

MEETING SUMMARY

Georgia Association of Water Professionals - Wastewater Collections System Committee Meeting (WCSC)

DATE: Thursday, March 26, 2009, 11:30 to 1:30

WHERE: CDM Hosted In-person Meeting
3715 Northside Drive
Atlanta

ATTENDEES:

Darryl Macy, Macon Water, Chair
Mary B. Jacques, CH2M HILL, Co Chair
Charles Ecton, Clayton Co. Water Authority, Vice Chair
Blanche Johnson, GAWP
Heather Veal, Macon Water
Jeff Boss, Gwinnett Co.
Rob Bocarro, Brown and Caldwell
Scott Helfrick, IDEX Corp
Robin Rosen, Woolpert
Roy Herwig, Woolpert
Jeff Westbrook, CDM
Pat Rogers, Hazen and Sawyer
Hatem El-Sayegh, JJG (via phone)
James Drake, Clayton Co. Water Authority
Nicole Wien, PBSJ
Elio Arniella, Halcrow
Kieu Ann Tran, QSI World
Wes Haskell, Pumps Ebara
Chad Horner, Gwinnett County

FROM: Mary Beth Jacques

AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED:

1. **Upcoming Schedule:** Meetings are held the 4th Thursday of every month (alternating with Teleconferences and in-Person meetings).
 - The next meeting will be via Teleconference, April 23, 2009. Call-in number to be distributed.

- Kieu Ann is checking on Scott Chandler Plant in DeKalb County for the Meeting on May 28th, 2009.
2. **Program Sub-Committee** - Rob Bocarro and Hatem El-Sayegh
 - a. Spring Conference: The committee will have two sessions at the April 14-15 Conference in Macon, GA. Speakers and papers are confirmed.
 - b. Annual Conference: The committee has two sessions at the August 9-12 Annual Meeting. Both sessions are on August 11th. Rob Bocarro and Hatem El-Sayegh are reviewing abstracts, and are requesting submittal now. Committee discussed hosting Audit Collection System of the Year new Form and Guidance training on Monday, August 10 during lunch meeting (11:00 to 1:00).
 3. **Collection System of the Year** - Jeff Westbrook. The sub-committee has revised the format and grading system for the Audit program and met from 10:30 to 11:30 to review the content. The sub-committee will meet again at the in-person meeting in May to review the Audit form and the corresponding guidance. The deadline for applications is August 31 (applications accepted on August 7). Audits will be conducted mid-September, 2009. Jeff Westbrook will submit information to GAWP to include in the News/Notes. The Sub-committee (Jeff Westbrook, Darryl Macy, Heather Veal, Jeff Boss, Elio Arniella, and Mary Beth Jacques) has designated sections to pull together for the guidance document which will be due back to Jeff Westbrook April 13th so it can be collated into one document for review.
 4. **Golden Manhole Award** - Roy Herwig. Award is for utilities and consultants, for staff that are outstanding in their field. Five people are awarded each year. The sub-committee will consider giving a point in the Audit Award Form for those utilities who nominate a member. Roy Herwig, Scott Helfrick, Srinivas Jalla, and Darryl Macy plan to meet with Jack Dozier regarding the award.
 5. **Library Sub-committee** - Pat Rogers, Michelle Marston, Danyale Smith Berthelot, Bryon Wagoner (GAWP). Pat Rogers stated that our GWEF site is up and running. The sub-committee has developed an outline for committee submittals. The preferred format for submittals is PDFs, JPGs, or unformatted Microsoft Word files (which can be cut and pasted into an email). The outline of document needs is submitted with these Meeting Minutes (email distribution) for immediate submittal. **Please submit to Bryon Wagoner immediately for upload and copy Michelle Marston for tracking.** The sub-committee has established a deadline of **April 30, 2009** for first round of submittals. Meeting minutes, papers from conferences, pictures, and the Consent Agreement are just a few of the items needed immediately.

6. **Knowledge Pipeline Workshops** – Roy Herwig and Rob Bocarro (in addition to Jeff Boss, Ken Jacob, and Darryl Macy). This new joint GAWP and WCSC initiative, in coordination with District Directors, has the goal of providing workshops to utilities outside metro-Georgia. The Committee’s 2009 Knowledge Pipeline Initiative will provide half-day workshops on topics primarily of interest to operators and field staff (with hands-on demonstrations). Four PDH points will be given to attendees. Consultants and service providers that participate in this initiative are allowed to provide information on their services in the form of marketing materials and brochures. Presenters are invited from all arenas, not exclusively from the WCSC. The mailing list of attendees will be provided to presenters. May 7th is the date of the first workshop at Cobb County Water at their training facility and yard. A June date is established for the Augusta workshop. Albany and Valdosta are also selected areas for the workshop. Topics to include, but not limited to: condition assessment, CCTV, FOG, flow monitoring and meters, service provider’s demonstrations, and flushing and TV trucks. Cost established at \$69 including lunch. Time: 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Roy will send topics to Blanche Johnson at GAWP. Final note – if a consultant or service provider would like to pay for lunch, money will be submitted to GAWP for their new building fund.
7. **Sewer Line Drain Issue:** Darryl Macy reported on the issue regarding low-flow appliances and lack of sufficient flow in sewer lines. Jack Dozier and Srinivas Jalla (Gwinnett Co.) will discuss with Darryl Macy in more detail. Rob Bocarro has conducted research in this area and will consider providing a paper on this issue at a future conference.
8. **Committee Chain-of-Command:** Darryl Macy – Chair; Mary Beth Jacques – Co-Chair, Charles Ecton – Vice Chair, and Robin Rosen and Heather Veal – Administrative Chairs. These positions are held for one year (beginning and ending in August). Scott Helfrick is a potential candidate for Vice Chair in August. Jeff Westbrook had to decline due to out of state assignment. The committee aims to alternate between utility and consultant appointments.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.