

**Flint River Basin
Regional Water Development and Conservation Plan**

**September 12, 2005
Stakeholder Meeting Summary
Albany, GA**

Attendees – Stakeholder Advisory Committee:

James Lee Adams
Lucius Adkin
Dan Bollinger
John Bridges
Thomas C. Chatmon, Jr.
Vince Falcione
Tommy Greggors
Hal Haddock
Janet Moehle-Shelton
Mike Newberry
Kim Rentz
Steve Singletary
Jimmy Webb
Joe Williams

Technical Advisory Committee Members: Mark Masters, Woody Hicks, Rob Weller

Georgia Environmental Protection Division: Rob McDowell and Cliff Lewis

Facilitators: Dennis Epps, Louise Hill, Raye Rawls (Fanning Institute, University of Georgia)

Unable to Attend-Stakeholder Advisory Committee:

Charles (Chop) Evans
Chris Hobby
Bubba Johnson
John Leach
Marcus Waters

Introduction

The stakeholders discussed the meeting minutes from September 12, and several changes were suggested. A revised summary incorporating the changes will be posted on the project website, www.gadnr.org/frbp. One member questioned the water banking legislative recommendation and noted that the concept did not reflect the group's discussion. The minutes were further revised to clarify that the issue would be tabled at this time.

Review and Discussion of the Statement of Findings – Draft Plan

The stakeholders reviewed and discussed part of the draft plan - the 'Statement of Findings' - that they had received via e-mail. This statement included an overview of general concepts, recommendations the stakeholders made at the September 12 meeting, and legislative recommendations. Rob McDowell responded to several questions about how the Flint River Basin Water Development and Conservation Plan document related to the technical and legal strawman. Stakeholders were reminded that this meeting would not be the last opportunity to comment on the draft plan.

Participants reviewed and discussed the Statement of Findings line by line, with the facilitators recording suggested changes on the document. The Statement of Findings with the edits suggested by the stakeholders is incorporated by reference into this meeting summary and is attached at the end of the summary.

Future Meetings and Public Comment

Stakeholders were asked to send additional comments to Rob McDowell prior to the next meeting. Rob told the stakeholders that the final draft plan would not be completed until one day prior to the next scheduled meeting, September 22. Participants discussed rescheduling the next meeting to have more time to review the draft plan. The stakeholders decided to cancel the September 22 meeting and reschedule it on September 29. Rob committed to sending the stakeholders the final draft plan by September 22.

The following was received as public comment on the laptop computer:

"My name is Oscar Jackson and would like to enter into the record my September 12, 2005 memo regarding the Sherpa Guides report on the Flint River along with my comments. It is my view that the present Flint River Basin Plan Committee is doing an excellent job regarding the agriculture irrigation portion of the Flint River Basin study but have been prevented in studying all the aspects of the Flint River Basin including the reservoirs under construction and planned for the northern portion of the Flint River Basin. Georgia Law states, "Human Consumption comes first regarding water usage followed by manufacturing and agricultural usage." After the Atlanta sprawl gets established and there is another draught Southwest Georgia agriculture water will be cut off to supply flows across the Ga/Fl border

mandated in any Federal Court order resolving the ACF water issue. A copy of my September 12, 2005 is being passed out at this meeting and a copy for the record is located under this UGA laptop. Thanks"

Mr. Jackson also made available a seven-page handout entitled "Memo – September 12, 2005 – To: Interested Parties ACT/ACF FYI – From: Oscar." A copy of that document may be obtained by contacting Dr. Jackson at 1039 College Street, Bainbridge, GA, telephone 229/246-3238.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

All meeting dates, times, locations and directions will be posted on the Flint River Basin Plan website, www.gadnr.org/frbp. Future meetings include:

September 29 – Stripling Irrigation Center, Camilla, 7:30 am to 3 pm

October 6 – River Resource Center, Albany, time TBD

The website and e-mail for the project are as follows:

WEBSITE: www.gadnr.org/frbp

E-MAIL: frbplan@dnr.state.ga.us

** Any questions about or corrections to these meeting notes should be directed to Dennis Epps (706) 542-6244 (epps@fanning.uga.edu), Louise Hill (706) 542-7026 (lhill@fanning.uga.edu) or Courtney Tobin (706) 542-7149 (ctobin@fanning.uga.edu), meeting facilitators, Fanning Institute, University of Georgia.