



Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District
 International Tower | 229 Peachtree St., NE | Suite 100 | Atlanta, GA 30303

**Education Technical Coordinating Committee -
 Meeting Minutes**

**November 12, 2019, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
 Harry West Room of ARC – 229 Peachtree St NE, Atlanta, GA 30303**

I. Welcome and Introductions

Attendance

Members Present:	
Lindsey Sanders	Henry County Water Authority
Devon Boullion	Fayette County Environmental Management Department
Jen McCoy	Cobb County Water System
Bob Bourne	Cobb County Water System
Brent Zern	DeKalb County Department of Watershed Management
Lori Forrester	Cherokee County Water and Sewerage Authority
Will England	Cherokee County Water and Sewerage Authority
Amy Warnock	Fulton County Water Resources
Terry Porter	City of Alpharetta Public Works Department
David Shelton	City of Stockbridge Water Department
Randy Willis	City of Stockbridge Water Department
Steven Hammond	City of Stockbridge Water Department
John Butler	Gwinnett County Water Resources
Andrew Hickey	Gwinnett County Water Resources
District Staff Present:	
Sarah Skinner	MWD, Education and Stakeholder Awareness
Danny Johnson	MWD, Manager
Justine Schwartz	MWD, Education and Stakeholder Engagement

II. Public Comment Period**

No public comments

III. 2022 Plan Update – Major Areas of Focus Recommendation

– *Danny Johnson, Metro Water District*

Presented. Comments are due Monday, November 25, 2019. Comments can be sent to comments@northgeorgiawater.com.

IV. Announcements

- [Middle School Essay Contest](#) – Reception December 11, 9:30am (arrive by 9:00am)

Winners will be selected by the judging committee on November 21. The event will be at the State Capitol on December 11 at 9:30am. TCC members who would like to be present to meet their jurisdiction's winner should plan to arrive by 9:00am.

- [Water Drop Dash](#) – March 21, 2020 - Call for Education Fair Booth Participants
Race registration will start soon on Active.com. The following utilities will participate with a booth at WDD:
 - *Clayton County – with mobile water unit*
 - *Douglasville-Douglas County – with mobile water unit*
 - *Fulton County*
 - *Forsyth County*
 - *DeKalb County*
 - *City of Dallas*
 - *Fayette County*
 - *Cherokee County*
 - *Cobb County*
- [T-shirt Design Contest](#) for Water Drop Dash
Contest opening this month. District requested TCC members please help share contest information.
- [High School Video Contest](#) - Opening early January
The topic for the 2020 Video Contest will be investing in infrastructure and human water cycle.
- 2020 Messaging Calendar
District staff will share the calendar soon.
- [Children's Water Festival Update](#) – Please confirm with your schools by the end of the year
The dates for the events are May 5th (Northern Fest) and May 8th (Southern Fest). TCC member, Jen McCoy was able to secure funding through the National Park Service for busing to the Northern Fest. The schools must be Title 1, and the students must be in 4th grade. There will be District funding in place for the schools participating in the Southern Fest and for schools participating in either festival that are not Title 1 and/or aren't able to send 4th graders. Should testing be scheduled during the week of the festivals, TCC members can and should reach out to private schools or ask their public school of choice to send a different grade. Second grade through fifth grade would be appropriate age levels for this event.
- [Materials Request](#) and most recent final edits (FOG info card and Flush This, Not That)
New and updated materials were distributed.
- Ask A Peer (your time to ask your peers about difficult outreach/messaging issues you may be experiencing)
Discussed.
- Announcements
 - i. GAWP Education Awards open through January 17th
If a utility is interested in applying and has questions, please direct those to Amy Warnock with Fulton County.

V. Lake Levels and Level 1 Drought Response Discussion

– Sarah Skinner, Metro Water District

Presented. The TCC requested that the District be more proactive in communicating directly with utility education and outreach staff when drought-related information is released.

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VI. Gwinnett County Water Resources Composting Workshops

– *John Butler, Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources*

Presented. The TCC requested that the District revive the composting handout that was created in the early days of the Clean Water Campaign. The material will be revised to include more information on how composting (especially composting yard debris) helps with water quality.

VII. 2020 Meeting Dates – All meetings in Harry West Room at ARC

- February 19
- August 19
- November 10

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