



ACCG Natural Resources and the Environment Policy Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 9 / Thursday, August 17

Toombs County / Forsyth County

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Presiding:

Honorable Lannie Brant
Committee Chair
Commissioner, Camden County

Honorable Myra Exum
Committee Vice-Chair
Commissioner, Brooks County

Welcome and Introductions

Presentations:

Georgia Department of Agriculture
Dominic LaRicca

- Soil Amendment Program
- Georgia Farmland Conservation Fund (SB 220 - Georgia Farmland Conservation Act)

Update from Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP)

Jennifer Flowers, Manager of Leadership Development Programming and Member Relations

- SB 115 / House Study Committee on Fishing Access to Freshwater Resources
- SB 121 - Local Governments Can't Deny Drilling/Service/Repairing of Water Wells
- PFAS

Policy Discussion:

Update to the Model Solar Ordinance for Georgia Counties (*Discussed @ Toombs County Meeting Only*)

Mike O'Quinn, ACCG County Consulting Services

2023 Legislative Session Recap:

Legislation that Passed:

- HB 31 - Dedication of All Hazardous Waste Trust Fund Fees
- SB 95 - Solid Waste Trust Fund - Tire Fee Collected from Distributors

Legislation that Failed to Pass:

- HB 206 - Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE)
- HB 306 - Energy Cost Savings Contracts - Allows Revenue Generation
- HB 477 - Application of Soil Amendments - Notification & Limited Local Authority

Legislation introduced in reaction to a proposed landfill in Haralson County:

- HB 429, HB 430 and HB 435

2024 ACCG Legislative Agenda Discussion:

Review and Recommend Edits to the Committee's Policy Platform

Recommend NRE Policy Items for the 2024 ACCG Legislative Agenda