COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Water System	Presenter(s):	Tony Parrott
Meeting Date:	August 11, 2011	Type of Request:	Consent

Wording for the Agenda:

Approval of the Water Committee's recommendation to authorize the Peachtree City Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA) to insert a flyer in customer's water bills during the months of September 2011 and March 2012.

Background/History/Details:

Stephen Hogan of the Peachtree City Water and Sewerage Authority has requested that inserts be placed in customers' water bills in both September 2011 and March 2012.

The inserts will be informational only. An example of the insert is attached for review.

The cost for postage to mail the inserts will not change, and the inserts will be provided by the Peachtree City Water and Sewerage Authority.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Approval to include an insert from Peachtree City Water & Sewerage Authority in the water bills during the months of September 2011 and March 2012.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable.

Has this request been considered within the past two years?	No	If so, when?	
Is Audio-Visual Equipment Required for this Request?	No	Backup Provided with Request?	Yes

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Approved by Finance	Not Applicable	Reviewed by Legal	
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	County Clerk's Approval	Yes
Administrator's Approval	Yes		

Staff Notes:

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Asset Management critical to the PCWASA master plan

Evaluations and assessments of sewer infrastructure well underway

The Peachtree City Water and Sewerage Authority (PCWASA) is investing time and resources in proper asset management, which is a critical and necessary process within the long-term master plan of the utility, says Stephen Hogan, General Manager.

Presently, the Authority is evaluating its sewer system, which includes documenting and mapping current assets, assessing their condition, and determining the prioritized maintenance and capital improvements needed in the future. In addition, the Authority will be formulating a timeline for necessary system upgrades and options for financing them.

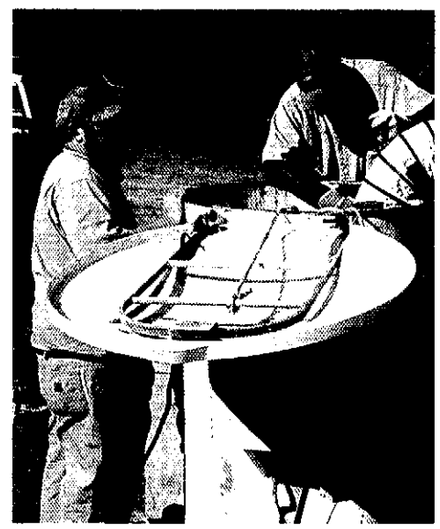
As for current assets, in addition to its two wastewater treatment plants, the PCWASA has nearly 180 miles of gravity sewer, more than 18 miles of force main, more than 4,000 manholes, and 33 pump stations with 82 active pumps.

Most recently, the Authority has been conducting sewer line condition assessments, which evaluate the state of the pipes in the ground by televising and inspecting them. During this condition assessment, pipe defects are categorized as structural failures or maintenance issues, which often can be addressed during evaluation when televising crews clean clogged sewer lines at the time of inspection.

Asset management is a critical and necessary process within the long-term master plan of the PCWASA. Currently, the Authority is evaluating its sewer system, which includes documenting and mapping assets to determine needs for maintenance and upgrades in the future.

The PCWASA has three approaches to solving problems with faulty or failing sewer infrastructure. First, Annual Contracts address problems identified in the current Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), as vendors provide the work according to agreed upon fixed unit pricing specified in the contract and within the current CIP budget. Second, Emergency Contracts are necessary for the Authority to address "emergency events" such as broken sewer mains that are critical to the operation of the system. Finally, the Authority has a CCTV Contract with vendors each fiscal year, which entails their filming and assessing the condition of identified areas of the collection system.

Asset management is but one critical component of the overall Master Plan of the PCWASA system. The PCWASA Master Plan evaluates the Authority's system and facilities, while recommending solutions to address the design, construction, and financing of facilities needed to meet future regulatory requirements of the industry, as well as residential and commercial growth and subsequent customer demand within the system. The PCWASA Master Plan assures that wastewater collection and treatment are developed cost effectively and delivered through outstanding customer service, says Hogan.



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Long-term master planning, including proper asset management, is a mandate of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District, of which Peachtree City is a part. As a result, the District requires that the Authority's Master Plan, among other things, identifies future sewer service areas, as well as future wastewater flows and capacity needs of the system. The PCWASA Master Plan is intended to be updated at least every five years.

PCWASA receives clean audit opinion

Mauldin & Jenkins presents independent auditors report

The Peachtree City Water and Sewerage Authority (PCWASA) has received a clean audit opinion from Mauldin & Jenkins Certified Public Accountants. The firm's David Irwin presented the independent auditor's report to the Authority Board and Management at the March meeting.

The task of the certified public accountants from Mauldin & Jenkins is to conduct an annual audit of the PCWASA, using professional accounting principles generally accepted in the industry and in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.

It is the auditor's opinion that the financial statements of the PCWASA, for the year ending in September of 2010, present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Authority.

In addition, the independent auditor's report included consideration of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements.

Lynda Price, Business Manager for the PCWASA, oversees the financial statements and accounting for the utility, providing the professional services necessary for the Authority to receive a clean opinion from the annual independent auditor's report.

New slate of officers leading the PCWASA in 2011

Two newcomers also join the ranks of the Authority Board

The Peachtree City Water and Sewerage Authority (PCWASA) welcomed two new members to its Board this year, as well as a new slate of officers to lead the utility in 2011.

Mike Harman, who has nine years of experience on the PCWASA Board, has been selected by his fellow board members to serve as Chairman of the Authority, with Tim Meredith serving as Vice Chairman and Vanessa Birrell as Treasurer this year. Phil Mahler and Luis Valencia round out the current five-member PCWASA Board.

Harman has served the Authority Board on two separate occasions, most recently since 2008. He is the Manager of Municipal Sales for Biorem, a company that provides air pollution control technology and equipment for wastewater treatment processes and other industries. Thus, Harman's professional experience and public service are closely related. In fact, he often works with engineering companies on industry projects that provide him with insights to bring home for consideration at the PCWASA.

Tim Meredith, who has more than 25 years of industry experience, is the Business Development Manager for Porex Technologies in Fairburn. He has lived in Peachtree City for approximately 15 years, and has served on the PCWASA Board for approximately nine years. Phil Mahler has resided in Peachtree City since 2006, following his retirement as a federal agent with the Internal Revenue Service, where he conducted and supervised audits while working in the New York City and Washington, D.C. offices of the IRS. He has served on the Authority Board since October of 2007.

Birrell and Valencia are newcomers to the PCWASA Board. Birrell is the Director of Stormwater Management for the Fayette County Stormwater Management Department, while Valencia is President and Co-Founder of Housing & Housing, LLC – a residential and commercial construction company with offices in Georgia, Florida, and Louisiana.

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PCWASA recognizes Linda Youngblood for 24 years of service as Recording Secretary

During the April meeting of the PCWASA, the Board and Management took time out for special recognition of a special public servant. Linda Youngblood, the recently retired Recording Secretary for the PCWASA, received a special gift for her 24 years of service to the Authority.

As the PCWASA Recording Secretary, Linda was responsible for taking minutes of all Authority meetings, typing them up, making sure they were approved, and maintaining an accessible archive of all meeting minutes and official correspondence.

"As Recording Secretary, Linda probably has as much institutional knowledge of this Authority as anyone," says Stephen Hogan, PCWASA General Manager. "She was dedicated in her work and adhered to the highest professional standards. Her service and presence at our meetings will be sorely missed."

However, the Recording Secretary's position is in good hands, says Hogan, as Kathleen Bosell takes over this critical role for the PCWASA Board.

PCWASA General Manager Stephen Hogan (right) presents Linda Youngblood with a glass sculpted water drop to commemorate her 24 years of service to the Authority as Recording Secretary.

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