



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

**Education Technical Coordinating Committee -
 Meeting Summary**

February 18, 2021, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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To call into the meeting: 470-419-6063 | Conference ID: 600 230 653#

I. Welcome and Introductions

Members and Guests:	
Lindsey Sanders	Henry County Water Authority
Lyndsey Sargent	Douglasville-Douglas County Water and Sewer Authority
Nikki Belmonte	City of Roswell
Yolanda Boazman	City of Atlanta
Kim Davis	City of Atlanta
Rhonda West	City of Duluth
Tracy Thigpen	Coweta County Water and Sewerage Authority
Jen McCoy	Cobb County Water System
Jennifer Kobylus	Marietta Water
Michael O’Shield	DeKalb County Department of Watershed Management
Brenda Winston	DeKalb County Department of Watershed Management
Jennifer McLaurin	DeKalb County Roads and Drainage
Jennifer Arp	Cherokee County Water and Sewerage Authority
Kristen Howard	City of Gainesville
Tyler Simms	City of Gainesville
Amy Warnock	Fulton County Water
Andrew Hickey	Gwinnett County Water Resources
Jordan Girard	Gwinnett County Water Resources
Chris LaFleur	City of Doraville
Benjamin Martin	Fayette County Water
Terry Porter	City of Alpharetta
Brian Skeens	Jacobs
District Staff:	
Danny Johnson	MWD, Manager
Sarah Skinner	MWD, Education and Stakeholder Awareness
Justine Schwartz	MWD, Education and Stakeholder Engagement
Celine Benoit	MWD, Water Efficiency and Toilet Rebate Program

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II. Public Comment Period**

No public comments

III. Announcements

- [Water Drop Dash](#) (March 20) and Fix a Leak Week Update
The 9th Annual Water Drop Dash will be both virtual and in-person this year. Virtual runners can run at a time and location of their choosing any time during Fix a Leak Week. The City of Roswell did not award the permit to close the road for the traditional 5k road race route. Instead, the Chattahoochee Nature Center has mapped out a 5K route on their trails on campus. To provide a safe running experience, in-person runners will be assigned to 1 of 4 heats, with start times 30 mins apart. Runners will be required to wear masks while not running. There will not be an in-person Kids Fun Run or water festival this year. District staff is organizing a virtual water festival that will be promoted during Fix a Leak Week. District partners are encouraged to send Justine Schwartz all digital materials (activities, videos, virtual tours, etc.) they would like to include.
- [High School Video Contest - Now Open](#)
The topic this year will be, "How can you save water at home?" High schoolers will be asked to submit 'how-to' videos explaining how residents can use water meters, utility bills, and food coloring to monitor water use and check for leaks. Entries are due April 26th.
- Lake Lanier Water Supply Contract
The state of Georgia and many of our District water suppliers have been working on securing permanent access to water supply storage in Lanier since the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled about a decade ago that water supply is an authorized purpose of Lanier. We are pleased to share that the state received and executed the contract with the Corps this past month.
The contract requires the state to pay \$71M plus interest & O&M charges over time. It grants the volume of storage that equates to 222 mgd in yield plus another 20 mgd that is already under contract. This amount is based upon the District's projections from our 2017 Plan + 8 mgd for upstream counties. The next step is for Georgia to execute subcontract agreements with Forsyth, Cumming, Gainesville, Gwinnett & Buford for their share of the permitted capacity.
While these contracts are intended to provide water supply for water suppliers around the lake through 2050, as we know from prior decades, we must remain mindful of drought and our duty to be good stewards of our shared water resources.
- Legionella Awareness - [CDC Building Reopening Guidelines](#) and [AWWA Framework for Building Managers](#)
As commercial properties are opening back up after the extended period of shutdown during the COVID pandemic, District staff wanted education partners to be aware of resources that can be shared should utilities get questions and requests for assistance from building managers. The CDC and AWWA have created valuable resources to help building managers understand the risks and learn how to avoid them.
- Drought Options Menu
As part of the 2022 Plan update, the District is creating a drought options menu that will help utilities navigate the details and requirements of the different drought response levels as declared by GA EPD. District staff will be looking to TCC members for input on the menu as work on it gets underway.
- World Water Day Activities
No meeting attendees are participating in World Water Day Activities.
- Ask-A-Peer (your time to ask your peers about difficult outreach/messaging issues you may be experiencing)
Discussed.
- Announcements



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IV. Collaborating with Georgia Tech's Center for Serve-Learn-Sustain: Engineering Projects and More

- Ruthie Yow, PhD, Center for Serve-Learn-Sustain, Georgia Tech

Presented. District staff will send the presentation for future reference.

V. Cobb County Water System Virtual Fieldtrip Program

- Jen McCoy, Cobb County Water System

Presented. District staff will send information about the program to TCC members to share with their partner educators.

VI. Georgia Public Broadcasting Live Exploration May 6, 10:00am

- Sarah Skinner and Justine Schwartz, Metro Water District

Presented. District staff will share information about the program later in the spring, as the engagement strategy is currently being developed.

VII. Next meetings:

- Wednesday, August 11, 10am-12pm, location TBD
- Wednesday, November 17, 10am-12pm, location TBD

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