Vision and Goals to Consider for Suwannee-Satilla Regional Water Planning Council

Prior to Council Meeting 3, please complete the following questions:

1. What do you want the vision statement for your region to be? Consider the following from the State Water Plan and our MOA:

   "Georgia manages resources in a sustainable manner to support the state's economy, to protect public health and natural systems, and to enhance the quality of life for all citizens."

   Is there part of this statement that you would modify or add to that is specific to your region?

2. What specific water resource goals do you want to achieve with the State Water Plan? Consider the following example goals:

   - Sustainably meet Municipal and Industrial Water Needs
   - Sustainably meet Agricultural Water Needs
   - Maintain and Protect Water Quality
   - Sustain Ground Water Resources for current and future generations
   - Maximize existing water supplies
   - Promote cost effective management actions

   Look back over the results of the "Water 35" exercise from the Kickoff Meeting and the Trends, Forces and Factors exercise from CM1 and write down 5 – 10 goals that you can eventually use to evaluate water resource management practices.

“Water 35” Exercise Results

- Protect water resources for region, state and adjoining states.
- Water conservation and quality.
- Access to safe, clean and renewable water source.
- Finite water supply and population growth.
- Workable plan that meets goals of various water management strategies.
- Meet key water demands in a sustainable way.
- Protect quality of life and quality and quantity of water supply for all Georgians.
- Sufficient clean water supply and distribution back to rivers.
- Make decisions based on sound science.
- Sustain our water supplies for today and future generations, protect economic/environmental resources, and respect cultural history and private property interests.
- Conserve water for future generations.
- Keep water clean and safe for personal and agricultural use while protecting our aquifer.
- Meet needs of state water quality.

- Ensure water supply is not taken by regional, state, or federal interests.
- Protection and management of current water supplies.
- Respect private property while balancing effects on our neighbors.
- State and regional accountability, accessibility and availability and retain control of our own future.

Trends, Forces and Factors Results

- Healthy forests are important to maintain water quality and develop/sustain the economic base in the basin.
- Continued improvement in technology in measuring water use and quality is important for managing surface water and ground water resources.
- Managing resources to protect native species is important (reduce invasive species).
- Efficient water use for power and domestic purposes is important for long-term sustainability.
- Growth and population increases have impacted resources. Ensuring wise growth that protects resources is important.
- Abundance of ground water resources in basin provides availability for industrial growth in the basin as long as it's done in a responsible way.
- Forestry and agriculture are important to economy.
- Efficient use and management of ground water important to ensure an ample supply for generations.
- More farmers are moving from surface water to ground water a source of supply.
- Need to have more /adequate information on water use, need to cooperate and share data on water use to be able to effectively manage water resources.
- Retention of stormwater via land management practices can keep surface water in the region available for use.
- Property rights are important.
- How do you sell property to developers with water use restrictions? How do you effectively manage economic development with restricted water sources?
- How can we manage surface and ground water in a way that sustains surface water resources?
- Treated wastewater could provide agricultural irrigation water.
- Local decisions on water usage are important so that problem doesn't go into the hands of Federal government.
- Water transfers out of basin could impact future sustainability of basin.