



You're Invited!!

Regional Water Science Roundtable

March 29, 2007 — Don't Miss it!

in conjunction with the

Georgia Water Resources Conference

at the UGA Campus in Athens, GA March 27–29, 2007

You are invited to a regional meeting for stakeholders in the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Cooperative Water Program (CWP) based, in large part, on the enthusiastic success of two national Roundtable meetings held in March 2005 and February 2006. Leaders and managers of water-resource programs from across the U.S. who attended those meetings expressed strong support for this continuing effort to extend information about these USGS programs—along with an opportunity to help guide those programs—to more of the people who depend on them.

This Regional CWP Stakeholders' Roundtable has been organized by a team of USGS leaders from the Water Science Centers in South Carolina, North Carolina, and Georgia; from the USGS headquarters in Reston, Virginia; and by the Interstate Council on Water Policy (ICWP). The goal is to examine the CWP and the National Streamflow Information Program (NSIP) with the people who depend on the data and interpretive investigations and to generate ideas for improving and extending these programs. We will start with an informative reception Wednesday evening (March 28) and meet Thursday (March 29), the third day of the 2007 Georgia Water Resources Conference on the University of Georgia campus at Athens. This sets our discussion of these data collection and interpretive science programs in context with many of the resource management challenges facing our communities today.

This Regional CWP Stakeholders' Roundtable will bring local, state and federal officials, water organization leaders and other stakeholders from Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina together with USGS representatives to discuss USGS water data and science programs. The USGS works with over 100 non-federal cooperators in these three states who contribute almost \$9M annually in support of the CWP. Assuring that you are aware of the many program opportunities and able to provide informed guidance to the USGS leadership is essential in sustaining the capability of these programs and their connection to water-resource management challenges.

Please mark the date on your calendar, spread the word to others who depend on these programs and look for a registration form on the conference website (<http://www.gwrc2007.org/>).

More info about previous Stakeholders' Roundtables, including the recommendations presented to the USGS, is available on the ICWP website (http://www.icwp.org/gagefunding/pi_streamgaging.htm)

The Cooperative Water Program Needs Your Ideas!

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GEORGIA WATER RESOURCES CONFERENCE - MARCH 27-29, 2007
UGA CAMPUS IN ATHENS, GA
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

CWP COOPERATORS' RECEPTION

6:00 -7:30 PM

FLINCHUM'S PHOENIX AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA IN ATHENS, GA

Cooperative Water Program (CWP) Interpretive Study & Gaging Exhibits + Food & Refreshments

Welcome, Introductions and CWP Roundtable Program Overview 10 min

Sue Lowry, Chair, Interstate Council on Water Policy Board of Directors

Presentation 30 min

Eugene Hayes, Director, USGS Hydrologic Instrumentation Facility

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

CWP COOPERATORS' REGIONAL ROUNDTABLE

8:00AM -4:00 PM

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA CONFERENCE CENTER IN ATHENS, GA

Registration & Coffee 30 min

Welcome 40 min

Introductions and Program Overviews

Peter Evans, Director, Interstate Council on Water Policy

Ward Staubitz, National Coordinator, USGS Cooperative Water Program

Ed Martin, Director, USGS Georgia Water Science Center

Eric Strom, Director, USGS South Carolina Water Science Center

Jerad Bales, Acting Director, USGS North Carolina Water Science Center

Keynote Speaker 20 min

Congressman James Clyburn (invited)

The Cooperative Water Program (CWP): a National Overview 30 min

Ward Staubitz, National Coordinator, USGS Cooperative Water Program

Mission & History

Funding

Mix of work

Reviews and Cooperator recommendations

The National Streamflow Information Program (NSIP): a National Overview 20 min

Steve Blanchard, USGS Senior Science Advisor for Surface Water

Mission & History

Design

Funding

Break approx 10:30am

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The status of the Streamgaging Network in GA, NC & SC ¹	75 min
Panel Moderator: Bud Badr, Chief Hydrologist, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources	
Trends in CWP/NSIP network size	
Trends in technology—in the field and for data delivery	
Issues of long-record streamgages	
What is the mix of funding sources? What are the trends?	
What program challenges or opportunities are of interest to Cooperators?	
Luncheon	12 Noon
Speaker: Dr. Carol Couch, Director, Environmental Protection Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources	
CWP Interpretive Studies	
Hazards	30 min
• Regional Approach to Estimates of Flood Frequency Panel Moderator: Alfred Vang, Deputy Director, Land, Water & Conservation Division, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (invited)	
Water Availability	30 min
• Coastal Georgia Sound Science Initiative Panel Moderator: Dr. James Kennedy, State Geologist, Environmental Protection Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources (invited)	
Water Quality	30 min
• Triangle Area Water Supply Monitoring Panel Moderator: Terry Rolan, Director, Department of Water Management City of Durham, North Carolina and President, American Water Works Association (invited)	
Break	approx 3pm
Facilitated Break-Out Group Discussion of Opportunities & Priorities	
Discussion in facilitated break-out groups to provide strategic guidance to USGS CWP & NSIP leadership, State and Federal officials, other Cooperators and potential Cooperators	45 min
Synthesis of Results and Next Steps - highlights from break-out groups	30 min
Panel Moderator: Sue Lowry, Chair, Interstate Council on Water Policy Board of Directors	
Adjourn	approx 4:00pm

¹ Panel of USGS and Cooperator representatives, which may include a representative of the Army Corps of Engineers.