



## **Municipal and Industrial Water and Wastewater Forecast Summary**

EPD and the Planning Consultants have created a Water and Wastewater Forecast Workgroup to plan and coordinate the development of the municipal and industrial water and wastewater forecasting methodologies. The workgroup first met for a day long workshop on June 29, 2009, and has since met collectively on bi-weekly conference calls.

The Forecast Workgroup is developing a "White Paper" on municipal and industrial water and wastewater forecasting methodologies. The Planning Consultants will utilize the methodologies outlined in the white paper to consistently estimate regional water and wastewater projections. The white paper is divided into sections including municipal water, industrial water, municipal wastewater, industrial wastewater, and conservation. The Forecast Workgroup is coordinating the effort and will produce a unified product for all regions to follow. The workgroup will also develop a spreadsheet model based on the methodologies of the white paper so that the water and wastewater forecasts of each region can be developed from the same template.

The USGS report: *2005 Water Use in Georgia* and EPD permit data will serve as the primary source of water use information for developing the water and wastewater forecasts. Municipal water projections will be based on population projections, while industrial projections will be based on employment projections by region.

We are hoping to have information by Council meeting 3. We had hoped to send some of this information as pre-meeting material but it is not quite finished. We apologize for any inconvenience this might create.