

MEETING SUMMARY

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

DATE: Thursday, April 23, 2009, 12:00 pm

WHERE: Teleconference

ATTENDEES:

Mary B. Jacques, CH2M HILL, Co Chair
Heather Veal, Macon Water
Jeff Boss, Gwinnett Co.
Rob Bocarro, Brown and Caldwell
Robin Rosen, Woolpert
Jeff Westbrook, CDM
Hatem El-Sayegh, JJG
Kieu-Anh Tran, Q Solutions
Timmy Vaughn, Cobb County
Michelle Marston, CH2M Hill

FROM: Robin Rosen

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 at Scott Candler Water Treatment Plant in DeKalb County at 11:30 am on May 28, 2009 in the Training Room. Q Solutions is sponsoring lunch. 4830 Winters Chapel Road, Doraville, GA 30360 (Directions to be provided).
 - The June 25, 2009 meeting will be via teleconference.

2. **Program Sub-Committee** - Rob Bocarro and Hatem El-Sayegh
 - a. **Spring Conference:** The committee held two sessions at the April 14th - 15th Conference in Macon, GA. The sessions were well attended. Future presentations will be reviewed to ensure less vendor information and more technical information is provided.
 - b. **Annual Conference:** The committee will have two sessions at the August 9th -12th Annual Meeting. Both sessions are on August 11th.

Rob Bocarro and Hatem El-Sayegh are reviewing abstracts and will finalize the presenters soon. Abstracts still can be submitted and will be used to develop a theme for the Annual and Fall Conference Sessions. Committee discussed hosting Audit Collection System of the Year new Form and Guidance training on Monday, August 10th during a lunch meeting (11:00 to 1:00). This will be discussed with the conference sub committee at their next meeting.

3. **Collection System of the Year** – Jeff Westbrook. The sub-committee has revised the format and grading system for the Audit program. The sub-committee will meet again at the in-person meeting in May to review the Audit form and the corresponding guidance. Applications by utilities will be accepted as early as August 7th and the deadline is August 31st. Audits will be conducted mid-September, 2009. Jeff Westbrook will submit the announcement to GAWP to be included in the News/Notes. The members of the sub-committee (Jeff Westbrook, Darryl Macy, Heather Veal, Jeff Boss, Elio Arniella, and Mary Beth Jacques) have each been assigned sections of the guidance document to be drafted. First draft sections are due back to Jeff Westbrook on April 27th so they can be collated for review. Teleconference to discuss the Guidance is April 30. Notice of the meeting will be sent via email.
4. **Golden Manhole Award** – Roy Herwig. The award is for utilities and consultant staff that are outstanding in their field. Awards are made to five people each year. The sub-committee will consider giving an extra point on the Audit Award Form for those utilities who nominate a member. Roy Herwig, Scott Helfrick, Srinivas Jalla, and Darryl Macy met with Jack Dozier on April 3rd regarding the award. An update will be given at the next committee meeting in May.
5. **Library Sub-committee** – Pat Rogers, Michelle Marston, Danyale Smith Berthelot, Bryan Wagoner (GAWP). Our GWEF site is up and running. The sub-committee has sent out 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 has been distributed via email for immediate submittal. **Please submit to Bryan Wagoner immediately for upload and copy Michelle Marston and Darryl Macy.** Everyone on the subcommittee is asked to submit at least one item by April 30th and a second item by May 31st. In general, submittals should include information that would be useful to utilities in collection system O&M.
6. **Knowledge Pipeline Workshops** – Roy Herwig and Rob Bocarro (in addition to Steering Committee: Jeff Boss, Ken Jacob, and Darryl Macy). This new joint GAWP and WCSC initiative has the goal of providing workshops to utility personnel outside metro-Georgia. May 7th is the date of the first workshop at

Cobb County Water at their training facility and yard. The second workshop has been set for June 23rd in Augusta. Topics for the first workshop include: smoke testing and dyed water flooding, flow monitoring, pumps and pump station maintenance, manhole inspections, root management, sewer blockage characterization, and hands-on sessions on pumps, smoke testing, pole cameras and flow monitoring. Roy is reviewing presentations from team. The workshop cost is \$69 including lunch. Time: 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The first workshop has been advertised heavily by GAWP in their publications, both paper and on-line and at the Macon conference last week. Final note – if a consultant or service provider would like to sponsor for lunch, money will be submitted to GAWP for their new building fund.

7. **Sewer Line Drain Issue:** Rob Boccaro has conducted research on low flow appliances and lack of sufficient flow in sewer lines and is considering providing a paper on this issue at a future conference if there is deemed adequate interest. Rob to talk with Darryl about utilities that experience this problem and if this is of high interest to GAWP.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.