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Water Experts Selected To Serve On State Water Planning Advisory Panel

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has selected a panel of nationally and internationally recognized experts in the fields of science and engineering to provide expertise in the statewide water planning process.

“These people were chosen because of their knowledge and experience in water-related matters,” said EPD Director Carol A. Couch. “Their advice and guidance will help form the scientific foundation for regional water plans around the state.”

The Scientific and Engineering Advisory Panel consists of eleven experts from several universities, government agencies and an environmental organization. The panel members are as follows:

- David Allan-University of Michigan
- Bruce Beck-University of Georgia
- Mary Freeman-U.S. Geological Survey
- Aris Georgakakos-Georgia Institute of Technology
- Wendy D. Graham-University of Florida
- Jim Greenfield-U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4
- Todd Rasmussen-University of Georgia
- Kenneth H. Reckhow-Duke University
- Brian Richter-The Nature Conservancy
- Seth Rose-Georgia State University
- Amy Rosemond-University of Georgia

Specifically, the panel will provide advice to EPD on water resource assessments. Resource assessments are scientific evaluations of the capacity of the state’s water resources to supply water and to process pollution. Together, with forecasts of future demand, they will be used by the ten regional water planning councils to develop their respective water management plans.

The panelists will provide expertise on a range of subjects including hydrology, geology, engineering and ecology. Their expertise already has been used on projects in Georgia, across the nation and around the world.

Once complete, the resource assessments will be made available in order for interested stakeholders and the public to review them and offer comments. For more information on Georgia water planning go to www.georgiawaterplanning.org.

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