

**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

**Board Members**

Joe Hatfield  
Tim Lowe  
Paul Shailendra – via Zoom  
Miki Thomaston  
Gary Vowell – via Zoom

**Guests**

Ronny Just, Georgia Power

**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

Richard Dunn, Director  
John Eunice  
Jac Capp  
Karen Hays  
Chuck Mueller  
Laura Williams

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 25<sup>th</sup> and a public meeting was held on February 17<sup>th</sup>. He further stated he briefed the DNR Board Environmental Committee on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. He added a public notice was sent on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and a public hearing was held on May 24<sup>th</sup> 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.