

**Minutes  
Sustainability Committee**

1252 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S. E.  
Suite 1252 East Tower  
Atlanta, GA 30334

**February 22, 2011**

**Attending:**

Committee Members

Joe Hatfield, Chairman  
Bill Archer  
Dennis Billew  
Walter Hudson  
Jim Walters  
Philip Wilheit  
Earl Barrs, Board Chair, ex-officio

Board Members

Gene Bishop  
Warren Budd  
Mabel Jenkins  
Ray Lambert  
Robert Leebern  
Mark Smith  
Loyce Turner  
Philip Watt

Visitors

Ronny Just, Georgia Power  
Andrew Schock, The Conservation Fund  
Katie Kirkpatrick, Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce  
Doug Fulle, Oglethorpe Power  
Steven Hart, Atlanta Environmental Management  
Scott Tanner, Joe Tanner & Associates

Staff Members

Mark Williams  
Allen Barnes  
Todd Holbrook  
Spud Woodward  
Becky Kelley  
Marlin Gottschalk  
Dan Forster  
Emily Hitchcock  
Kyle Pearson  
Lauren Curry  
Candy Henderson  
Steve Friedman  
Suzanne Burnes  
John Biagi  
Linda MacGregor  
Jac Capp  
Jim Ussery  
Doralyn Kirkland  
Ben Stowers  
Homer Bryson  
Cathy Barnette  
Paul Nelson  
Nathan Schaub  
Mary Ann Evans  
Hellen Harris

The Sustainability Committee was called to order by Board Chairman Earl Barrs. Chairman Barrs called on Joe Hatfield, Chairman of the Sustainability Committee.

Mr. Hatfield called on Marlin Gottschalk, Director of Sustainability Division (SD), who stated that under statute, SD is required to generate a Biennial Report that documents the activities and results produced in waste reduction and pollution prevention, and introduced Suzanne Burnes, Assistant Director of SD, to brief the Committee and Board on the Division's Biennial Report – FY-2007 through 2010.

Ms. Burnes stated that the period FY-2007 through FY-2010 was a time of great change for the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) SD, formerly known as the Pollution Prevention Assistance Division. She further stated that in 1993 the division was founded to address the generation of hazardous waste in the state and provide businesses with non-regulatory assistance to help them prevent pollution and reduce those wastes at the source. She added that over the decade that followed, division services grew to meet the demand from Georgia businesses for assistance in reducing other waste streams, such as municipal solid waste and construction and demolition debris, and in reducing wastes in the use of water, energy and other resources. She further added that more businesses realized that wasted natural resources meant lost money and opportunity and saw value in establishing systems to comprehensively manage those resources.

Ms. Burnes stated that a key provision in the founding legislation was that to fund those activities, SD would receive ten percent of the appropriated revenue into the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund each year. She further stated that grants from the Solid Waste Trust Fund were also received and that both of these funding sources were critical to the success of SD's programs and activities.

Ms. Burnes stated that more than 5,600 businesses and organizations have been assisted through SD's programs.

Ms. Burnes stated that the Biennial Report summarizes the work and growth in service of SD and provides metrics that demonstrate the effectiveness of the division's efforts and fulfills the requirements of the legislative mandate for reporting program activities. (Biennial Report FY-2007 through FY-2010 attached hereto and made a part hereof)

Director Gottschalk stated that he handed out a memo outlining further briefings that SD would present in 2011, and that there would be no action items presented for the year.

Director Gottschalk gave an update on SD's recently developed statewide Green Hospitality Initiative, and brought attention to an article in *Resource Recycling Magazine* that features Georgia's recyclable material.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.