

## **Stormwater Authority**

The Stormwater Authority was established in 2007 by law. The Authority consists of seven members who shall be resident freeholders of Gwinnett County. Five of the members of the Authority (members 1 through 5, inclusive) shall be selected at large and appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Gwinnett County. Two members of the Authority (members 6 and 7) shall be nominated by the majority vote of a committee composed of the mayor of each incorporated municipality that has agreed for Gwinnett County to provide stormwater services within its boundaries and shall be appointed to the Authority by the Board of Commissioners.

The initial terms of office of members 1, 3, 5 and 7 shall be from their date of appointment until December 31, 2009 and until their respective successors are selected and qualified. The initial terms of office of members 2, 4, and 6 shall be from their date of appointment until December 31, 2008, and until their respective successors are selected and qualified. Thereafter all members selected and appointed shall serve a term of four years and until their successors shall have been selected and appointed. Current terms are noted below.

### **Responsibilities:**

- To acquire, construct, add to, extend, improve, operate, and maintain stormwater management systems and facilities, and any and all other related facilities;
- To have conducted an annual audit of the financial affairs, books, and record of the Stormwater Authority.

### **Powers:**

- To have a seal;
- To acquire by purchase, lease, gift, or otherwise, and to hold, maintain, lease, operate and dispose of real and personal property of every kind and character for its corporate purposes;
- To acquire in its own name by purchase, on such terms and conditions and in such manner as it may deem proper, real property, or rights or easements therein or franchises necessary or convenient for its corporate purposes, and to use the same so long as its corporate existence shall continue and to lease and make contracts with respect to the use of or to dispose of the same in any manner it deems to be to the best advantage of the Stormwater Authority;
- To appoint, select and employ officers, agents, and employees, including engineering, architectural, and construction experts, fiscal agents, and attorneys, and fix their respective compensations;
- To make and execute contracts, leases, and instruments that shall be necessary;

### **Powers (continued):**

- To construct, erect, acquire, own, repair, remodel, maintain, add to, extend, improve, equip, operate and manage and maintain projects, as defined in the Stormwater Authority Act; the cost of any such project to be paid in whole or in part from the proceeds of revenue bonds or other funds and any grant from the United States of America or any agency or instrumentality thereof or from the State of Georgia or any agency or instrumentality thereof, or recognize as a non-profit entity in accordance with applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code;
- To accept loans and grants of money or materials or property of any kind from the United States of America;
- To accept loans and grants of money or materials or property of any kind from the State of Georgia;
- To borrow money for any of its corporate purposes and to execute notes or other evidences of such indebtedness and to secure the same;
- To issue negotiable revenue bonds payable solely from funds pledged for the purpose, and to provide for the payment of the same and for the rights of the holders thereof;
- To exercise any power usually possessed by private corporations performing similar functions, provided that such power is not in conflict with the Constitution and laws of this state;
- To issue revenue bonds or obligations pursuant to and in conformity with Article 3 of Chapter 82 of Title 36 O.C.G.A., the "Revenue Bond Law";
- To do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the power expressly given in the Stormwater Act.

### **Meeting Date/Time:**

The Stormwater Authority meetings are held quarterly at 2:00 p.m. at the DWR Central Facility, 684 Winder Highway, Lawrenceville, Georgia. The meeting dates for 2012 are: January 20, April 20, July 20 and November 2.

### **Compensation:**

Members of the Stormwater Authority may be compensated as determined by the governing body of Gwinnett County; however, it is expressly provided that they shall be reimbursed for all actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

### **Qualifications/Training:**

Members shall have either scientific training or have demonstrated experience with stormwater issues.

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| <b>Appointment</b><br>- Representing<br>- Position | <b>Name</b>           | <b>Term Expires</b> |
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| BoC Appointment<br>- Seat 1                        | Edward Sullivan       | 12/31/2013          |
| BoC Appointment<br>- Seat 2                        | William Jay Puckhaber | 12/31/2012          |
| BoC Appointment<br>- Seat 3                        | James Orr             | 12/31/2013          |
| BoC Appointment<br>- Seat 4                        | Chad Baker            | 12/31/2012          |
| BoC Appointment<br>- Seat 5                        | Hari Karikaran        | 12/31/2013          |
| Municipality Appointment<br>- Seat 6               | Robert Scott          | 12/31/2012          |
| Municipality Appointment<br>- Seat 7               | Scott Batterton       | 12/31/2013          |