

## **EPD Watershed Protection Branch**

### **Notice of Public Meetings about EPD Consideration of Drought-Conditioned Agricultural Groundwater Withdrawal Permits in Portions of the Flint River Basin**

This notice is to announce that the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is considering modifying the [2012 suspension](#) of consideration of applications for agricultural water withdrawal permits from surface water and the Floridan Aquifer in portions of southwest Georgia. Specifically, EPD is considering the development of drought-conditioned groundwater withdrawal permits from the Floridan Aquifer.

To support the development of an implementable, protective, and feasible permitting program, EPD is also announcing three public meetings to request input on potential drought-conditioned groundwater withdrawal permits. The meetings will be held on:

**Thursday, April 18 – Charles H. Kirbo Regional Center, 2500 E. Shotwell St., Bainbridge GA 39818**

**Thursday, May 23 – Candy Room, 125 Pine Ave., Albany GA 31701**

**Thursday, June 13 – Goolsby Farm Supply, 2943 Callis Rd., Dawson GA 39842**

**Meeting registration will open at 9:30 A.M., and the meetings will start at 10 A.M.**

In addition to attending the public meeting, stakeholders may choose to send written comments to EPD. Written comments may be sent to [EPDComments@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:EPDComments@dnr.ga.gov) or mailed to the Environmental Protection Division, Watershed Protection Branch, Suite 1470A East Tower, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr., Dr., Atlanta, Georgia, 30334. If you choose to e-mail your comments, please include the words “drought-conditioned permits” in the subject line to help ensure your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff. EPD will accept comments at any time, but to ensure consideration in the permit development process, please submit your comments by June 30, 2024.

For more information about agricultural water withdrawal permitting, please visit the EPD website <https://epd.georgia.gov/water-withdrawal-permitting>. For more information on specific locations affected by the suspension, contact the Agricultural Permitting Unit in Tifton at **229-391-2400**.

Please share this information with anyone who may be interested.