

Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) Water Withdrawal Permits

PRESS RELEASE

On July 7, 2008, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) formally issued the Water Withdrawal Permits for both the Hard Labor Creek Regional Reservoir and the Apalachee River Diversion. The permits provide for a maximum daily withdrawal of 62.1 million gallons per day from the reservoir, and 60 million gallons per day from the Apalachee River based on available stream flow.

“The Hard Labor Creek Reservoir Management Board, comprised of representatives from both Walton and Oconee County, is very pleased to have achieved this very important project milestone. The successful acquisition of all necessary water withdrawal permits for the project is a critical step in securing future water supply needs for both Walton and Oconee County.”

Land acquisition and design of the dam and spillway are currently proceeding on schedule. Property owners affected by the project may contact Bill Crowder at 770-267-8800, with questions related to the current appraisal and land acquisition schedule.

Additional information related to the Hard Labor Creek Regional Reservoir Project may also be obtained at www.hardlaborcreek.com.

Kevin Little, Chairman

Jim Luke, Vice-Chairman

Hard Labor Creek Reservoir Management Board