

Evaluation of Regional Water Plan Kick-Off Meeting

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INTRODUCTION

In March of 2009, members of Georgia's 10 regional water planning councils attended a kick-off meeting at the Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta to begin the process of developing their own regional water plans. Governor Sonny Perdue, EPD Director Carol Couch, Representative and Altamaha Regional Water Council Member Lindsay Thomas, and Dr. Jim Kundell of the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government were among the speakers at the day long event.

At the conclusion of the day, attendees were asked to fill out a brief survey to evaluate the kick-off meeting; 241 participants turned in completed surveys. The number of completed survey evaluation forms varies slightly by region but most regions were represented by approximately the same number (see Table 1). The Survey Research Unit at the Carl Vinson Institute of Government helped develop the survey instrument and was responsible for digitizing, and analyzing the data collected on that day. A copy of the survey instrument can be found in Appendix A at the back of this report.

Table 1. Completed Evaluations by Region

Region	Number	Percent
Coosa - North Georgia	18	8%
Suwannee - Satilla	26	11%
Upper Oconee	29	12%
Savannah - Upper Ogeechee	27	11%
Coastal Georgia	22	9%
Middle Ocmulgee	27	11%
Middle Chattahoochee	22	9%
Upper Flint	22	9%
Altamaha	21	9%
Lower Flint - Ochlockonee	27	11%
Total	241	100%

Respondents were asked a number of questions on the survey to gauge the overall satisfaction with the kick-off meeting as well as specific topics such as understanding the characteristics of water resources and users in Georgia. The survey also asked the degree to which the kick-off meeting helped to understand the roles and responsibilities of Regional Water Planning Council Members and the goal of regional water planning in

general. The results section details the overall responses to these questions along with results analyzed by region; Appendix B contains tables showing all the data by region.

In addition to closed-ended quantitative questions, respondents were given the opportunity to write about anything they felt was missing from the meeting, anything else they wanted to learn more about or explore, about the meeting facilities or any other relevant comments. These comments are presented verbatim in Appendix C.¹

This report details the findings from that data; all interpretations and conclusions reached from the data are solely those of the survey research team.

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¹ Due to some difficulty interpreting the penmanship on some responses, there are gaps in the verbatim responses; the survey research team did not venture into interpreting any responses that were not completely clear.

RESULTS

Overall Satisfaction. The overwhelming majority of respondents felt that the kick off meeting met or exceeded their expectations (79% and 12%, respectively) (see Figure 1). When analyzed by region, the same general pattern is true with more respondents feeling their expectations were met or exceeded than not. The percentage of regions reporting the meeting exceeded their expectations ranged from 0% to 33% (see Figure 2).

Figure 1: Percent Reporting Overall Satisfaction with Kick-Off Meeting

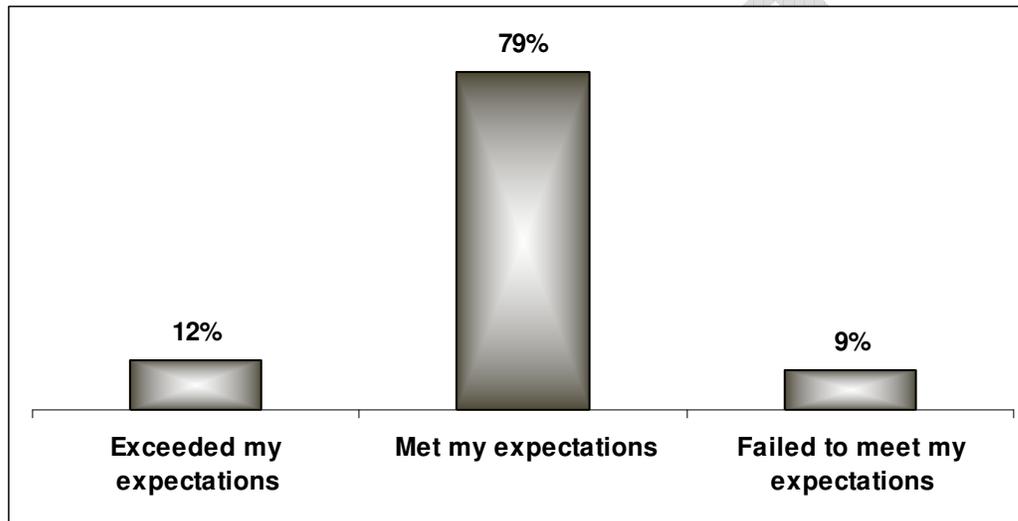
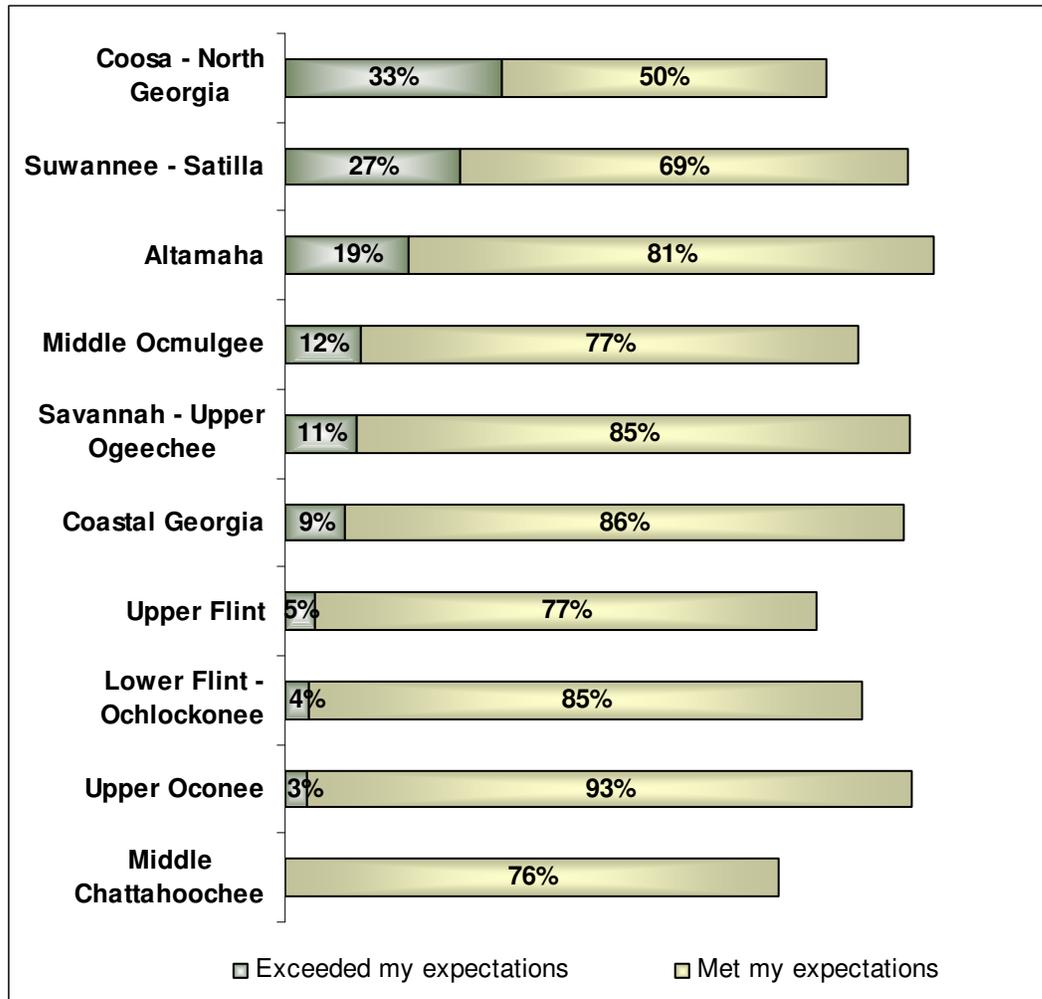
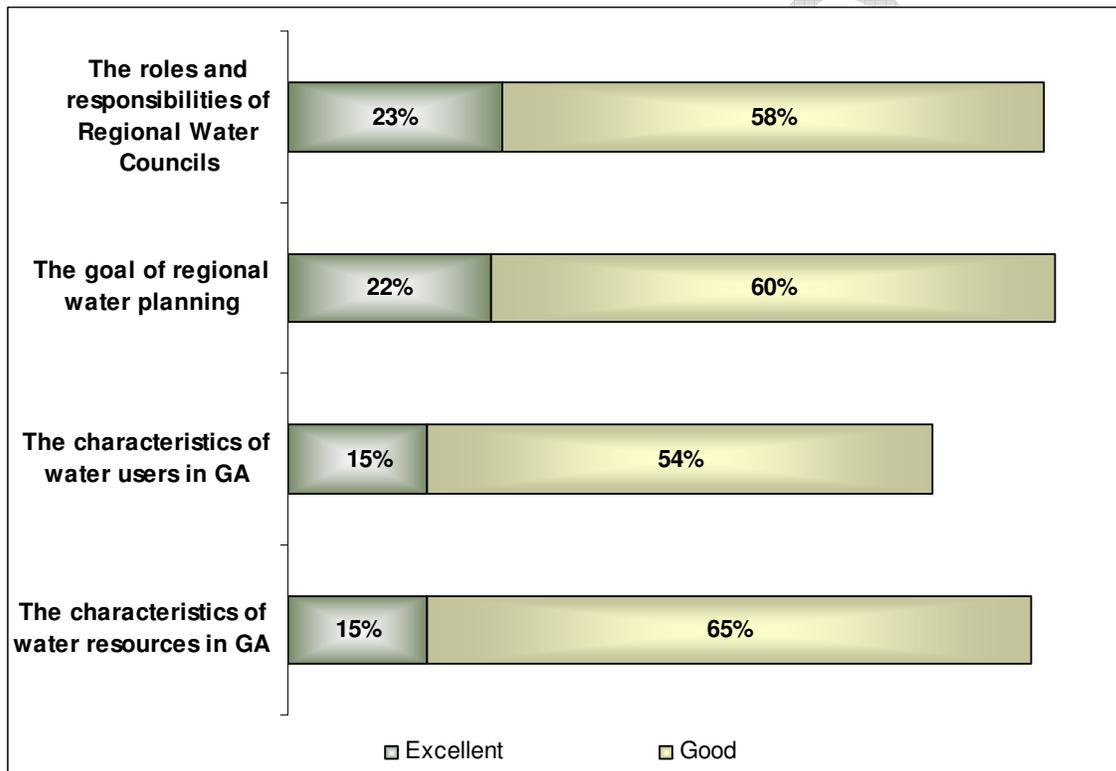


Figure 2: Percent Reporting Overall Satisfaction with Kick-Off Meeting by Region



In order to examine particular aspects of the kick-off meeting respondents were asked to rate the kick-off meeting on its ability to help them understand various aspects presented during the event (see Figure 3). By and large, respondents felt that the kick-off meeting did the best job of helping them understand the goal of regional water planning followed by helping to understand the roles and responsibilities of Regional Water Councils. The lowest ratings were found in the area of helping participants to understand the characteristics of water users in Georgia (see Figure 3).

Figure 3: Percent Rating the Meeting on Helping Them to Understand...



Networking Opportunities. Overall, the majority of respondents (64%) felt that the kick-off meeting gave them ample opportunities to get to know the people they would work alongside with during the regional water planning process (see Figure 4). As a whole, virtually no respondents (1%) reported feeling as if there were no networking opportunities but overall 35% did say they felt as if there could have been more chances to get to know their counterparts from other regional districts. These responses varied widely (from 44% to 90%) when examined by region although all but one region had a majority of respondents reporting ample opportunities to network with their colleagues (see Figure 5).

Figure 4: Percent of Respondents Reporting on Opportunities to Network

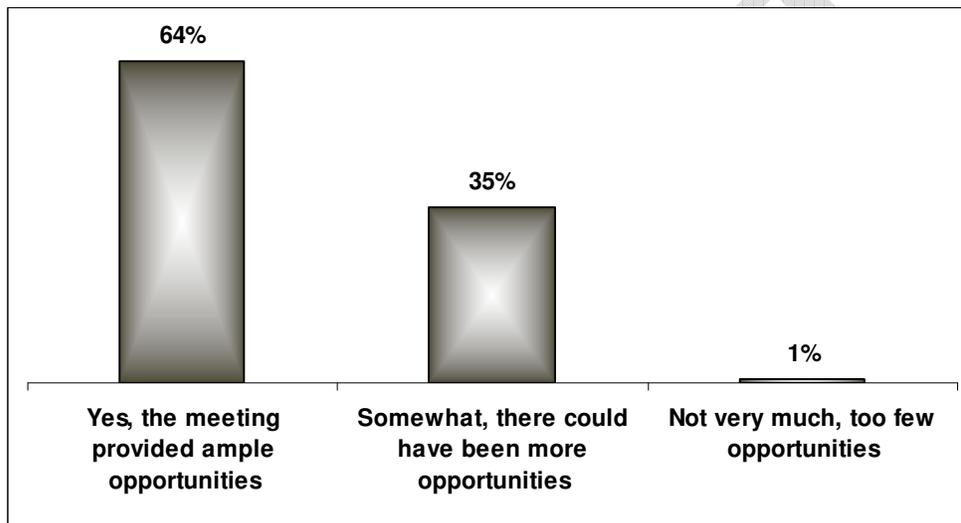
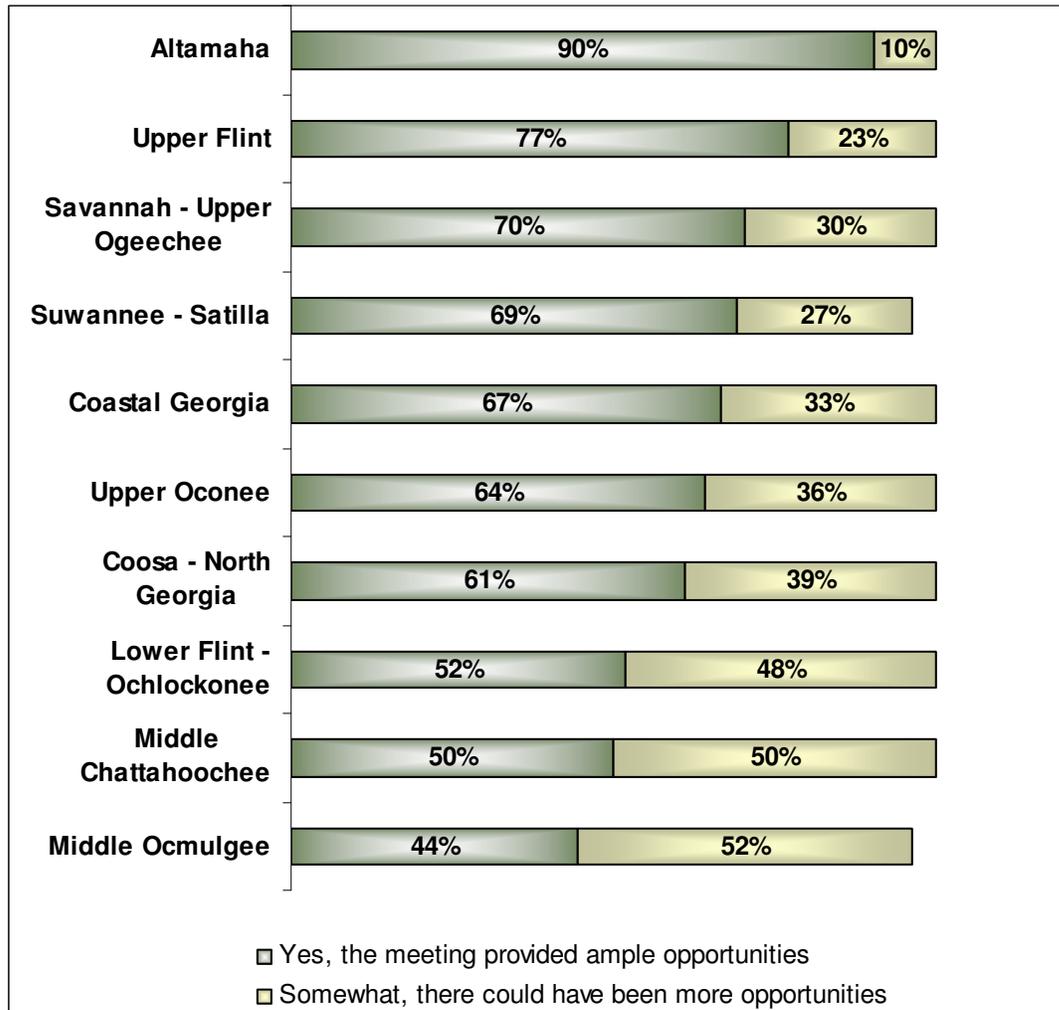


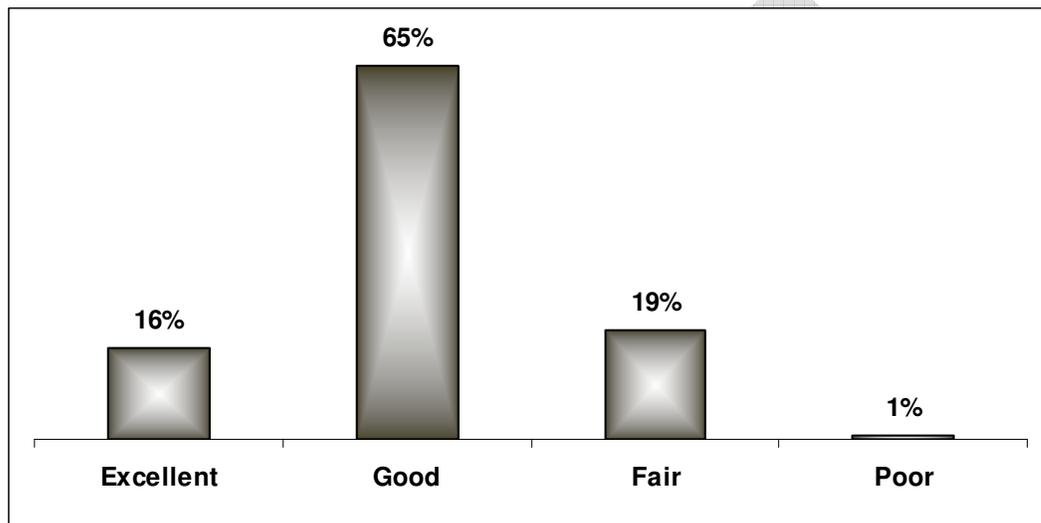
Figure 5: Percent of Respondents Reporting on Opportunities to Network by Region



Water Resources & Users. When it comes to water resources and water users in Georgia, most respondents felt as if the kick-off meeting did a good job of providing a better understanding of both.

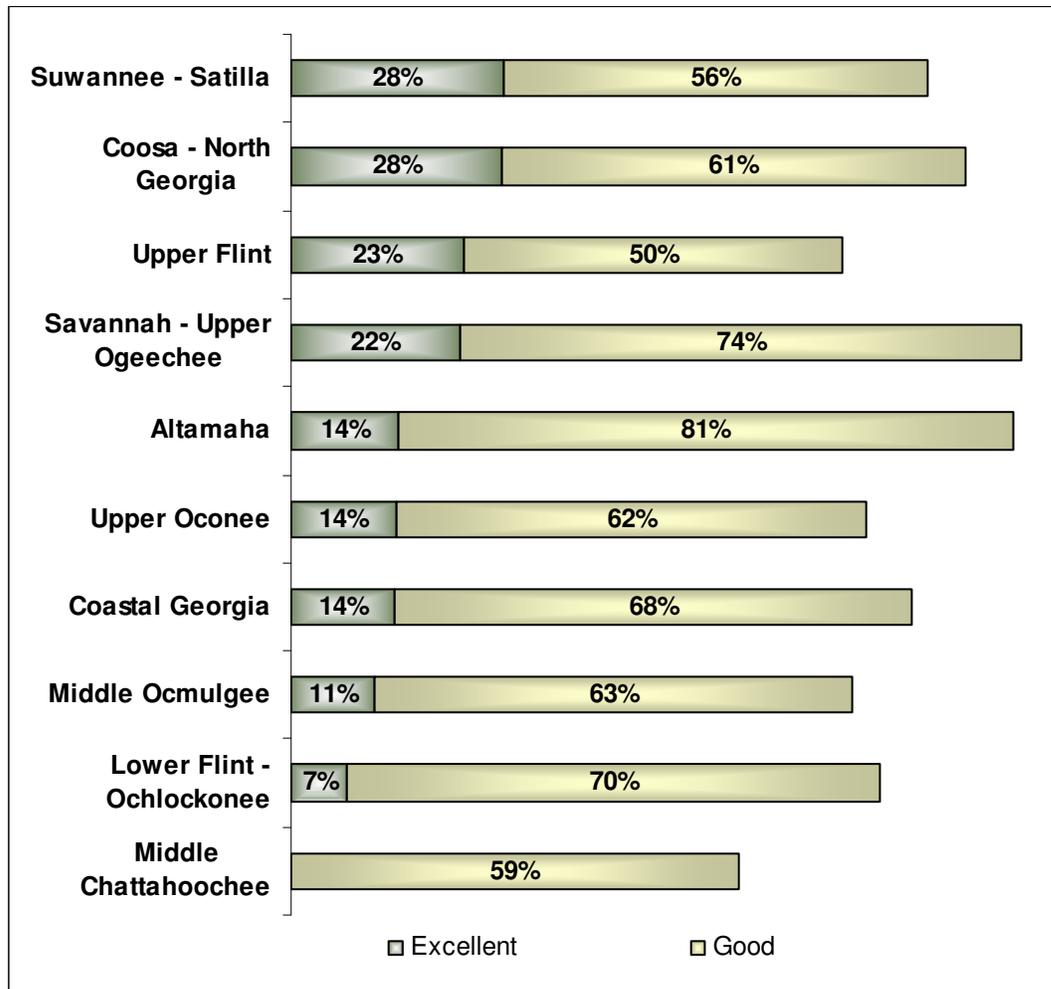
When looking only at understanding the characteristics of water resources, 65% of respondents said that it did a good job and an additional 16% felt as if the kick-off meeting did an excellent job. Only one in five rated the kick-off meeting as either fair (19%) or poor (1%) (See figure 6).

Figure 6: Percent Respondents Rating the Kick-Off Meeting's Ability to Help Understand Characteristics of Water Resources in Georgia



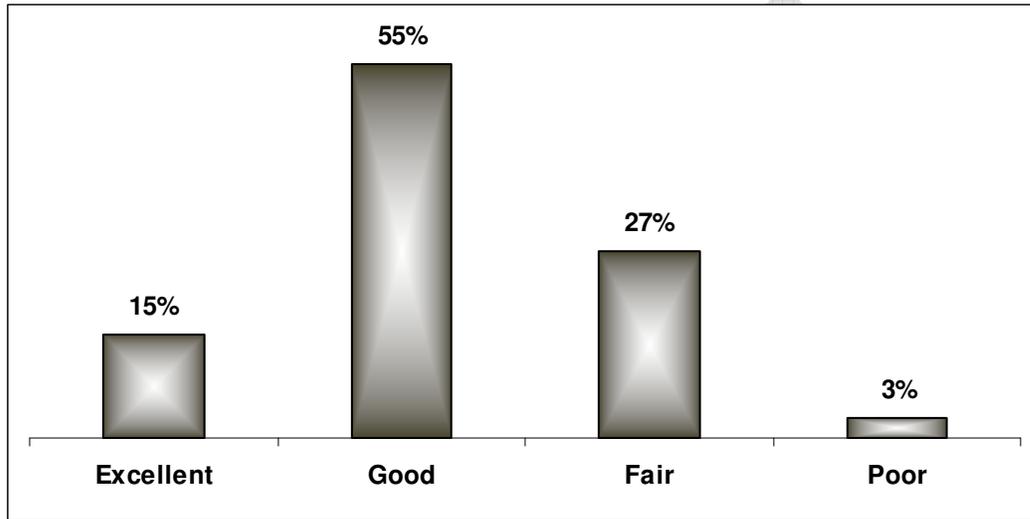
If the results are broken down by region, respondents in Coosa-North Georgia and Suwannee –Satilla regions were the most likely to rate the meeting as excellent (28%) and respondents in Middle Chattahoochee were the least likely (0%) (see Figure 7). While the variation in ratings is high, there does not appear to be any meaningful statistically significant differences.

Figure 7: Percent Respondents Rating the Kick-Off Meeting's Ability to Help Understand Characteristics of Water Resources in Georgia by Region



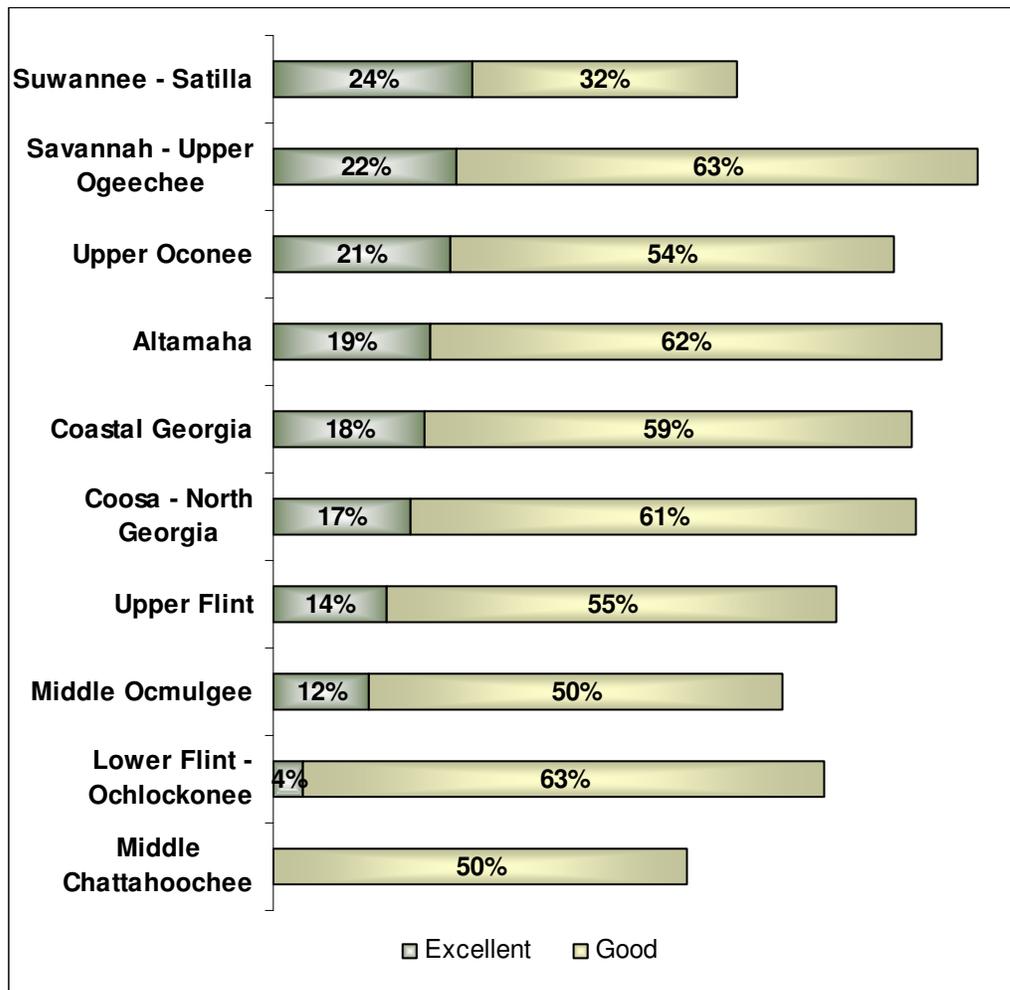
As for the kick-off meeting's ability to provide a better understanding of water users in Georgia, the majority of respondents (55%) said they did a good job and an additional 15% said the meeting did an excellent job. However, one-third of respondents said the meeting did either a fair (27%) or poor (3%) job of helping them to understand the characteristics of water users in Georgia (see Figure 8).

Figure 8: Percent Respondents Rating the Kick-Off Meeting's Ability to Help Understand Characteristics of Water Users in Georgia



The results by region, as has been the case consistently, vary widely by region. While there is still a majority of each region that rates the meeting as either excellent or good, the range is between 50% on the low end to 85% on the high end (see Figure 9).

Figure 9: Percent Respondents Rating the Kick-Off Meeting's Ability to Help Understand Characteristics of Water Users in Georgia by Region



Roles & Responsibilities. Overall, nearly all respondents felt as if the kick-off meeting did either an excellent (24%) or good (58%) job of helping them to understand the roles and responsibilities of Regional Water Planning Council members (see Figure 10). The same basic trend of responses held when analyzed by region with the exception of the Middle Chattahoochee Region which was the only region with less than a majority rating the meeting as either excellent or good (see Figure 11).

Figure 10: Percent Reporting the Kick-Off Meeting's Ability to Help Understand the Roles and Responsibilities of Regional Water Planning Council Members.

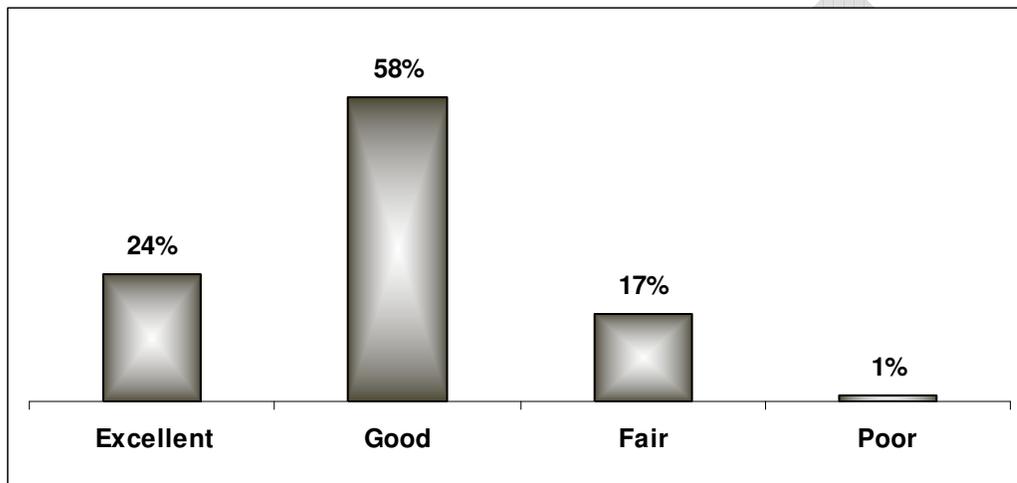
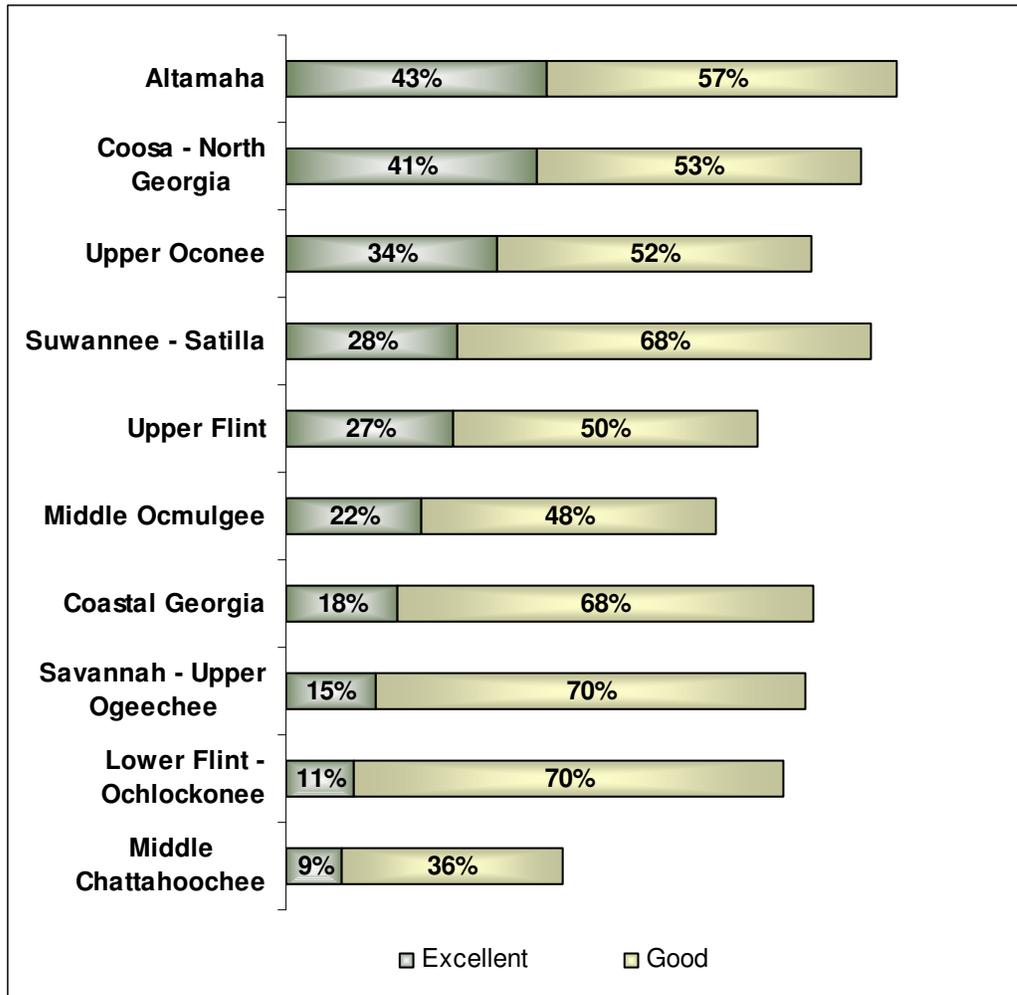
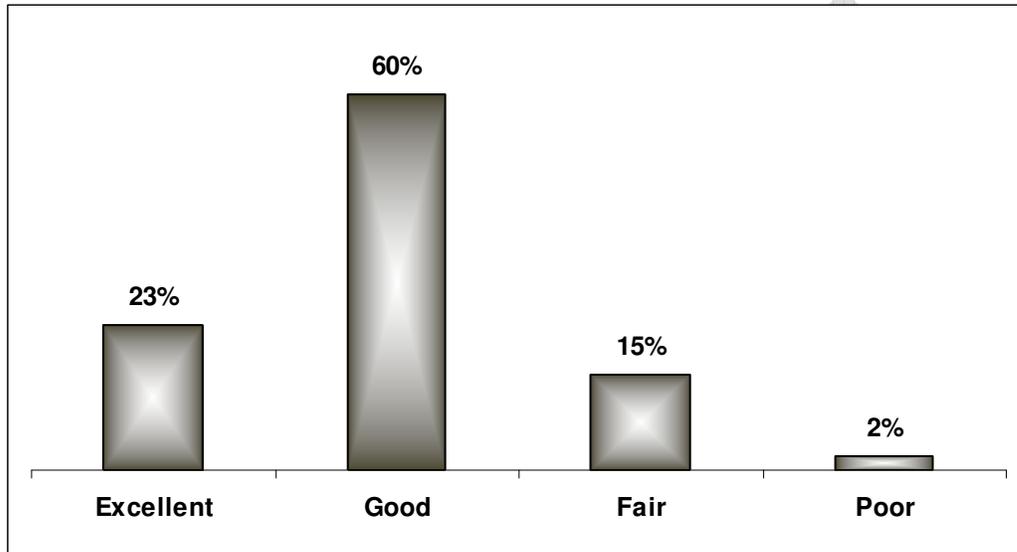


Figure 11: Percent Reporting the Kick-Off Meeting's Ability to Help Understand the Roles and Responsibilities of Regional Water Planning Council Members by Region



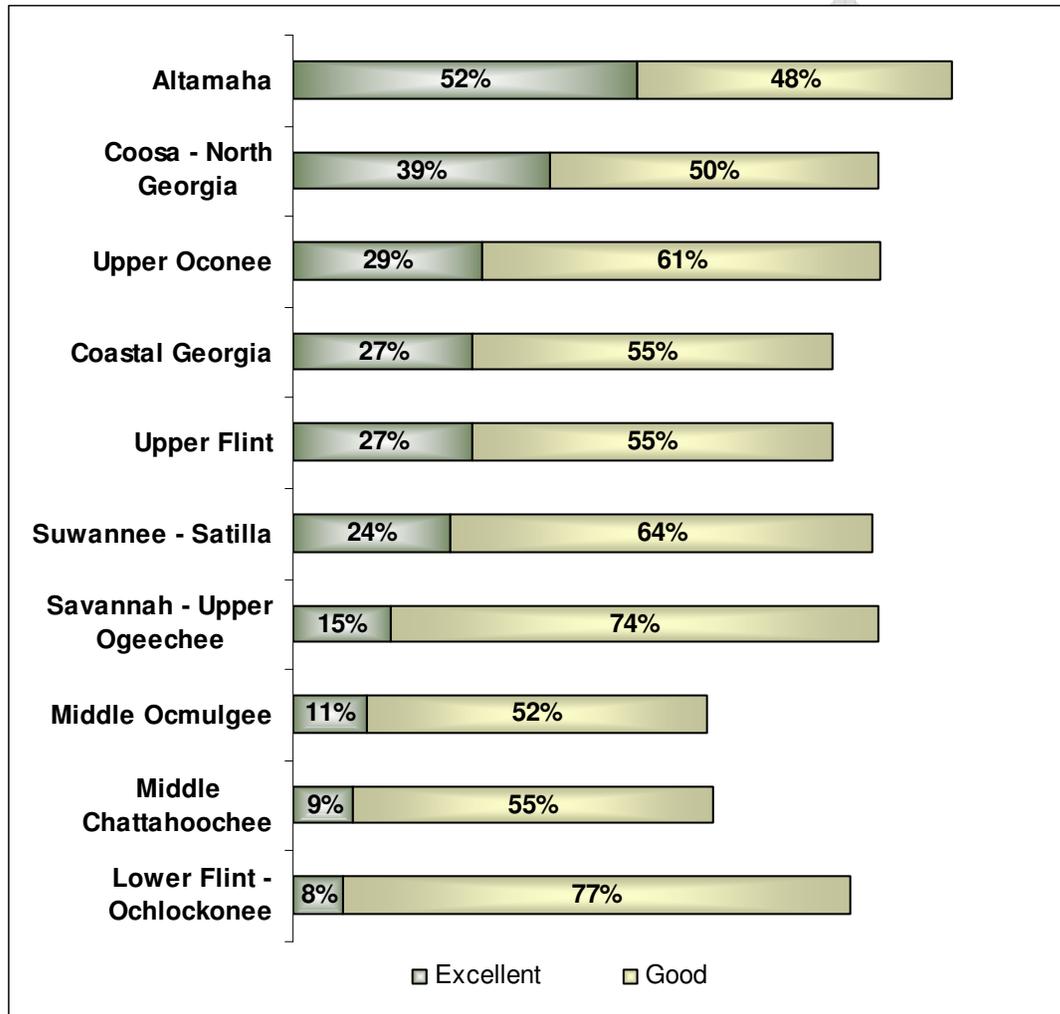
Goals of Regional Water Planning. Nearly one in four (23%) respondents said felt that the Kick-off Meeting did an excellent job of helping them to understand the goal of regional water planning while the majority (60%) said it did a good job. Relatively few respondents felt the meeting did a fair (15%) or poor (2%) job (see Figure 12).

Figure 12: Percent Reporting the Kick-Off Meeting's Ability to Help Understand the Goal of Regional Water Planning



The overall level of satisfaction is similar when analyzed by region. Again, there is wide variation in ratings; for example, excellent ratings range from 8% to 52% and good ratings vary from 48% to 77% (see Figure 13). However, as mentioned previously there does not appear to be any meaningful explanation for the statistical differences by regions.

Figure 13: Percent Reporting the Kick-Off Meeting's Ability to Help Understand the Goal of Regional Water Planning by Region



Verbatim Responses. For the most part, the information from the verbatim responses did not fit into any neat categories, with the exception of a number of individuals expressing dissatisfaction with the sound quality at the meeting venue. The responses are given in Appendix C, however, for EPD to review.

Appendix A: Survey Instrument

Kick-off Meeting for Regional Water Planning Councils

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS...



- ♦ Use a blue or black ink pen to fill out this questionnaire. (DO NOT USE A PENCIL)
- ♦ Completely fill in the appropriate bubble like this ●.
- ♦ If you make a mistake, mark through the incorrect bubble like this ✕, and fill in the correct bubble.

1. What planning region are you in?

- Coosa - North Georgia
- Upper Oconee
- Savannah - Upper Ogeechee
- Coastal Georgia
- Middle Ocmulgee
- Middle Chattahoochee
- Upper Flint
- Altamaha
- Lower Flint - Ochlockonee
- Suwannee - Satilla

2. Did the kick-off meeting provide you with an opportunity to get to know the people who will work alongside you in the regional water planning process?

- Yes, I felt the meeting provided ample opportunities to get to know others involved in this process
- Somewhat, but there could have been more opportunities to get to know others involved in this process
- Not very much, there were far too few opportunities to get to know others involved in this process
- Not at all

3. Please rate the kick-off meeting for...

Excellent Good Fair Poor
▼ ▼ ▼ ▼

- a. Helping you to understand the characteristics of water **resources** in Georgia.
- b. Helping you to understand the characteristics of water **users** in Georgia.
- c. The extent to which the kick-off meeting helped you understand the **roles and responsibilities** of Regional Water Planning Council members.
- d. The extent to which the kick-off meeting helped you understand the **goal** of regional water planning.

4. The kick-off meeting...

- Exceeded my expectations
- Met my expectations
- Failed to meet my expectations

Please continue survey on back



5. Based on your answer to question 4, please comment specifically in the boxes below:

a. Anything missing from the meeting:

b. Any additional information needed or wanted to learn/explore:

c. Meeting facilities:

d. Additional comments:

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.
We appreciate your time and thoughtful responses.**

Appendix B:

Survey Responses

Did the kick-off meeting provide you with an opportunity to get to know the people who will work alongside you in the regional water planning process?

	Yes, I felt the meeting provided ample opportunities	Somewhat, but there could have been more opportunities	Not very much, there were far too few opportunities	Total
Coosa - North Georgia	61.1%	38.9%	0%	100.0%
Suwannee - Satilla	69.2%	26.9%	3.8%	100.0%
Upper Oconee	64.3%	35.7%	0%	100.0%
Savannah - Upper Ogeechee	70.4%	29.6%	0%	100.0%
Coastal Georgia	66.7%	33.3%	0%	100.0%
Middle Ocmulgee	44.4%	51.9%	3.7%	100.0%
Middle Chattahoochee	50.0%	50.0%	0%	100.0%
Upper Flint	77.3%	22.7%	0%	100.0%
Altamaha	90.5%	9.5%	0%	100.0%
Lower Flint - Ochlockonee	51.9%	48.1%	0%	100.0%
Total	64.0%	35.1%	.8%	100.0%

Please rate the kick-off meeting for helping you to understand the characteristics of water resources in Georgia.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Total
Coosa - North Georgia	27.8%	61.1%	11.1%	0%	100.0%
Suwannee - Satilla	28.0%	56.0%	16.0%	0%	100.0%
Upper Oconee	13.8%	62.1%	24.1%	0%	100.0%
Savannah - Upper Ogeechee	22.2%	74.1%	3.7%	0%	100.0%
Coastal Georgia	13.6%	68.2%	18.2%	0%	100.0%
Middle Ocmulgee	11.1%	63.0%	18.5%	7.4%	100.0%
Middle Chattahoochee		59.1%	40.9%	0%	100.0%
Upper Flint	22.7%	50.0%	27.3%	0%	100.0%
Altamaha	14.3%	81.0%	4.8%	0%	100.0%
Lower Flint - Ochlockonee	7.4%	70.4%	22.2%	0%	100.0%
Total	15.8%	64.6%	18.8%	.8%	100.0%

Please rate the kick-off meeting for helping you to understand the characteristics of water users in Georgia.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Total
Coosa - North Georgia	16.7%	61.1%	22.2%	0%	100.0%
Suwannee - Satilla	24.0%	32.0%	44.0%	0%	100.0%
Upper Oconee	21.4%	53.6%	25.0%	0%	100.0%
Savannah - Upper Ogeechee	22.2%	63.0%	14.8%	0%	100.0%
Coastal Georgia	18.2%	59.1%	22.7%	0%	100.0%
Middle Ocmulgee	11.5%	50.0%	19.2%	19.2%	100.0%
Middle Chattahoochee		50.0%	50.0%	0%	100.0%
Upper Flint	13.6%	54.5%	31.8%	0%	100.0%
Altamaha	19.0%	61.9%	14.3%	4.8%	100.0%
Lower Flint - Ochlockonee	3.7%	63.0%	29.6%	3.7%	100.0%
Total	15.1%	54.6%	27.3%	2.9%	100.0%

Please rate the kick-off meeting for the extent to which the kick-off meeting helped you understand the roles and responsibilities of Regional Water Planning Council members.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Total
Coosa - North Georgia	41.2%	52.9%	5.9%	0%	100.0%
Suwannee - Satilla	28.0%	68.0%	4.0%	0%	100.0%
Upper Oconee	34.5%	51.7%	13.8%	0%	100.0%
Savannah - Upper Ogeechee	14.8%	70.4%	14.8%	0%	100.0%
Coastal Georgia	18.2%	68.2%	13.6%	0%	100.0%
Middle Ocmulgee	22.2%	48.1%	29.6%	0%	100.0%
Middle Chattahoochee	9.1%	36.4%	45.5%	9.1%	100.0%
Upper Flint	27.3%	50.0%	18.2%	4.5%	100.0%
Altamaha	42.9%	57.1%	0%	0%	100.0%
Lower Flint - Ochlockonee	11.1%	70.4%	18.5%	0%	100.0%
Total	24.3%	57.7%	16.7%	1.3%	100.0%

Please rate the kick-off meeting for the extent to which the kick-off meeting helped you understand the goal of regional water planning.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Total
Coosa - North Georgia	38.9%	50.0%	11.1%	0%	100.0%
Suwannee - Satilla	24.0%	64.0%	8.0%	4.0%	100.0%
Upper Oconee	28.6%	60.7%	10.7%	0%	100.0%
Savannah - Upper Ogeechee	14.8%	74.1%	11.1%	0%	100.0%
Coastal Georgia	27.3%	54.5%	18.2%	0%	100.0%
Middle Ocmulgee	11.1%	51.9%	33.3%	3.7%	100.0%
Middle Chattahoochee	9.1%	54.5%	31.8%	4.5%	100.0%
Upper Flint	27.3%	54.5%	13.6%	4.5%	100.0%
Altamaha	52.4%	47.6%	0%	0%	100.0%
Lower Flint - Ochlockonee	7.7%	76.9%	11.5%	3.8%	100.0%
Total	23.1%	59.7%	15.1%	2.1%	100.0%

The kick-off meeting...				
	Exceeded my expectations	Met my expectations	Failed to meet my expectations	Total
Coosa - North Georgia	33.3%	50.0%	16.7%	100.0%
Suwannee - Satilla	26.9%	69.2%	3.8%	100.0%
Upper Oconee	3.4%	93.1%	3.4%	100.0%
Savannah - Upper Ogeechee	11.1%	85.2%	3.7%	100.0%
Coastal Georgia	9.1%	86.4%	4.5%	100.0%
Middle Ocmulgee	11.5%	76.9%	11.5%	100.0%
Middle Chattahoochee	0%	76.2%	23.8%	100.0%
Upper Flint	4.5%	77.3%	18.2%	100.0%
Altamaha	19.0%	81.0%	0%	100.0%
Lower Flint - Ochlockonee	3.7%	85.2%	11.1%	100.0%
Total	11.7%	79.1%	9.2%	100.0%

Appendix C: Verbatim Responses

Was there anything missing from the meeting?

- ? & ? or printing and highlighting resources for learning.
- A better discussion of the purpose of this process. I'm still a little confused as to what our role is & how much sway this will have.
- A place where you could hear
- A quiet meeting area where presenters could be heard & all board members could sit at table
- Based on timing ? to cover topics in depth- so not an issue.
- Cannot wait to get into specifics.
- Change from the governor was ? but is the legislature really solidly behind the initiative? Is long their program funding committed?
- Clear understanding of the structural processes.
- Considering the size of the meeting, I thought it was well planned.
- Could not hear
- Data
- Deeper explanation of what we will need to do to develop plan. This may just come later.
- Didn't know what to expect
- Don't know could not hear
- Dr. Kundell's presentations- very good
- due to bad acoustics- specific goals & objectives of meeting were not fully understood.
- EPD- has final word on all work?
- Explanation of how our ? will be used to ? state ?
- Explanation of outlines in districts; some counties don't contribute to watershed area in their district.
- good
- Good job
- Good meeting except crowded. Whales made for that.
- good overview of subject & task at hand

- Good, not a lot of data - good- a lot to remember anyway
- Great meeting
- informal meeting time
- Maybe discussing the Metro N. GA WPC previous efforts relative to the current planning changes.
- Maybe we needed more specific info on the water resources & challenges in our Middle Ocmulgee basin.
- Meet was about what I expected. A generalized meeting of person appointed to the council
- Mission statement
- More information about members- maybe a written bio.
- more room to meet
- N/A- good meeting
- N/A
- Needed a little more time to get to know other members.
- Needed much more discussion on expected outcomes from our efforts
- No- OK.
- no
- No
- No.
- No. I now have a better understanding of how I can help!
- Noise level in the room made understanding difficult
- none
- None
- Not enough room at tables to loud from other areas
- Not organized for the breakout very well
- nothing
- Nothing

- Nothing important
- Nothing really
- Only more specifics but only because there was no time at the organization meeting.
- Peace and quite, meeting was loud and disorganized
- poor audio. Hard to understand speaker in breakout session
- Poor facilitators- not suitable. Lack of specific in formation, poor format
- Pre packet with more info
- Private meeting rooms for each region
- Private meeting rooms/noise was difficult to hear over
- Room!! Food
- Seating space at the tables
- Seating was cramped
- Separate rooms for each region.
- Should have planned calendar to give us a starting point to go forward possible locations to pick from
- sound proof room, more time to eat, special food needs
- space in breakout rooms
- specific definition of what a successful outcome for our council may look like
- substance
- Take home info - a "primer" on the statewide planning process to date
- The Atlanta area- even though the metro group is set up by separate laws- they should be engaged.
- The meeting was fine overall.
- the tour!!!
- To early to really tell.
- Too many distractions. Food- poor preparation. Could not hear
- Too much rhetoric/ not enough substance

- Tour of facilities
- Very difficult to hear in breakout sessions
- What is the goal? What are the objectives of the council?
- Where was DNR?
- Would like to have a contact list of all our members in our region & get to meet them more.

Anything you would like to say about the meeting facilities.

- Needed a breakout room for each group- was difficult to hear & have discussion in same room with other groups -Chairs too close together- not enough room for everyone at tables -Aquarium is great venue
- (Great) but small meeting area
- Beautiful and very nice. Need more separation on sub groups. Can't hear.
- Beautiful facility- however in the breakout session it was a bit difficult to hear all speakers.
- beautiful facility
- Beautiful facility but not functional. It was very difficult to hear.
- Beautiful, but terrible sound issues.
- Beautiful, poor acoustics.
- Breakout space was crowded & noisy
- can not hear
- Catechee Golf & Conference, Hartwell, GA. Great place. We can help. Barry Cronin
- Could not hear - group meeting too close to other groups
- could not hear in break-out sessions
- Could not hear very well due to noise
- Could not hear... too much noise in the room good for group meeting at first, but breakout sessions need to be in rooms so we can hear speakers.
- Due to table setup it was impossible to have a meaningful group interaction due to noise
- Elijah Clark State Park- Lincoln Co

- Excel
- Excellent- well except for breakout area. We were too close to another groups so hard to hear.
- Excellent - need smaller area to meet.
- Excellent - very appropriate
- excellent
- Excellent
- Excellent but noise was terrible in breakout session. Individual rooms would help hearing impaired.
- excellent but noisy from other groups
- Excellent!
- Excellent!!
- Excellent, friendly
- Excellent.
- Facility was good. Breakfast area was a little congested.
- Fine
- Fine for an opening general session, but the breakout sessions were difficult due to everyone being in one room.
- For this purpose- OK large groups to see magnitude of the groups & purpose. Hearing in small groups was difficult.
- GA Aquarium great choice
- Ga Forestry Asso Bldg Forsyth on I-75
- General meeting= OK Breakout= No Hear!!!
- good
- Good
- good but seating tight
- Good facility, but not very good for breakout sessions
- Good for ? - bad for breakout
- Good maybe a little noisy

- Good next in Douglas would be great.
- Good place not noisy
- Good to excellent - break out rooms would have been an improvement
- Good venue! Oh until breakout session. Could no hear due to overall noise.
- Great- a little "too" noisy- the moderator was excellent.
- Great - except breakout noise conflict
- great
- Great
- Great choice.
- Great facility, but in greatout session, hard to hear.
- Great location- great venue- meeting so close to other groups but distracting but OK.
- great location for kickoff! more time to watch the fish!
- Great location, but difficult group discussion environment.
- Great locations- great theme. Meeting space was too loud & too tight.
- Great meeting room
- Great place- lousy breakout
- Great room for the large group--- but terrible acoustics for the council groups
- Great!! But a little close for breakout meetings & lunch.
- Great.
- Great. Sometimes hard to pay attention to speakers I wanted to watch fish instead.
- Hard to hear.
- inadequate- could not hear or follow preceedings
- It would have been better with seperate breakout facilities - hard to hear
- Like the aquarium- wish the individual groups has more room!
- Location was beautiful but the group meetings were too close to one another, making it hard to hear everyone and to focus on the job at hand.
- Location was good but hard to hear in breakout sessions

- Need more meeting space for break-out sessions- much too congested
- need more space, less noise
- Need separate meeting room for each group
- Needed better separation between groups
- Needed individual rooms for Regional break-out, could not hear, too much noise!!! Nice place for theme, poor place for utility!
- Never have this many separate meetings in the same room.
- Nice but communication poor
- Nice but tight space
- Nice facility but Atlanta is inconvenient for many people. Noise was problem in the breakout sessions.
- Nice location but groups too close together where couldn't hear or have good discussion
- No well for breakouts
- Noise level too high- could not hear. Enjoying meeting at the Aquarium.
- Noisy
- Noisy but this is based on the huge groups and not a ?
- not enough seating at table for all participants of the meeting. too cramped
- not large enough nor quiet enough on breakout
- Not nearly enough room for break-out sessions.
- OK
- Ok. Acoustic ? for breakout mtg
- outstanding
- Outstanding location - enjoyed being at the aquarium
- Please quieter meetings.
- Poor- nice but poor acoustics
- Poor- not helpful to our process we must be able to communicate presentation more clear
- Poor - could barely hear because of close proximity to other mtgs.

- Poor - nice facility but not right for a meeting of this nature... Too many distractions.
- Poor - too cramped and too loud needed breakout rooms
- Poor break-out sessions. Should have been quieter and work room.
- poor location & could not hear well
- Poor sound
- Poor sound in breakout sessions
- Poor. Could not hear or concentrate
- Pretty- not good for breakouts
- Seating inadequate.
- Seating was inadequate. Not enough room
- see #5a or above
- See A
- Set up of room made it very hard to hear what was being said in our group.
- Small work rooms would have worked much better for small group sessions
- Small, hard to hear (to close to others) chairs to close together not enough room to eat
- Suggest hazlehurst/Jeff Davis Co. River facility so that members can see the beautiful site.
- Terrible no place for breakouts - too noisy!
- The facilities were excellent for kick-off. would prefer meeting within the region on future meetings.
- The meeting facilities are excellent
- The meeting groups had great difficulty in hearing during the group meeting. Need separate rooms with adequate audio.
- The Oceanbell room is a great room; however, it would have been better to have separate rooms for each basin.
- Too noisy
- Too crowded - unable to hear.
- Too crowded noisy

- Too crowded. Groups too close together, making it too hard to hear. Very interesting, though!
- Too crowded. Noisy & distracting in break out room.
- Too loud in break-out session.
- Too many groups in one room.
- Too much noise. Need separate break out rooms
- Too noise for the breakout. The activity was not helpful and was awkward. (Main purpose is...)
- Too noisy - couldn't hear. Otherwise very good.
- Too noisy
- Too noisy. Not enough room between breakout committees. Hard to hear presenter and other committee members.
- Unbelievable, excellent, wow.
- very difficult to hear discussions during break-out sessions.
- very good
- Very good
- Very good facility
- Very good!
- Very much enjoyed the location.
- Very nice except for cramped space in seating
- Very nice, comfortable
- Very noisy hard to hear speaker
- very very nice!
- We need private rooms for meetings- the multiple groups meeting close to each other was horrible. Meeting at the aquarium was very nice.
- were too crowded/ noisy during the breakout session in the afternoon
- Wonderful place to have the beginning of the process
- wonderful settings

Any additional comments you would like us to know.

- Meeting notice was timely, logistical info was helpful, meeting well organized.
- ? to go into too much detail in individual discussions on available information and process
- acoustics were terrible for regional meetings
- Although understandable, noise in breakouts prevented hearing leader
- Area in square mile and population of region. I will email this question to ?
- be respectful of board members by providing quiet place where business can be conducted
- Beautiful facility
- Black & ? reps did a good job.
- Considering the magnitude of this council I thought we would be in private rooms where I could hear and think.
- Contractors very effective
- Could have used more info on how to deal with massive data to come with only quarterly meeting.
- Dr. Kundell's presentation was very good.
- Excellent facilitator
- Excellent moderator
- Facilitators did a nice job.
- Give overview of the accomplishment of the North GA District
- good meeting
- Good meeting
- Good meeting, good networking opportunities with "scoring" exercise
- Good overview, obviously lots more to learn.
- good start
- Good start
- great facilitators
- Great facility! But difficult to hear during breakout session.

- I'll be surprised if anything gets accomplished. Very interested - dedicated - opinionated people but too many people - but too many people - groups are too large
- I am concerned that the rules are made before our input
- I enjoyed the day.
- I feel confident that the Council will become hugely successful.
- Inga, our moderator, did a great job.
- It would be helpful to know what the purpose is? More clearly define out mission.
- Jim Kundell presentation was very helpful.
- Kathlene did an excellent job from CDM! It would be nice to release a "press release" to describe the work being done and encourage public commit.
- Krisitn - excellent facilitator
- Look forward to ? on council
- Look forward to the process. Jim Kundall is a great resource!
- Looking forward to productive meetings.
- Looking forward to working with water council
- Meeting by small group a must
- more time with evaluator
- Morning session was very good.
- My concern is that there be a planning mechanism to allow planning regions to share water resources. We 11 regional plans that work for all of Georgia. We don't need future regional water wars.
- Need to be a break for restrooms
- Need to set a date at this meeting for the next one with the caliber of people, and the demands on their time you would be better served to have it scheduled.
- Noise was horrible
- none
- None
- Not fair for people running breakout sessions
- OK

- Perhaps an Upper Oconee internet blog would promote interaction between members.
- personnel approach excellent
- Please use this information and don't let Atlanta politics get involved.
- Separate councils for specific water sheds may be more effective councils with a mix of large rivers and small groundwater sub basins may be difficult to develop consensus.
- should have been told the aquarium tour was not available in advance.
- Some concern as to my role
- Thanks for the hard work.
- The ? method was more complicated than need be.
- The GA Aquarium was a great place to meet for our first meeting.
- Unable to hear most of breakout presentation - need to ? people to get up and move to lower risk of DUT
- very good
- Very good for our first meeting.
- Very good overall
- Very well done! J. David Allen
- Very well organized meeting.
- well run meeting, too little substance
- What happened to state resource plan?
- Would like to leave Atlanta at 3:00 on Friday.
- would like to see the back side of the Georgia Aquarium