

Memorandum

To: Altamaha Regional Water Planning Council

From: Rick Brown and Katherine Zitsch

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Subject: State Water Plan Kickoff Meeting Minutes

This memorandum summarizes the meeting minutes of the Altamaha Regional Water Planning Council break-out session from the State Water Plan Kickoff Meeting on March 13, 2009.

1) Planning Contractors introduce themselves and their staff to Council

The Altamaha Planning Contractors introduced themselves to the members of the Altamaha Regional Water Planning Council.

2) Council members introduced themselves

Council members introduced themselves to the Planning Contractors and each other, giving their names, city or county represented, and position in local government, agriculture, or industry.

3) "Water Planning 35"

Council members wrote down their answers and engaged each other in conversation and answer ranking. After each Council member had scores from talking to five other members, Planning Contractors asked for answers starting with the highest scores and wrote down the top ten on a flip chart for the Council to discuss further. These are the results in order of descending point values:

- Ensure adequate resources for all the citizens of Georgia and preserve this commodity for future generations.
- Be fair.
- Need to come to consensus.
- Flexibility of plan to balance everyone's needs.

- Better utilize our water resources.
- Keep an open mind.
- Varied opinions/concerns, make effort to see the other side's opinions/concerns.
- Maximize access to water without excessive regulations and maintain quality and quantity of water supply.
- Use sound science.
- Important to recognize the water resources that we have.

4) Question cards were collected and submitted to EPD

Planning Contractors encouraged Council members to fill out blue question cards. Question cards were collected and submitted to an EPD representative.

5) Council Notebook Walk-Through

- a) Meeting agenda was discussed.
- b) Planning Contractors went over Water Development and Conservation Plan Template.
- c) State Water Plan Implementation Schedule was discussed.
- d) The general timeframes for future Council meetings were discussed.
- e) Methods of Communication were discussed.
- f) Planning Contractors asked each Council member to indicate on the April and May calendars what days that member would not be available for the next Council meeting. Planning Contractors collected the marked-up calendars from each Council member.
- g) Each Council member filled out the Meeting Evaluation and Planning Contractors collected them.

6) Planning Contractors solicited feedback and discussion from Council members

- a) CDM is setting up an email account at GeorgiaWater@cdm.com to manage all communications related to the Plan.

- b) CDM will coordinate an exact time and place for the next meeting and disseminate the information to all Council members as soon as possible. Meeting to be held in a central location within the Altamaha basin.

7) Wrap-up and Adjourn

EPD staff called for Council Break-Out sessions to close for final comments to entire group.

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