

# Georgia Department of Natural Resources

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Interested Parties

From: Carol A. Couch 

Date: July 22, 2008

RE: Call For Nominations Regional Water Planning Councils

In accordance with the Georgia Comprehensive State-wide Water Management Plan, formal nominations for 28 seats (25 members and 3 alternates) on each of 10 regional Water Planning Councils will now be accepted. For your nomination to be considered, it must be submitted on the official nomination form. Nominations will be accepted through August 29, 2008, and should be mailed to 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Suite 1152 East; Atlanta, GA 30334. The Environmental Protection Division, with the assistance of the Department of Agriculture, Department of Community Affairs, and Department of Economic Development will compile the nominations, and forward them to the Governor, Lt. Governor, and Speaker of the House of Representatives for their appointment decisions.

If you have previously submitted nominations, we ask that you re-submit those nominations using the forms provided below. Self-nominations will be accepted.

The final delineation of the water planning regions and the counties included in each region are as shown on the attached map and table. As described below, your nominee must reside in the water planning region for which he or she has been nominated.

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### **Minimum and Preferred Qualifications for Nominees for Regional Water Planning Councils**

#### **Candidates must have the following minimum qualifications:**

- **Residency:** Nominee's primary residence must be within the geographical boundaries of the water planning region. For this purpose, primary residency is defined as the place of residence the nominee uses for federal and state tax purposes and is within the jurisdiction where the nominee is registered to vote.
- **Service Commitment:** Commit to at least three years of continuous service on the regional water planning council. Service will include attending regular meetings, actively participating in deliberations, reviewing technical analyses, providing perspectives from the sector(s) in which the candidate has experience and/or expertise, and considering input from advisory bodies as well as perspectives provided by other planning council members.

- Training Commitment: Commit to mandatory training required of members of regional water planning councils.

**It is desired that candidates have one or more of the following preferred qualifications:**

- Demonstrated previous involvement in multi-jurisdictional regional resource planning.
- Demonstrated past or present involvement with public or private entity engaged in planning, management, or advocacy relative to water resources.
- Demonstrated ability to successfully work with divergent interests to resolve resources challenges.
- Demonstrated knowledge of water-related issues in the water planning region.
- Elected or appointed local government official.
- Experience as water withdrawal or water discharge permit holder in Georgia.
- Other demonstrated public service attributes.

**Nominations should specify the following:**

- The candidate's relevant experience and/or expertise, including the type, duration, and location.
- Water-related topics with which the candidate has experience or expertise
- Water use sector(s) in which the candidate has experience or expertise, indicating those that the candidate considers his or her primary affiliation(s).
- The water planning region in which the candidate resides.