

## **SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

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### **Create a Regional Approach to Water Quality and Quantity Issues – Statewide Water Management Districts**

#### **Improve the Quality of Wastewater Discharges**

1. Better Enforcement of Wastewater Discharge Permits
  - ◇ Stronger enforcement actions against chronic violators
  - ◇ Computerize discharge monitoring reports for each NPDES permit
  - ◇ Require NPDES permit holders to use certified testing labs
2. Encourage Wastewater Disposal Alternatives
3. Mandate Region-Wide Improvements to Wastewater Treatment Processes
4. Reduce and-or Eliminate Thermal Discharges
5. Upgrade Sanitary Sewer Collection Systems
6. Meet Deadlines for CSO Upgrades/Phase-Out
7. Increase Water Quality Monitoring
8. Improve Regulation of Septic Systems

#### **Improve Quality of Storm Water Runoff Discharges**

1. Create Regional and/or Local Storm Water Utilities
2. Utilize and Enforce Existing Federal Storm Water Permits
  - ◇ Better enforcement of federal municipal, industrial and construction storm water permits
  - ◇ Comprehensive mapping of storm water outfalls
  - ◇ Adherence to ARC's Storm Water Design Manual
3. Implement or Adopt Land Use Restrictions in Critical Areas and Conservation Incentives
  - ◇ Create land use restrictions
  - ◇ Implement Recommendations of Growth Strategies Reassessment Task Force (12/98)
4. Improve Watershed Assessments
5. Protect the Headwaters of the Metro Region
  - ◇ Drinking Water Supply Status for Lake Lanier and Other Federal Reservoirs
  - ◇ Specific regulations for pollution allocation/trading
6. Fund State and Local Public Education Campaigns

#### **Develop More Comprehensive Water Supply Management Strategy**

1. Create and Implement a Region-wide Conservation Plan
2. Make Water Prices Reflect the Value of the Resource
3. Develop Water Efficiency Plans
4. Develop Incentives and Mandates for Water Reuse/Water Recycling
5. Create Growth Restrictions (e.g., urban growth boundary, discouraging water intensive industries)
  - ◇ Implement urban growth boundaries
  - ◇ Restrict Interbasin transfers

#### **Train EPD Staff as Law Enforcement Officers**