



Upper Flint Water Quantity Committee Report

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Committee Efforts

- Joint Committee Meeting with LFO Water Quantity Committee (October 26)
 - Meeting summary: pp. 21-25 of pre-meeting packet
- Committee conference call (November 16)
 - Meeting summary: pp. 26-28 of pre-meeting packet
- Discussed management practices (agricultural permits, interbasin transfers, storage) and information needs
- Also discussion Middle Chattahoochee Council's draft plan
- Developed recommendations to Council for today's meeting



Committee Recommendations

The committee recommends modifying the following Management Practice on Page 6-5:

Restrict new agricultural water withdrawal permits in the region

- No new Capacity Use Area withdrawal permits in the Flint River Basin
- Make all new permits interruptible (surface and groundwater)
- New permits should have to demonstrate that they have no impact on minimum in-stream flows
- New permits should cause no net increase in consumptive use in the watershed during periods of low flow.



Committee Recommendations

Replacement language:

Manage new agricultural water withdrawal permits in the region according to the 2006 Flint River Basin Water Development and Conservation Plan:

- The 2006 Flint Plan limits new agricultural withdrawal permits based on expected impact on nearby wells and streams (summarized by map of Capacity Use, Restricted Use, and Conservation Use areas included in the 2006 plan).
- New permits require mandatory conservation measures, such as end-gun shut off switches and leak prevention and repair, as a condition of the permit.
- New surface water permits in Ichawaynochaway and Spring Creek sub-basins must suspend use when streamflow drops below 25% Average Annual Discharge instead of 7Q10.
- New permits in the Flint River Basin have a \$250 application fee.



Committee Recommendations

- Add to Section 7.4 (Recommendations to the State) a strong recommendation for gathering better information on water use to be used in future modeling efforts by state.
- Do not adopt a recommendation regarding quantification of permits (as LFO has)
- Move Interbasin Transfer recommendation from Management Practices (Section 6.2) to Recommendations to the State (Section 7.4)
- Share these decisions with the LFO Water Quantity Committee

