Minutes  
Environmental Protection Committee  
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S. E.  
Suite 1252 East Tower  
Atlanta, GA  30334  

Tuesday, June 22, 2021  
9:00 a.m.

Attendees:

**Committee Members**
- Ray Lambert, Chair
- Dwight Evans, Vice Chair
- Nick Ayers
- William Bagwell
- Dwight Davis
- Randy Dellinger
- Patrick Denney
- Duncan Johnson
- Bill Jones
- Rob Leebern
- Bodine Sinyard
- Dee Yancey, Board Chair, Ex-officio

**Staff Members**
- Mark Williams, Commissioner
- Walter Rabon
- Kyle Pearson
- Kate Iannuzzi
- Josh Hildebrandt
- Cathy Barnette
- Artica Gaston
- Courtney Hall
- Thomas Barnard
- Jeff Cown
- Steve Friedman
- Doug Haymans
- Ted Will
- Clint Peacock

**Board Members**
- Joe Hatfield
- Tim Lowe
- Paul Shailendra – via Zoom
- Miki Thomaston
- Gary Vowell – via Zoom

**Guests**
- Ronny Just, Georgia Power
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The June 22, 2021 meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee was called to order by Chairman Dee Yancey.

Chairman Yancey called on Ray Lambert, Chairman of the Environmental Protection Committee. Mr. Lambert called on Jac Capp, Chief of the Watershed Protection Branch, to present the Proposed Amendments to the Rules for Erosion and Sedimentation, Chapter 391-3-7.

Mr. Capp stated the purpose of the proposed amendments is to implement SB 445, which was passed during the 2020 legislative session to allow water authorities to be designated as local issuing authorities for land disturbing permits and clarify procedures for when a buffer variance project changes after public comment period has closed. He further stated the amendments update definitions pertaining to water authority or water and sewer authority and include a process for EPD to certify a water authority or water and sewer authority as a local issuing authority. He added the proposed changes will require EPD to send a new public notice if there is a change in the location of the buffer impacts, increase in buffer impact, or change in project concept or design after the original comment period.

Mr. Capp stated a notice of stakeholder draft was sent on January 25th and a public meeting was held on February 17th. He further stated he briefed the DNR Board Environmental Committee on March 23rd. He added a public notice was sent on April 22nd and a public hearing was held on May 24th with no negative comments received.

Mr. Capp requested a favorable consideration.

A motion was made by Mr. Dellinger, seconded by Mr. Sinyard, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to the Rules for Erosion and Sedimentation, Chapter 391-3-7.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.