



Georgia's

State Water Plan

Water Council Update

Council Meeting 4 – November 11, 2009

Middle Chattahoochee Water Planning Council
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Governor's Water Contingency Task Force

- Governor formed Water Contingency Task Force as part of overall response to Judge Magnuson's July ruling regarding Lake Lanier
- One of the strategies includes contingency planning, which is the focus of the task force (other actions include Appeal, Negotiations, Congressional Reauthorization, as directed by Judge Magnuson in ruling)
- Task Force comprised of over 80 business, environment, and government leaders; Coca-Cola Enterprises Chairman and CEO John Brock and Tim Lowe of Lowe Engineers are serving as co-chairs of the task force
- Met for first time on October 7th; will hold 2 more meetings and present recommendations before January 2010 legislative session
- Update from Council Chair or Participating Member of Task Force

Alan Barnes appointed new EPD Director



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Barnes Appointed to Serve as Georgia EPD Director

ATLANTA (October 28, 2009) – The Georgia Board of Natural Resources today appointed F. Allen Barnes as the Director of the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

Mr. Barnes served as Chief of Staff of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4 office in Atlanta. While at EPA, he worked with senior management and staff on compliance, permitting, enforcement and policy matters related to air and water pollution, and solid and hazardous waste management.

State Water Plan – Ongoing Commitment

Next steps:

- EPD will issue the preliminary results of the baseline resource assessments in mid-January.
- Water and wastewater forecasts have been under development throughout 2009.
- These data and information effort will allow regional leaders to have the best available information to identify the most appropriate water management practices for their regions.
- This information will ultimately lead to the creation of Water Development and Conservation Plans that will guide permitting in each region.