



Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District

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CHATTAHOOCHEE AND COOSA 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.

Warren Howe and Bruce Coyle, Chairman of the Chattahoochee and Coosa BACs respectively welcomed the group and began introductions. Mr. Howe asked for suggestions for future meeting topics.

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 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 \$500.

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.

v. Open Announcements

The Watershed *Capital Improvement Program* Advisory Group for Dekalb County informed the District that the Dekalb County Department of Watershed put out a request for proposal for a marketing campaign and program materials related to residential fats, oils, and grease (FOG) disposal.

III. Metro Water District Updates

Danny Johnson, Metro Water District

i. BAC Membership Drive

The District announced that the BAC Membership drive closed on April 30th. The District was seeking additional members in the Flint, Lanier, and Oconee river basins. The District Board will vote to approve new members on May 23rd.

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 (USACE) and National Wildlife Federation v. USACE) 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.

The group asked if the state has a tire recycling program still in place. It was mentioned that Cox Enterprises assists with tire recycling.

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.

vi. New Multi-Family Toilet Rebate Program

The District announced that the New Multi-Family Toilet Rebate Program is live on the website: <http://northgeorgiawater.org/conserve-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.

The group asked about backflow prevention regarding residential irrigation systems. They discussed that there should be a double-check or RPZ (fail safe valve) installed on every system.

V. Campus Sustainability at the Georgia Institute of Technology

Georgia Tech is currently building the Kendeda Building for Innovative Sustainable Design which will be part of the Living Building Challenge. A living building is a building that functions like a plant. This building uses rainwater as potable water. The campus also has a blackwater reclamation system which is used for the chiller plants. Georgia Tech is a Campus Arboretum. Students created a tree inventory of all the trees that are 2 inches in diameter or greater. With this inventory they were able to calculate the tree canopy coverage, forecast future canopy coverage and use that information for stormwater collection data. Following the presentation, several members of the BAC were taken on a tour of various campus sustainability initiatives.

Next Meeting: July 23, 2018

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




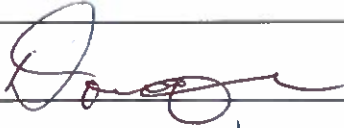
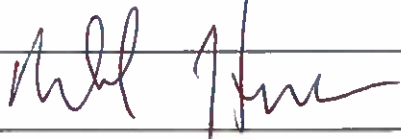




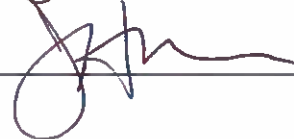
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Chattahoochee Basin Advisory Council

May 16, 2018

First Name	Last Name	Signature	Organization (if any)
Taylor	Anderson		
Harry	Baughman		Burns & McDonnell Engineering
Timothy	Blaydes		GAWP
Bill	Blythe		
William	Braswell		Bryant Realty Inc West GA Board Realtors
Shelby	Buso		US Green Building Council
Billy	Cobb Jr	<i>Billy C. Cobb Jr.</i>	Columbus Water Works
Roger	Cox		Rindt-McDuff Associates
Teresa	Crisp		
Roland	de Liniere		
John	Doulgerakis		
Ernest	Earn Jr		
Mark	Esoda		
Jonathan	Evans		Eureka Water Probes
Norman	Fagge		
Steve	Foster		

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Dieter	Franz		
David	Freedman		
Douglas	Fulle		Oglethorpe Power
Patrick	Gragson		
Richard	Hanson		Georgia Water Tanks
Matt	Harper		
Warren	Howe		WHEE, Inc.
Carl	Jacobsen		
Rachel	Jones		
Richard	Jones		Coweta County WSA
Ken	Kagy		Guinnett County City of Milton
Anthony	King		
Richard	Lisska		
George	Martin		Georgia Power Company
Charles	McKinney		
Doug	Miell		
John	Miller II		DeKalb Watershed CIP Advisory Group
Penelope	Moceri		Georgia Apartment Association
Sarah	Neville		
Beverly	Nicholls		
Angus	Reed		
Michele	Robbins		Rockdale County Planning & Development
Kenneth	Robertson		



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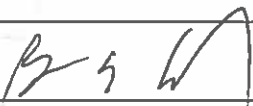
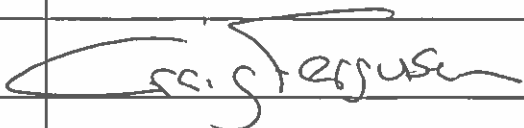
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Melissa	Schwartz		
L. Bruce	Stout		
George	Taylor Jr		Oglethorpe Power Corporation
Frankie	Thompson		
Bryan	Tolar		Georgia Agribusiness Council
Billy	Turner		Retired--Columbus Water Works
Michelle	Vincent		
Wayne	Waldrip		
James	Warner		
Clarence B (Butch)	Watson III		CROY Engineering, LLC
Robert	Williams		
Mary Kay	Woodworth		Georgia Urban Ag Council
Nancy	Wylie		League of Women Voters of Georgia






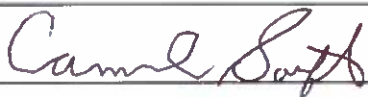
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Coosa Basin Advisory Council

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First Name	Last Name	Signature	Organization (if any)
Jennifer	Arp		CCWSA
Jimmy	Barner		Georgia Association of Realtors
David	Braswell		
James	Busi		
Hannah	Cantrell		
Doris	Cook		Etowah Water & Sewer Authority
Gladney	Cooper		City of Mountain Park GA
Duane	Cox		
Bruce	Coyle		Paulding County
Jesse	Demonbreun-Chapman		
Pam	Dodd		
Greg	Eck		
Robert	Endress		Atkins North America
Lisa	Evans		
Craig	Ferguson		Brown and Caldwell
Joe	Gaskin		
William	Grizzle		Cherokee County Farm Bureau

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Peter	Holland		
Nolton	Johnson		COA DWM
Lamont	Kiser		Bartow County - Community Development
David	Kubala		Cherokee COunty Water & Sewerage Authority
Cathy	Mansfield		
Donald	McClure		Resident
Albert	Meyer		
Belinda	Mobley		
Amanda	Morris		
Robert	Morrison		Upper Etowah River Alliance
Benjamin	Moss		Hazen and Sawyer
Marc	Pedersen		
Tricia	Pedersen		
Ben	Pope		City of Emerson
Walter	Rekuc Jr		Fulton County District of the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission
Tom	Shannon		Ewing Irrigation SITE ONE Ewing Irrigation and Landscape Supply
Bettie	Sleeth		Home Builders Assn of Georgia
Mark	Smiler		Atlanta Board of Realtors
Camm	Swift		Resident, Forsyth County
Harold	Welchel		
Thomas	Wilder Jr		Atl Comm Bd of Realtors
David	Windham		

