

## Memorandum

*To: Suwannee-Satilla Regional Water Planning Council*

*From: Rick Brown and Brian Keel*

*Date: 3/27/09*

*Subject: State Water Plan Kickoff Meeting Minutes*

This memorandum summarizes the meeting minutes of the Suwannee-Satilla 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 Suwannee-Satilla Planning Contractors introduced themselves to the members of the Suwannee-Satilla Regional Water Planning Council. The Planning Contractors gathered all blue question cards and submitted them to Gail.

2) Council members introduce 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. Planning Contractors passed around the contact information sheets and asked Council members to verify and update their information.

3) Planning Contractor's Facilitator explains "Water Planning 35" activity

The Facilitator explained the purpose of the activity and rules for completing the activity. Cards were handed out to Council members to use in the activity.

4) "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 them down on a flip chart for Council to see. These are the results in order of descending point values:

- Protect water resources for region, state and adjoining states.
- Water conservation and quality.
- Access to safe, clean and renewable water source.
- Finite water supply and population growth.
- Workable plan that meets goals of various water management strategies.
- Meet key water demands in a sustainable way.
- Protect quality of life and quality and quantity of water supply for all Georgians.
- Sufficient clean water supply and distribution back to rivers.
- Make decisions based on sound science.
- Sustain our water supplies for today and future generations, protect economic/environmental resources, and respect cultural history and private property interests.
- Conserve water for future generations.
- Keep water clean and safe for personal and agricultural use while protecting our aquifer.
- Meet needs of state water quality.
- Ensure water supply is not taken by regional, state, or federal interests.
- Protection and management of current water supplies.
- Respect private property while balancing effects on our neighbors.
- State and regional accountability, accessibility and availability and retain control of our own future.

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. All members of the Suwannee-Satilla Council agreed that email was their preferred method of communication.
  - f) Planning Contractors presented summary of the MOA.
  - g) Planning Contractors collected updated Council Contact Information
  - h) 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.
  - i) Each Council member filled out the Meeting Evaluation and Planning Contractors collected them.
  - j) Planning Contractors briefly presented the purpose and components of the State Water Plan.
  - k) Planning Contractors presented the Regional Water Planning Summary.
- 6) Planning Contractors solicited feedback and discussion from Council members
- a) Several council members stressed to the group that their role on the Regional Council was important and that it was very important for all members to fully participate and commit to the entire two-year process.
  - b) CDM is setting up an email account at [GeorgiaWater@cdm.com](mailto:GeorgiaWater@cdm.com) to manage all communications related to the Plan.
  - c) The next meeting will be held in April or May and will likely go from 10:00 to 4:00 or 9:00 to 3:00. Council members indicated days that that they are unavailable to meet during these months.
  - d) 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 Suwannee-Satilla basin.
- 7) Wrap-up and Adjourn

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

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