

MINUTES
STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE
MARCH 23, 2005
MARIETTA, GEORGIA

Present were Stakeholder Advisory Board members Alice Champagne, Jim Hamilton (Chair), Jo Ann Macrina, and Greg Teague. Also, present were Soil and Water Conservation Commission employees Michaelyn Rozar and Bobbie Holt. Interested parties in attendance included Seth Yurman (Georgia Water Pollution and Control Association), Lane Bishop (Bishop & Associates), Butch Watson (Gaskins Surveying Company).

Mr. Hamilton opened the meeting by summarizing key objectives for today's meeting. He stated that the Subcommittee needed to come to a consensus regarding course outlines for Level IB and Level II training and that the Subcommittee recommendations be handed to the full Board on March 30, 2005.

Ms. Rozar presented a revised agenda for the April 13, 2005 pilot course. She explained that changes had been made based on internal Conservation Commission review and staff recommendations. A presentation relating to GESA was split to allow for a separate presentation on Stream Buffers. An additional presentation was added entitled "Field Maintenance of Best Management Practices." Ms. Rozar explained that this presentation would illustrate maintenance issues by showing pictures of both good and bad sites. She emphasized the need for real field examples.

The Subcommittee expressed appreciation for staff's efforts and agreed with the changes as described. The Subcommittee, at the recommendation of Ms. Champagne, agreed to add information to the stream buffer section pertaining to federal permitting. The title of the course section was changed to read "Stream Buffers and Stream Impacts."

Ms. Rozar continued by introducing a revised Level IB agenda. She stated that each course would have different presentations to reach the target audience. Ms. Champagne again recommended that additional information be added relating to stream impacts and the Board agreed.

Ms. Champagne also recommended that Mr. Hamilton and Director Bennett meet with a representative of EPD to discuss the role of agencies and what information will be presented in the Level IB course. She emphasized the need for all agencies to be on the same page pertaining to enforcement issues.

Ms. Rozar introduced a revised Level II agenda and stated that Ms. Macrina's and Dr. Shahlaee's outlines had been used to create the new agenda. The Subcommittee discussed the Level II agenda extensively and decided to send emails regarding re-arranging the schedule. The Subcommittee decided to

combine sections relating to effective plan design and hydrology to create a section on the entire Design approach. Ms. Macrina volunteered to draft the new section.

The Board members present agreed to form a SWAT team to focus on Level II outlines and presentations. Ms. Rozar thanked the members for offering their expertise and stated the Mr. Bennett would be pleased to have their insight as well. The members also expressed appreciation for staff's efforts in outlining the courses.

The meeting was adjourned with members agreeing to send emails discussing the Level II course.

Submitted by

Michaelyn Rozar