

LA/UE River Comprehensive Watershed Study

Study Management Group Quarterly Meeting

Rock Creek Park, Dawson County

May 2, 2008

Meeting Summary

In Attendance:

Jerry Jones, Malcolm Pirnie
Dean Trawick Mobile USACE
Tom Heard, CCWSA
David Kubala, CCWSA
Jennifer Lowe, CCWSA
Jim Parsons, CCMWA
Patrick Pherson, CCMWA
Karen Osborne, CCMWA
Chris Welsh, CCMWA
Lynn Tully, Dawson County
Brooke Anderson, EWSA
Doris Cook, EWSA

Tim Perkins, Forsyth County
Norman Pope, Pickens County
Brian Ruggs, Malcolm Pirnie
Mike Wooden, Malcolm Pirnie
Randy Booker, Malcolm Pirnie
Steven Davie, Tetra Tech
Chris Millard, Tetra Tech
Sam Stribling, Tetra Tech
Jennifer Welte, EPD
Don Schreiber, EPD
Chris Smith, USGS
Susan S. Raines, Facilitator

Start time: 10:00 a.m.

Summary of Discussions

- **Upcoming Schedule/Action Items**

June 20, 2008: Revised Draft WA distributed to sponsors via email.

July 8, 2008: WA Review Workshop: Leaders from local sponsors meet to give feedback on the revised draft WA. 9am-1pm in Canton. Lunch provided by Malcolm Pirnie. RSVP to MWooden@PIRNIE.COM

July 15, 2008: Sponsors comments due on the Revised Draft WA.

August 15, 2008: Next Quarterly Meeting for the LA/UE Group. 10a.m.-12:00 p.m. Forsyth County: Exact address TBA.

- **USACE Updates: Dean Trawick**

Please be sure to update your in-Kind costs as the project needs to be in balance as the involvement of the USACE winds down.

Authorities available for design and construct projects. Section 219 funds available for City of Atlanta CSO relief design and limited regional efforts. This existing authority and new WRDA 07 authorities can also be used for regional planning, design, and construction of environmental infrastructure and watershed protection/development (including stormwater) for counties surrounding the Metro area, provided Congress appropriates funds for specific locations and/or

Sponsors. Contact Dean if you have questions about USACE support for planning, design and construct projects.

Partnering Conference planned for the fall: How to do business with the Corps. What kind of funding is available and how to get it. Examples of successful projects; Technical support for small government entities seeking funding.

Kudos for this project: Best record of pre, during and post-drought water monitoring in the South E, if not the entire country.

- **Year 3 Ecological Monitoring Update: Sam Stribling, Tetra Tech**
The report will be in draft form within the next three weeks and will be incorporated into the watershed assessment (WA). All three years of the data from the ecological monitoring report will be included in the WA. Fieldwork for Year-3 Ecological monitoring was done in December 2007. By the end of May, each site will have a “good/fair/poor” assessment completed. By early August 2008 the draft report will be distributed to the Sponsors for comments with the final ecological assessment report completed by the end of August. Year 4 data collection will begin in December 2008.

At 10:30 a.m. Brooke Anderson was arrested in the meeting for violating County water restrictions and taken out in handcuffs (as part of a fundraiser!)

- **Watershed Assessment Update: Steven Davie, Tetra Tech**
Preliminary draft of the WA will be emailed out to the sponsors in PDF form by early next week. The Sponsor Review Guide was distributed at the meeting today. It includes a list of specific questions that the delivery team would like to have input on from the sponsors. Steven Davie showed the outline of the WA, which covers all of the issues required by EPD and integrates data gathered from this project. He also gave an overview of these issues in the report: wastewater, wastewater facilities, water supply, geology, land use, water supply table, RCRA and Superfund sites; 303(d) streams, watershed boundary, and mining sites. Next steps for the WA include: examining wasteload allocations, sediment modeling, and projected future growth.
- **Modeling Update: Steven Davie, Tetra Tech**
Lake Allatoona TMDL model update: Model for hydrology and water quality has been completed, as has the lake model for hydrodynamics. The lake model for water quality is still in process. TMDL models will be completed in late May 2008.

Steven Davie discussed wasteload allocation modeling as being part of the WA and a bridge to the Watershed Protection Plan (WPP).

EPD update regarding the TMDL Schedule: EPD is set to release the Lake Allatoona TMDL but the release of this TMDL might be delayed. The planned date for the draft TMDL release by EPD has been June 30th.

- **Watershed Protection Plan Update: Jerry Jones, Malcolm Pirnie**

The WPP will include: The characterization of the watershed will come from the WA; objectives/goals for the WPP will be developed with close coordination and direction from the sponsors; existing ordinances and policies will be reviewed with recommendations made; a public education plan will be developed; available protection and restoration practices will be defined; based upon; the outcomes of the previous mentioned efforts; an initial screening of management practices; the effectiveness of current and possible management plans will be assessed through the development of objective measures; prioritize final management practices.

Drafts of the WPP will be distributed to the Sponsors at the August 15 quarterly meeting and again in October 2008. The final WPP is scheduled to be completed in December 2008.

Note: For the purposes of sub-state water planning, there may be some counties that will also be impacted by the work of this group and additional collaboration could likely be called for.

- **Website/In-kind Services/ Data Viewer, Malcolm Pirnie**

If you are having any difficulties in logging your in-kind services via the website, or if you have any questions on the data viewer, please contact Mike Wooden at Malcolm Pirnie

End Time: 12:10 p.m.