



## Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District

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### **FLINT and OCMULGEE BASIN ADVISORY COUNCIL Meeting Summary April 26, 2018**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's Flint and Ocmulgee Basin Advisory Councils met on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at the Agnes Scott College in Decatur, GA.

#### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

Danny Johnson introduced Allison Henry as the new BAC Program Specialist.

Steve Williams, the Chairman of the Ocmulgee BAC welcomed the group and began introductions.

#### **II. Education and Outreach Announcements**

*Allison Henry, Metro Water District*

##### **i. Water Drop Dash 5K**

The Water Drop Dash 5k was held on March 24, 2018 at the Chattahoochee Nature Center. Over 800 runners pre-registered for the event and of those approximately 600 participated in the race and attended the post-race Water Festival. There were also 100 volunteers who helped the event run smoothly.

##### **ii. BAC Facebook Groups**

The District has created six different Facebook groups so that BAC members can connect with each other outside of meetings and share information about what is happening in their watershed. Email [ahenry@atlantaregional.org](mailto:ahenry@atlantaregional.org) for more information.

iii. Water Reflections Photography Contest

The District announced that the Water Reflections Photography Calendar Contest will be opening in May. Each year, the Metro Water District holds a photography contest to promote awareness of the need to protect our shared water resources. Entries should capture the beauty, heritage, activities and character of metro Atlanta's water resources. In addition to 12 \$100 prizes awarded to the top pictures, an additional \$50 prize will be awarded that captures this year's feature issue related to illegal dumping to raise awareness of this problem counties in the District are facing. The district partnered with Hike Inn this year and will be providing a one-night stay for two to the grand prize winner who will also get an additional \$400.

iv. ARC Civic Dinners

The District announced that they will be hosting a Sustainability focused dinner in August. This dinner will be hosted under the Livability category of the Civic Dinners. There are three different categories: Livability, Mobility, and Prosperity. The format of a Civic Dinner includes a three-question guided conversation. For more information: [www.civicsdinner.com/ARC-livability](http://www.civicsdinner.com/ARC-livability).

v. Open Announcements

There were no additional announcements from the group.

**III. Metro Water District Updates**

*Danny Johnson, Metro Water District*

i. BAC Membership Drive

The District announced that the BAC Membership drive will be closing on April 30<sup>th</sup>. The District is seeking additional members in the Flint, Lanier, and Oconee river basins. The District Board will vote to approve new members on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

ii. Drought/Water supply

The southeast portion of the state is currently experiencing drought conditions while the 15 counties of the District are currently experiencing normal conditions. Lake Lanier is currently full thanks to winter rains.

iii. Litigation

There are five active lawsuits across the Alabama/Coosa/Tallapoosa (ACT) and the Apalachicola/Chattahoochee/Flint (ACF) basins that could potentially affect the District's access to water supplies. The Supreme Court is expected to rule on the Florida v. Georgia case before the end of June 2018. Two cases filed in Washington D.C. (Alabama v. US Army Corps of Engineers and National Wildlife Federation v. US Army Corps of Engineers) have been transferred to the Federal Court in the Northern District of Georgia.

iv. Messaging for Illegal Dumping

The District announced that the Education Technical Coordinating Subcommittee is seeking opportunities for education and outreach related to illegal dumping. BAC members are asked to share any local experiences or case studies with the District that could contribute to the initiative.

v. My Drop Counts Water Conservation Pledge Expansion

The District just launched a My Drop Counts Business pledge to expand its engagement to the commercial business community. The pledge is for building owners and building tenants and embraces the connection to the business's workforce and sharing the message of water conservation at home. The individual pledge was also revamped. BAC members were encouraged to take the My Drop Counts pledge for the business and for themselves on the website: [www.mydropcounts.org](http://www.mydropcounts.org).

The group asked if the District is offering any incentives to businesses taking the pledge. There are currently no incentives but something could be developed in the future such as an awards recognition program.

vi. Multi-Family Toilet Rebate Program

The District announced that the Multi-Family Toilet Rebate Program is live on the website: <http://northgeorgiawater.org/conserves-our-water/toilet-rebate-program/>

#### **IV. DCA Plumbing Code Update, National Trends, and GA Possibilities**

*Danny Johnson, Metro Water District*

Mr. Johnson provided an overview of preliminary research performed by District staff which demonstrated that current sales of plumbing fixtures related to showerheads, lavatory and kitchen faucets are being widely sold in stores and installed in homes

across the state with flow ratings that are more efficient than the current Georgia plumbing code. Mr. Johnson demonstrated potential savings associated with a reduction in fixture flowrates should the plumbing code be updated to meet more efficient standards. Recommendations to DCA are typically received during the summer period and then recommended changes would be drafted and approved during the fall and winter. District staff is taking additional time to research more stores and new construction to refine the background data, consider other plumbing code related topics such as backflow prevention updates that may be needed, and will then report back to the Board at the May 23, 2018 Board meeting with a final recommendation.

**V. Sustainability at Agnes Scott College**

*Elizabeth Rowe, Agnes Scott College*

Elizabeth Rowe, a Sustainability Fellow at Agnes Scott's College Center for Sustainability, provided an overview of sustainability activities on the Agnes Scott campus. Agnes Scott utilizes the Green Revolving Investment Tracking System (GRITS) to help manage and analyze project-level energy, financial and carbon data. The campus manages sustainability initiatives through a Green Revolving Fund which funds a deferred maintenance fund where the final savings are put back into the fund for future projects. This will allow for long-term investment in continuing sustainability initiatives on campus.

Agnes Scott has installed multiple geothermal wells to reduce the energy requirements for heating and cooling of buildings on campus, installed solar power panels capable of providing the equivalent energy to supply 31 homes per year and installed a residual heat exchanger to provide hot water to area buildings. The program is currently in the 10<sup>th</sup> year of a 30-year goal to become climate neutral. The college recently established a Minor Degree in Environmental Sustainability.

**Next meeting date: July 23, 2018**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 23, 2018 at 9:30am in the Harry West Conference Room on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor of the Atlanta Regional Commission, 229 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30303. This is the joint BAC meeting.

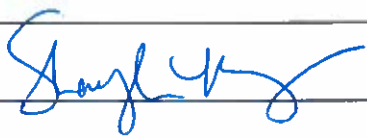


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## Flint Basin Advisory Council

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First Name	Last Name	Signature	Organization (if any)
J. Dennis	Baker		
Dane	Beatenbough		Coweta County Stormwater
Laura	Benz		
William	Brundage	<i>William Brundage</i>	<i>Southern Co.</i>
John	Caldwell		City of Fairburn
Michael	De Lisle		
Oscar	Fortson		
Stephanie	Grande		
Roger	Greuel	<i>ROGER GREUEL</i>	Fayette County Farm Bureau
Mark	Harman		
Dorothy	Harris	<i>DAVID HORTON (FOR)</i>	Airport Chamber of Commerce and D. Clark Harris, Inc.
Brant	Keller		City of Griffin
Bryan	Keller		Fayette County Environmental Management Department
John	Martin	<i>John Martin</i>	City of Griffin <i>East Point</i>
Brice	Martin		Coweta County

William	Moore		City of College Park
Shayla	Nealy		
Murray	Parks		
Dale	Phenicie		Fayette County Chamber of Commerce
Cornelius	Tarver		
Tracy	Thigpen		Coweta Water and Sewerage Authority
Tim	Thoms		



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## Ocmulgee Basin Advisory Council

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Robertson Lance *Lance Robertson* NBLC USA

First Name	Last Name	Signature	Organization (if any)
Babafemi	Adesanya		
Kent	Asher		Rockdale County
Deirdre	Blackard		Rockdale Water Resources
Tara	Brown	<i>Tara Brown</i>	Henry County Water Authority
William	Buckhalt Jr		Gwinnett County Citizen at Large
Vikki	Consiglio		GUCA
Todd	Cosby		Rockdale County Stormwater Utility
Robert	Criste		
Mark	Eastland		
Ben	Emanuel		Georgia Tech Student and Homeowner
Joyce	Ford		
Eric	Freedman		
Mary	Gazaway		Georgia DNR
A. Patrick	Gragson		
Robert	Harris Jr	<i>Robert Harris Jr</i>	Gwinnett County DWR
Willis	Hatcher		Rockdale Water and Sewer Authority
Laurie	Hawks		

Anne	Italiano		Georgia Tech Student and Homeowner
Steven	Jackson		Rockdale County Board
Pier	Janrhett		
Brian	Jenkins		
Angel	Jones		DeKalb County - Roads and Drainage
Diana	Kennen		
Amy	Kirby		
Deirdre	Lyons-Gary		
Chris	Manganiello		Chattahoochee Riverkeeper
Eric	Moncrief		NBLC USA/Green Guy Media,LLC
Jeffrey	Mueller		City of Norcross
George	Patterson		Henry County Gov.
Edward	Patton		BHGRE Metro Brokers
Dan	Pennywell		Bryant Realty
Lee	Pope		Fayette County Water System
Lance	Robertson		National Black & Latino Council USA
Barbara	Seal		Gwinnett County
Joe	Stickell	<i>Joe Stickell</i>	<i>Gwinnett</i>
Tony	Trimaldi		
Steve	Williams	<i>[Signature]</i>	
Mark	Wilson		Yellow River Water Trail

*Veronica CRAW* *[Signature]*

*GA EPD*