



## **ACCG Natural Resources and the Environment Policy Committee Meeting**

August 19, 2026

The Cherokee Conference Center – 1130 Bluffs Parkway, Canton, GA 30114

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 pm

### **Presiding:**

Honorable Myra Exum  
Committee Chair  
Commissioner, Brooks County

Honorable Sharon Cobb-Flanagan  
Committee Vice Chair  
Commissioner, Dodge County

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Myra Exum and Vice Chair Sharon Cobb-Flanagan

### **Presentations:**

1:05 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

#### **Department of Agriculture - Invited**

1:15 p.m. 1:25 p.m.

#### **Southern Environmental Law Center**

**April S. Lipscomb**, Senior Attorney

- Current State of PFAS Litigation and Recent Legislative Proposals

1:25 p.m. – 1:35 p.m.

#### **Georgia Association of Water Professionals**

**Jennifer Flowers**, Manager of Leadership Development Programming and Member Relations

- Current Issues Facing Georgia's Water and Wastewater Systems

### **2026 Legislative Session Recap:**

Legislation that Passed:

- HR 1008 – State-Wide Water Management Plan Reform.
- HB 956 – Authorizes Use of the Solid Waste Trust Fund for Solid Waste Management.
- HB 983 – Clarifies Exemptions for Certain Local Burn Notices for Prescribed Burning.
- HB 1277 – Increases Project Cost Threshold for Public Roads or Airports.
- SB 447 – Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Permitting, Procedures on Denials and Automatic Approvals.

Legislation of Interest that Failed to Pass:

- HB 1133 - Authorize GEFA to Finance Solar Panels on Closed Landfills
- HB 812 - Local Government Permitting Limitations & Mandated DCA Approval
- HB 1182 – Restrict Applications of Soil Amendments Near Public Roads
- SB 437 - Third Party Inspections & Permitting Timeline Revisions
- SB 577 - Removes Local Governments Ability to Bring Civil Action on PFAS

### **2027 ACCG Policy Priority Discussion:**

Review and Recommend Edits to the Committee's Policy Platform  
NRE Recommendations ACCG's 2027 Policy Priorities