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Jud Turner Appointed As Georgia EPD Director

The Board of Natural Resources has formally appointed Jud Turner the next director of the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Turner replaces F. Allen Barnes, who has resigned to return to work in the private sector.

Mr. Turner was former Gov. Sonny Perdue's executive counsel and also served as the then-governor's legal representative in negotiations with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service regarding drought operations at the federal reservoirs of the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) and Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa (ACT) river basins.

Since serving as executive counsel, Mr. Turner has served both Governors Perdue and Nathan Deal as special executive counsel in negotiations between the states of Alabama, Georgia and Florida related to the ACF and ACT basins and on matters involving Georgia's other shared river basins.

Mr. Turner is a founding partner of the law firm Turner, Bachman & Garrett LLC and Georgia360 LLC, a multidisciplinary public affairs firm.

Mr. Turner earned his law degree from the University of Virginia and his undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia, where he was president of the Student Government Association, graduating Phi Beta Kappa with highest honors in political science and economics.

Under Georgia law, the EPD Director is appointed by the Board of Natural Resources with the approval of the Governor. Mr. Turner's appointment is effective Jan.1, 2012.

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Georgia EPD is a state agency charged with protecting Georgia's air, land, and water resources through the authority of state and federal environmental statutes. These laws regulate public and private facilities in the areas of air quality, water quality, hazardous waste, water supply, solid waste, surface mining, underground storage tanks, and others. EPD issues and enforces all state permits in these matters.

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