

**Catawba-Wateree Drought Management Advisory Group Meeting Summary
February 13, 2008**

**Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utilities
Lee S. Dukes Water Treatment Plant**

Member Organizations Present:

Bowater	Lancaster County Water & Sewer
Chester Metropolitan District	District
City of Belmont	Lincoln County
City of Charlotte	NCDENR-PWSS
City of Gastonia	NCDWR
City of Hickory	SCDHEC
City of Lenoir	Town of Granite Falls
City of Morganton	Town of Valdese
City of Newton	Union County
City of Rock Hill	Union-Lancaster Catawba River Water
Duke Energy Carolinas	Treatment Plant
	York County

Other Organizations Present:

City of Fort Mill
City of Mooresville
Green Industry Council
HDR Engineering
Kearns & West, Inc.
University of South Carolina

Introductions, Agenda Review, and Announcements

1. Ken Kearns opened the meeting with introductions and reviewed the agenda.

LIP Trigger Update

2. Ed Bruce showed a graph of the Catawba-Wateree Storage Index (SI) and noted that they are continuing to build storage in January even though the area is receiving less than half of normal rainfall.

Duke Operations and Meteorological Update

3. George Galleher provided an update on area meteorology predictions and Duke's hydro operations. Recent rain has fallen at varying amounts depending on the location in the basin. At Bridgewater, 2.09 inches of rain was measured, while at Lake Wateree 0.44 inches of rain fell. Duke is currently storing run-off and continues to make minimum releases. At Wateree, minimum releases are subject to high-water management considerations.

Water-Use Restrictions Analysis and Results

4. Bruce shared a draft analysis of the 2006 and 2007 withdrawal and return information collected from the water suppliers and Duke. The draft analysis showed the net withdrawals from the reservoirs and compared the data to 2006. The final 2006 report will be available by the end of February.

Guest Presentation and Discussion: North Carolina Green Industry Council

5. Louise Hodges and Buddy Murrow proposed that DMAG recommend watering one day a week from mid-March to mid-June. The group will consider the impact of the proposal.

Water Conservation Communication Program

6. Vic Simpson provided an overview of the SaveYourWater.org campaign that is being kicked off at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, February 18. The campaign will consist of billboards, radio ads and e-blasts that will inform customers of what else they can do to conserve water and direct them to the site.

Guidelines for Basinwide Coordination of Water-Use Restrictions for Each LIP Stage

7. Kearns distributed the latest draft of drought actions. He noted that the goal of the document is to have a consistent set of water-use restrictions across the basin, but the area needs to get out of the drought and determine what works before moving forward. He suggested that the group review the document in the next month and send him their suggested edits.

Round Table

8. Kearns inquired about the need for water suppliers to coordinate with their emergency management personnel in Stage 4, particularly for Groups Two and Three. Emergency management managers from York County, Charlotte, and Hickory will be invited to present at the next meeting to discuss their role in a water crisis.
9. Barry Gullet noted that there is a Water Management Group (WVG) conference call scheduled for Friday at 1 p.m. in order to have a quorum to pass resolutions that were discussed at the last WVG meeting. Designated representatives or their alternates should participate.
10. Maeneen Klein noted that Charlotte-Mecklenburg is facing a considerable loss of revenue due to the drought. Many water suppliers are anticipating the need for rate increases in the next year.
11. Ed Bruce reported that Duke is still working on bathymetric survey information around the intakes and should have the maps finished by the March meeting.

Conclusion

12. The next DMAG meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 12th at the Lee S. Dukes Water Treatment Plant in Huntersville.
13. Kearns adjourned the meeting.