

## Memorandum

*To: Coastal Georgia Regional Water Planning Council*

*From: Sue Morea and Brian Keel*

*Date: 3/27/09*

*Subject: State Water Plan Kickoff Meeting Minutes*

This memorandum summarizes the meeting minutes of the Coastal Georgia 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 Coastal Georgia Planning Contractors introduced themselves to the members of the Coastal Georgia 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, farming, 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 (point values were not given in meeting for results without number indicated below):

- 24 – Reach a consensus
- 23 – Balance economic, environmental, and conservation needs of the Region
- 21.5 – Balance of uses; balance of impacts
- 21.5 – Balance diverging interest in Plan
- 21 – Honest communication
- 20 – Consider other viewpoints
- 16 – Protect groundwater from saltwater intrusion
- Devise an all-inclusive plan of action
- Disagree without being disagreeable
- Critique ideas; don't criticize people
- Consider impacts beyond this generation and this group
- Keep an open mind for the future
- Engage in public outreach

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 Coastal Georgia 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) Roger Weaver indicated that coastal areas have had budget shortages in the past due to inefficient/incorrect census numbers. The Coastal Regional Water Plan will be based on forecasts through 2050. Camden County did not accept population data generated by Georgia Tech. We need to check our projections against the 2010 census and develop a methodology for population estimation that is accepted by everyone on Council.
  - b) Benjamin Thompson asked if the methodology for water demand projections would be the same throughout the Councils. Randall Morris replied that there are unique data available in the Coastal region as a result of the Coastal Comprehensive Master Development Plan (<http://www.georgiaplanning.com/coastal.htm>).
  - c) Larry Stuber asked how extensive the interaction between councils will be. Sue Morea responded that it will depend on issues that come up between councils. It is possible that we will find it advantageous to hold joint meetings with adjacent councils down the road.
  - d) Brian Keel is setting up an email account at [GeorgiaWater@cdm.com](mailto:GeorgiaWater@cdm.com) to manage all communications related to the Plan.

- e) 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 they are unavailable to meet during these months.
- f) The Coastal Council voted to hold its next meeting in Richmond Hill. CDM will coordinate an exact time and place and disseminate the information to all Council members as soon as possible.

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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