

ANNOUNCEMENT AND INVITATION

Permitting Water Reservoirs in Georgia Guidance for Meeting Your Future Water Needs Seminar for December 12, 2007

For the second time in less than ten years, the state of Georgia is experiencing exceptional drought conditions that are threatening the safe water supplies for many of its citizens. To assist you in understanding what is needed to secure safe and dependable water supplies for your future, you, along with other staff members who you feel would benefit, are invited to attend an educational seminar to be held on Wednesday, December 12, 2007 in Waleska Georgia. The informational meeting will be held at Reinhardt College located in Cherokee County (see attached map). A program schedule and registration form for the meeting is attached.

Conservation efforts should always be an integral part of a comprehensive water plan. However, this current drought has demonstrated that additional water supply sources are needed not only to meet present needs but also to accommodate anticipated future growth.

A well respected and knowledgeable group of speakers will discuss reservoir permitting and planning, environmental challenges, infrastructure design options and planned state assistance. A roadmap of the steps involved in planning and permitting new water supply sources will be presented.

Special guest speakers include State Senator Chip Pearson, Harold Reheis (former Environmental Protection Division Director), prominent permitting attorney Tommy Craig, and noted dam designer Dan McGill.

We hope that you will be able to attend to learn how to best navigate the course to water independence for your community. Please register early as seating is limited.

Sincerely,



Joe Tanner
President, Joe Tanner & Associates

PERMITTING WATER RESERVOIRS IN GEORGIA

Seminar Program

- 9:00 - 9:15am Program Introduction
Joe Tanner, Joe Tanner & Associates
- 9:15 - 9:35 Working with State and Federal Agencies
Harold Reheis, P.E., Joe Tanner & Associates
- 9:35 - 10:05 Understanding the Permitting Process
Tommy Craig, Attorney at Law
- 10:05 - 10:25 Break
- 10:25 - 10:50 Identifying Sources and Analyzing Alternative Solutions
Dave Campbell, P.E., Schnabel Engineering
- 10:50 - 11:15 Environmental Considerations
Hal Bryan, ECO-South
- 11:15 - 11:40 Design and Construction of Dams
Randy Bass, P.E., Schnabel Engineering
Dan McGill, P.E., Schnabel Engineering
- 11:40 - 12:00 Planned State Involvement
Senator Chip Pearson
- 12:00 - 1:15 Lunch Provided
- 1:15 - 2:30 Tour of Hickory Log Creek Dam (optional)

Registration: \$55 dollars per person. Make check payable to Schnabel Engineering

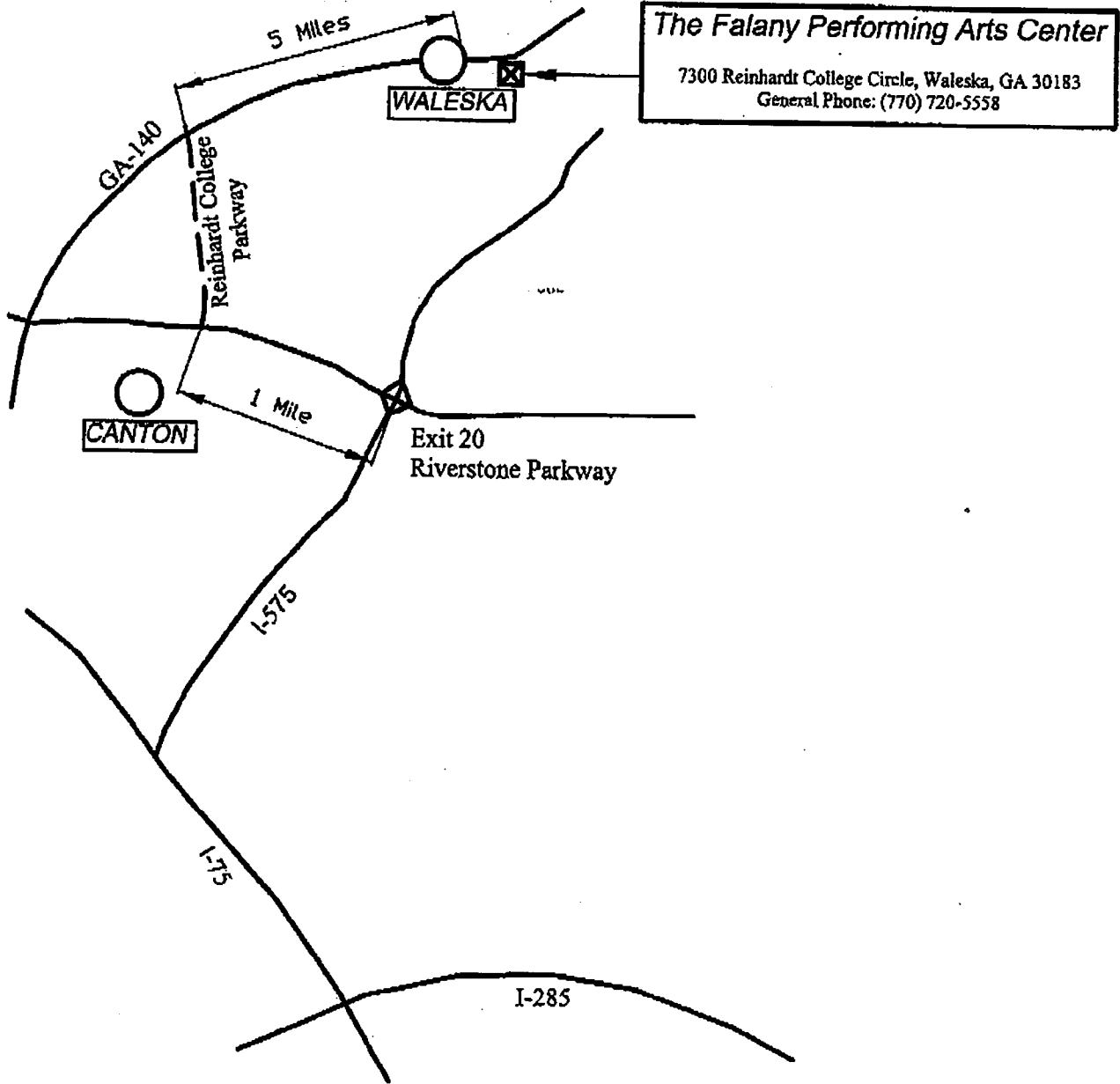
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Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Do you plan on attending the dam tour? _____

Tear off and mail to: Schnabel Engineering
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Joe D. Tanner
Founder, President and CEO

Joe Tanner founded Joe Tanner & Associates in 1997 to offer his extensive expertise in governmental relations and business development to clients throughout Georgia. He draws on his 26 years of experience in Georgia Government under four governors. He twice served as Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources. He also served as Commissioner of the Department of Labor. Tanner currently serves as one of two private citizens appointed by the Governor to participate in discussion between Georgia and the state of South Carolina concerning utilization of the Savannah River.

Wm. Thomas "Tommy" Craig, Attorney.

Tommy is well known throughout Georgia for his positive work in obtaining Section 404 permits for water supply reservoirs. To date, Mr. Craig has secured Section 404 permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for nine recent new water supply reservoirs in Georgia and is working on nine more in the state. Tommy is also involved with easements and land acquisitions associated with reservoir expansions. Based on his water supply expertise, Tommy Craig is appointed to serve on the Governor's Rivercare 2000 Committee, the joint WRD/EPD Minimum Streamflow Study Committee and a Georgia EPD Task Force. In addition, Tommy was recently appointed to the Governing Board of the Metro North Georgia Water Planning District.

Harold F. Rehels, P.E.
Senior Vice President, Joe Tanner & Associates

Harold Rehels is a specialist in governmental and regulatory affairs with 32 years of experience in Georgia government, two years as a consulting engineer, and four years as a governmental affairs consultant. He was Director of the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources from 1991 to 2003. In this position, he managed all state environmental programs covering air and water quality, safe drinking water, water resource allocation, solid and hazardous waste, erosion and sedimentation control, mine reclamation, groundwater protection, dam safety, and the State Geologic Survey.

Dave Campbell, P.E.
Director of Dam Engineering, Schnabel Engineering, Inc.

Mr. Campbell has more than 30 years of experience in dam engineering and water resources planning. He was a contributing author of Water Resources Planning (AWWA M-50 2001, 2nd Ed. 2007), writing sections on surface water alternative assessments, justification of need, project sizing, and appendix on dam selection and cost estimating.

Hal Bryan
President/Senior Ecologist of Eco-South, Incorporated

Hal Bryan is the President/Senior Ecologist of Eco-South, Incorporated. He has over 30 years of experience working in wetlands, streams and endangered species. He has worked as an ecological consultant on over twenty reservoirs, including most of those permitted as drinking water supplies in Georgia. As a field biologist with an ecological education (MS 1975), he can communicate with the federal agencies, most of which are biologists. Mr. Bryan has experience with the federal regulations and regularly speaks to attorneys for Continuing Legal Education credit on environmental issues. He has published many scientific papers on scientific subjects such as rare plants, habitat restoration and environmental impact assessment.

Dan M. McGill, P.E.
Senior Consultant, Schnabel Engineering South, LLC

Recognized as one of the most experienced dam engineers in the state, having gained over 47 years of experience in design and construction engineering for dams. Began his career in 1960 with the USDA, Soil Conservation Service (Now NRCS) working on flood control dams in the Southeastern U.S. Has been involved with hundreds of dams throughout the Southeast. Served as the responsible engineer for the design and construction of water supply reservoir dams in Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Alabama and Tennessee. Included among the water supply reservoir dams in Georgia for which he was responsible for the design and construction are: Tobesofkee Creek Dam, City of Forsyth; Snake Creek Dam, Carroll County; Shaps Creek Dam, City of Carrollton; B.P. Brown Dam, Coweta County; Yahoola Creek Dam, Lumpkin County; and Dog River Dam, Douglas County.

Randal P. Bass, P.E.
Principal, Schnabel Engineering South, LLC

Mr. Bass obtained an undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering from Georgia Tech in 1972 and a master in Civil Engineering (Geotechnical focus) in 1977. Mr. Bass has developed his professional career around dams and dam safety for the past 30 years. He has served as a regulator with the Georgia Safe Dams Program, to constructing dams with Dames and Moore, to his present job of designing the highest non-federal dam in Georgia, Hickory Log Creek, and serving on the Board of Consultants of the largest dam rehabilitation project in the eastern United States. Mr. Bass is approved as an Engineer of Record by the Georgia Safe Dams Program in geotechnical and hydrology and hydraulic engineering.