthew Vinson, GOWA

Brian West, Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc

Oconee Members Not Present

Jill Statura, BAC Chair
Shirley Cooley

Mark Risse
Chris Yancey

Metro Water District Staff Present

Corey Babb
Steve Haubner

Sarah Simmons
Pat Stevens

Lora Nance
Neela Ram

Kostoula Vallianos

Board Members and Designees Present

Mayor Boyd Austin, Chair
Brad Currey

David Kubala
Tim Thoms

Others Present

Bob Bourne, Cobb County Water System
Nap Caldwell, GA EPD
Joy Hinkle, Southface
Adam Jones, GA EPD
Becky Mixon, CCMWA

Ann Morrow
Kathy Nguyen, Cobb County Water System
Ben Ruzowicz, GSWCC
Kim Shorter

Welcome and Introductions

Ms. Sarah Simmons welcomed the group and reviewed the meeting agenda. She introduced the Chairs of each of the Basin Advisory Councils and the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Board Representatives present at the meeting. Ms. Simmons then introduced District Chairman Boyd Austin to officially convene the meeting.

Chairman's Welcome

District Chairman Boyd Austin welcomed the group and thanked the Basin Advisory Council members for volunteering their time and knowledge to help strengthen the work of the District. He gave a brief overview of the District, the three District plans and the role of the Basin Advisory Councils in the planning process. He spoke to the strength of the District, how Metro Atlanta is becoming a recognized leader in how we manage our water resources and gave a brief update on the developments in the Tri-State Water Wars case since the joint BAC meeting in July of last year. Chairman Austin shared with the group the positive changes to the District's education and outreach program and informed members of the types of issues they will likely be discussing moving forward. Chairman Austin also reminded everyone to make their water conservation pledge on the District's My Drop Counts website and to 'Like' the District on Facebook to begin receiving updates.

Georgia's Water History

Mr. Jack Dozier, Executive Director of Georgia Association of Water Professionals spoke to the group about the importance of clean, well-managed water resources to the growth of Metro Atlanta, and how the state is planning for the sustainable management of our shared water resources. He shared some very interesting statistics about the availability of clean water worldwide, and also discussed United States' high water quality standards and how safe our drinking water is in the country. As Metro Atlanta continues to grow, it will become increasingly important to coordinate the comprehensive management of our water supply, stormwater and wastewater. Mr. Dozier answered members' questions.

Panel on Basin Issues

Dr. Becky Champion, Assistant Branch Chief of the Coosa, Tallapoosa and Tennessee Basins, and Dr. Gail Cowie, Assistant Branch Chief of the Chattahoochee and Flint Basins, were invited as panelists to discuss some of the recent news and issues going on in those basin and to answer questions from members about the basin in which they live. Dr. Champion had a last minute conflict; however Dr.

Cowie was able to attend. She gave the group an update on the outcome of the tri-state litigation and Army Corps' updated operations. She also discussed the current levels of drought throughout the state and water quality standards for Lake Lanier and West Point Lake. Dr. Cowie answered members' questions.

Panel on Water Supply/Conservation, Wastewater and Stormwater Plan Implementation

Highlights

Four representatives of local governments, or local government projects, were invited as panelists to discuss their experience in implementing the three District plans. Brian Wiley with the City of Gainesville shared with the group the successes of the City's education and outreach program. Kevin Burke with Atlanta BeltLine presented on the City of Atlanta's Historic Fourth Ward Park Multiuse Stormwater Facility and how it helped with stormwater management and flood control in the area. Jamie Stones with Cobb County's Grease Management Program explained how Cobb County is meticulously tracking sewage overflows (especially those related to grease) and managing the overflow according to the cause. Keith Higgs with Douglasville-Douglas County Water and Sewer Authority (DDCWSA) shared highlights of the Google Data Center and how the facility is reusing grey water for their cooling towers and managing its own wastewater, thereby reducing the demand on potable water and capacity at DDCWSA. The panelists answered members' questions.

Other

Ms. Simmons announced that the next round of Basin Advisory Council meetings occurring in October would be basin specific and that members would receive an email closer to the date with meeting specifics.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.