

Water Contingency Planning Task Force

**Senate Natural Resources and
Environment Committee**

January 27, 2010

Governor's Response to Ruling

Georgia will pursue a multi-prong strategy

Four-Pronged Strategy:

- **Appeal**
- **Negotiations**
- **Congressional Reauthorization, as directed by Judge Magnuson in ruling**
- **Contingency Planning**

Contingency Planning

Identify solutions to close the gap in water supply created by the ruling

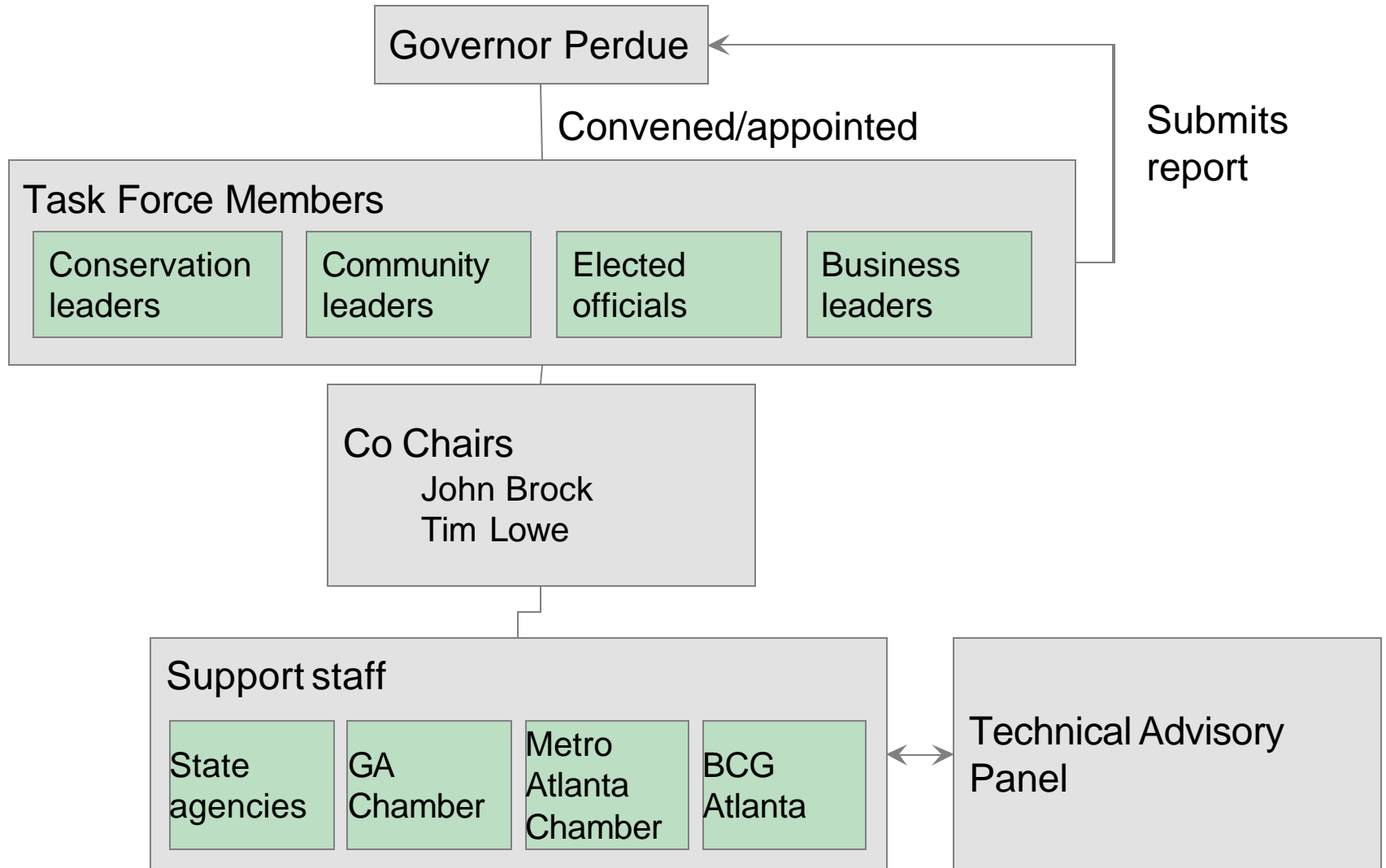
- **Governor's Charge: I want the best business minds in Georgia to:**
 - Analyze the situation the way you would a threat to your business
 - Consider the costs and benefits of proposals that can close the water supply gap Judge Magnuson's order would create
 - Prioritize those proposals
 - Make any recommendations, if needed, for statutory change

Water Task Force Objectives

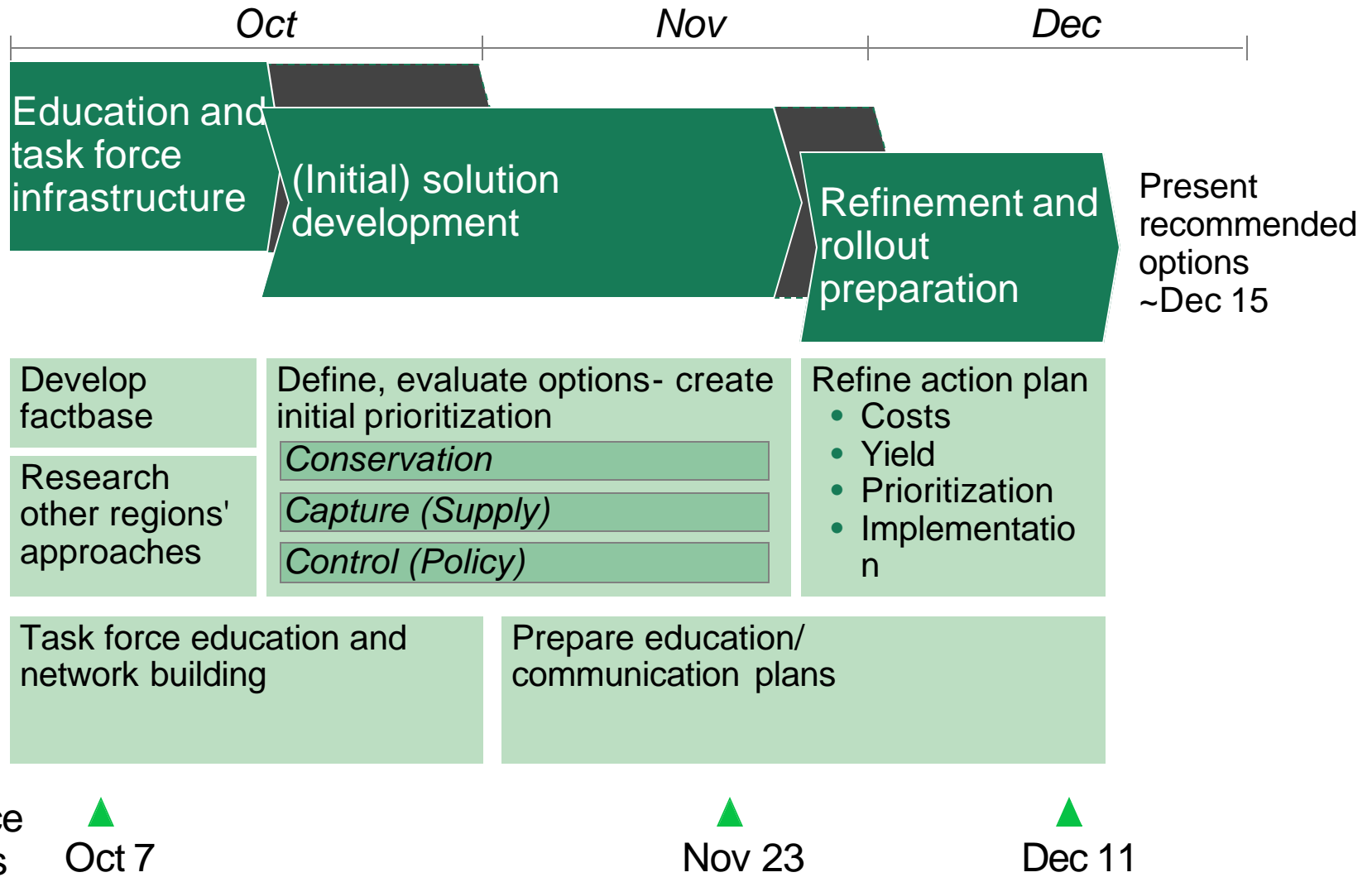
Develop a set of facts and a time-driven action plan

- 1 Develop a fact-base to educate leaders on Georgia's water situation and the implications of Judge Magnuson's ruling**
 - Water usage and progress to date – forecasts and implications
- 2 Define a time-driven action plan prioritizing specific options and recommendations for conservation, supply enhancement, and water policy**
 - Addressing supply gap and economic development concerns
 - For use by Georgia elected officials
 - Supported by business and civic community

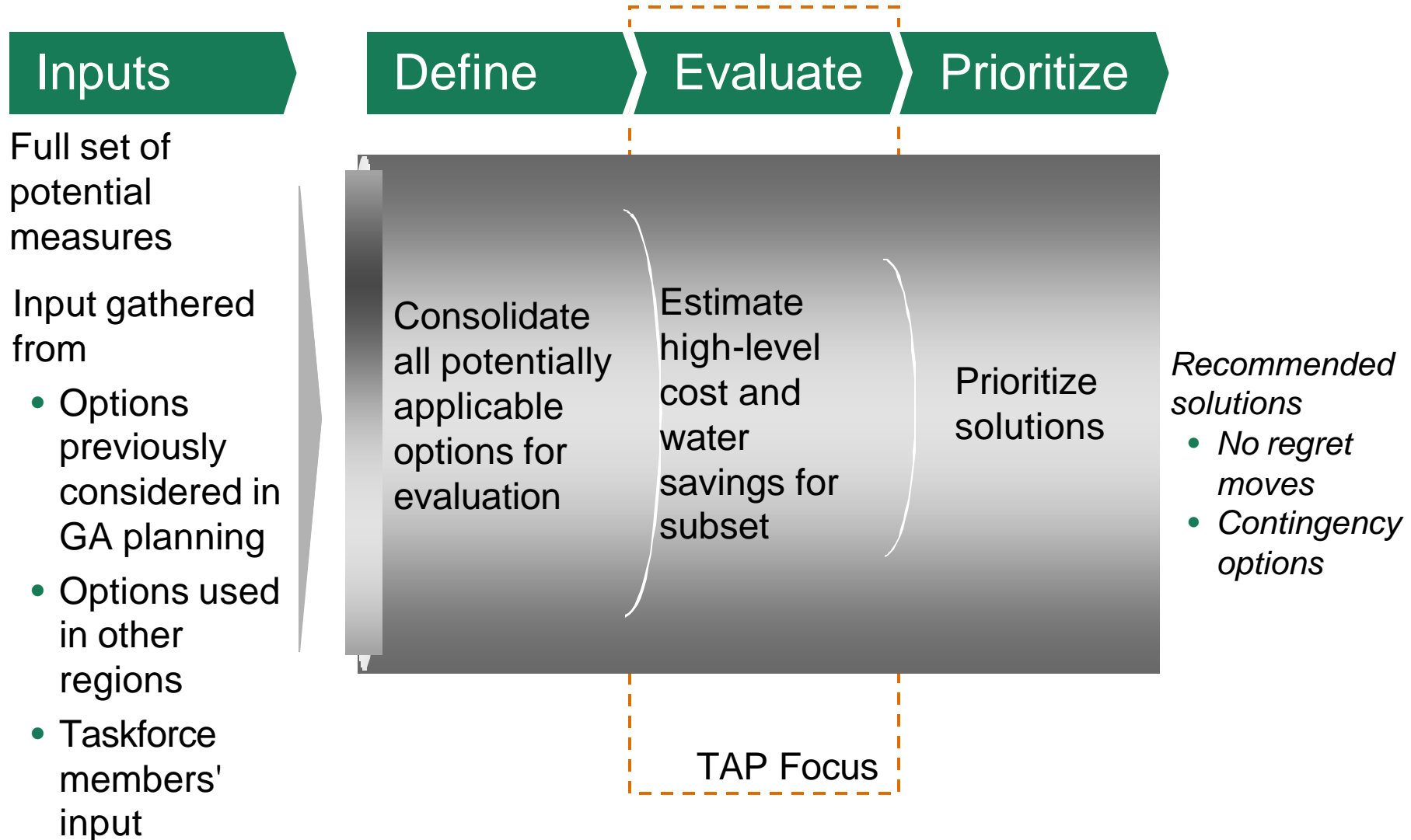
Task force structure



High-level approach



Three-step process to gather input, evaluate potential options and prioritize solutions



Important to understand, re-iterate the Contingency Plan operating assumptions

Assume that re-authorization is not possible

- Hence, solutions involving Lanier storage or Dam operations are not in Task Force scope

All potential solutions are on the table

- Both demand-side (Conserve) and supply-side (Capture and Control) options must be evaluated; we do not have the luxury of restricting analysis to just one lever
- Political considerations should not prevent evaluation of an option

Evaluation approach must stress option *prioritization*

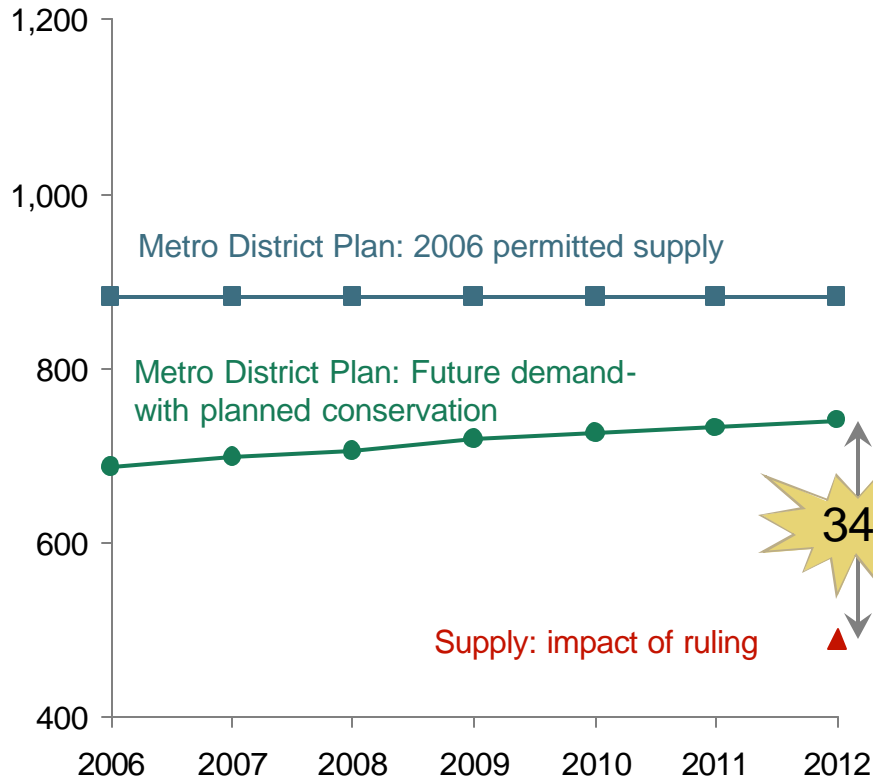
- Not just a "worst case scenario" exercise; prioritization approach should reveal which options would be preferred even in less severe scenarios, as well as which options would be purely "contingency" measures

This does not change fundamental view that Lanier is most environmentally and economically sensible water source

Gap to be addressed by conserve, capture, and control options

Supply gap of 34% between permitted withdrawal and projected demand by 2012

Supply/Demand (AAD - MGD)



1 Conserve

- Reduce water demand by end users

2 Capture

- Enhance future water supply through new sources or by expanding existing sources

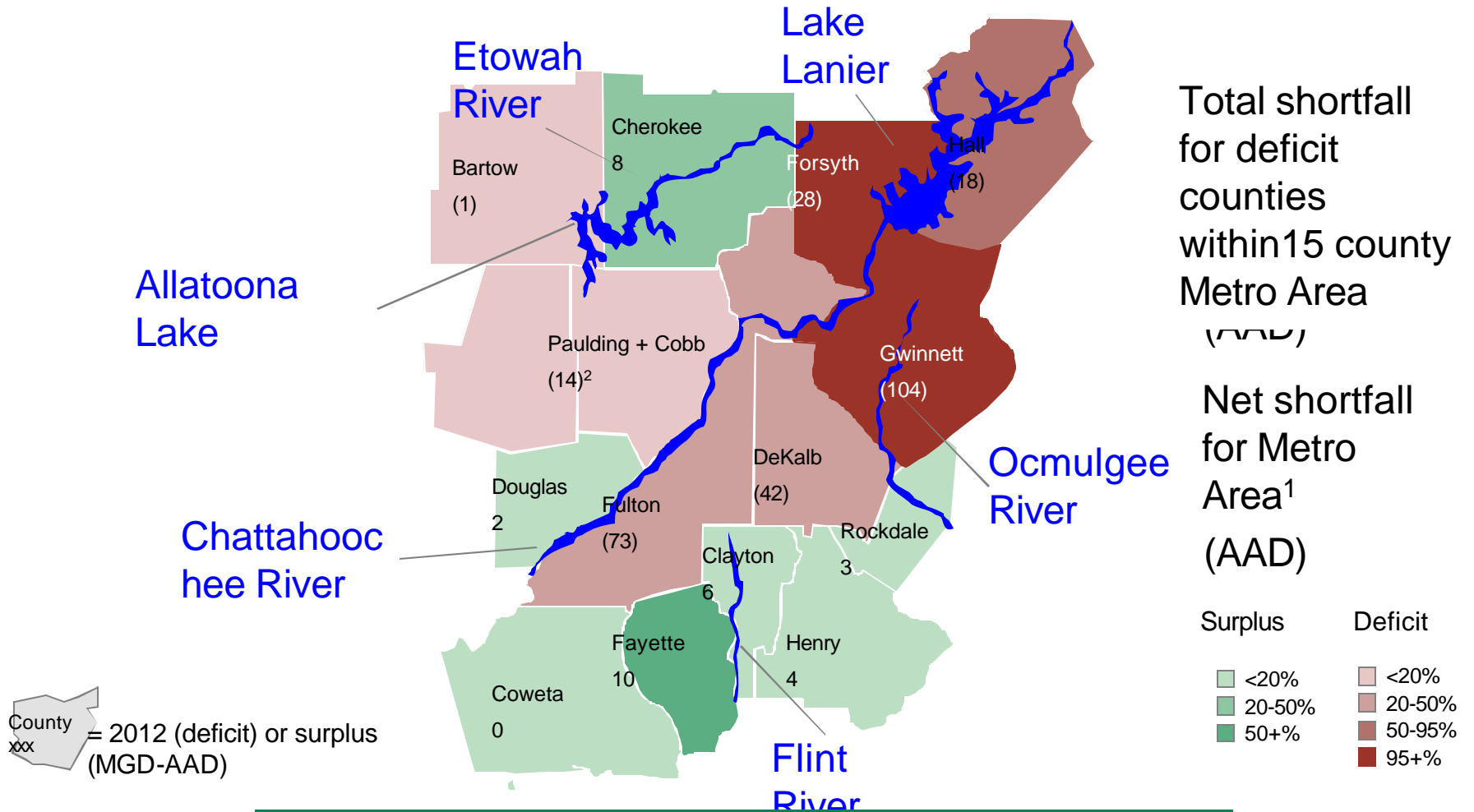
3 Control

- Optimize management of supply thru policy and/or process changes

Source: Metro North GA Water Supply and Water Conservation Management Plan (May 2009); Estimated data; Figures reported in Average Annual Day– Million Gallons per Day (AAD–MGD)

What would the ruling mean? Where is shortfall?

The shortfall is not evenly distributed across the Region.



This is a static analysis only. Exact future impact by county is not known at present.

1. 250 MGD is net figure- this assumes surplus counties could offset deficit counties - which would require possible infrastructure upgrades and water quality verification.
 2. Paulding currently buys all water from Cobb; shortfall shown as a result of combined supply / demand for the two counties
 Source: Metro North Georgia Water Planning District "Water Supply and Water Conservation Management Plan" (May2009); EPD data

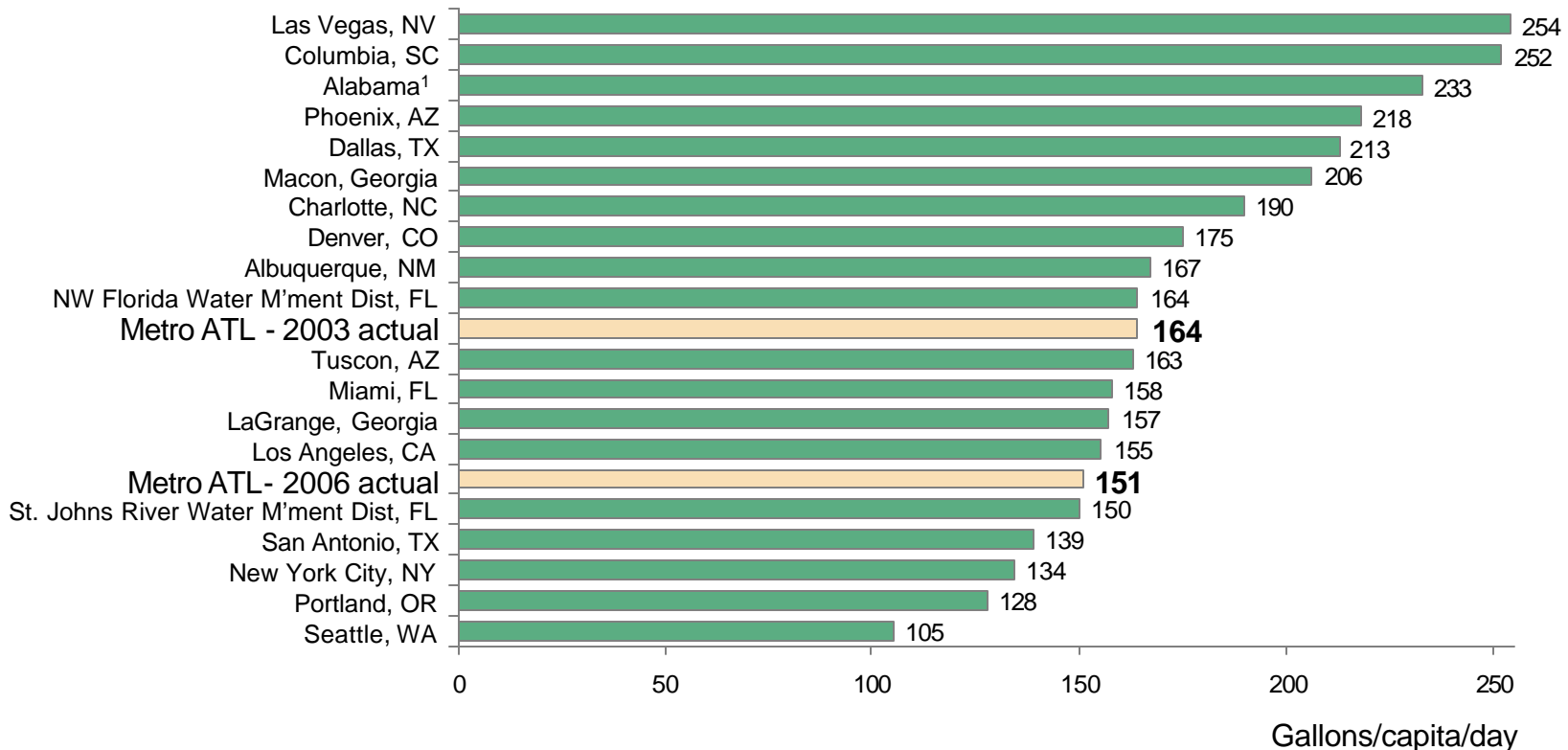
What is cost of inaction? 2012 water shortfall could reduce Metro Region economic output by >10% (\$26B+/yr)

Types of costs	Approach	Result
<div style="background-color: #006633; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> Lower economic output of existing businesses </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referred to studies documenting impact of water supply shortfalls¹ on business output Tailored assumptions to suit local situation- consulted local economists 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implies a potential 10-15% reduction in output <p style="text-align: center;">↓</p> <p>Translates into roughly \$26-\$39B per year</p>
<div style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 5px;">Reduced investment for future growth</div> <div style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 5px;">Reduced quality of life</div> <div style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 5px;">Property value decline</div>	<p><i>Costs are significant— but not explicitly quantified by Task Force</i></p>	
Shortfall costs begin accruing now, as businesses evaluate metro ATL suitability... we need to ACT!		

1. Measures to Reduce the Economic Impacts of a Drought-Induced Water Shortage in the SF Bay Area, SFPUC (2007) ; Estimating business and residential water supply interruption losses from catastrophic events, Brozovic (2006) ; Economic Loss Estimation of Water Supply Shortage Based on Questionnaire Survey in Industrial Sectors, Jiang (2005)
 Note: Assessed impact to Metro Atlanta GDP from potential water shortfall of ~35%, Assumed shortfall borne equally by all sectors (ie, did not re-allocate supply)

Overall District water usage levels projected to be similar to those seen in low-usage metro areas

Per capita public supply use, by metro areas— showing Metro ATL 2003 and 2006 actual usages



Realization of this requires continuous improvement and ongoing education- fostering a "conserve first" mindset

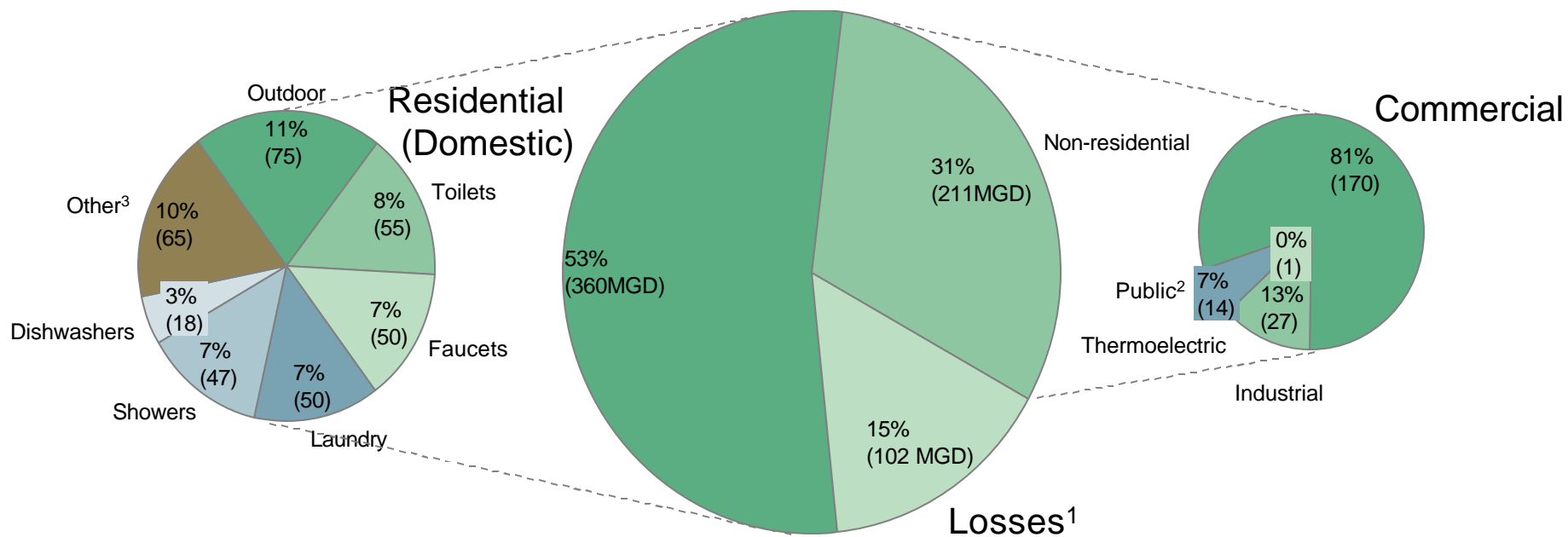
1. State average; data not available for individual cities in AL

Note: Overall per capita is calculated by dividing total gallons of water produced by water provider by the population served, where total gallons of water produced includes use for residential, commercial, industrial, irrigation, and non-revenue water Source: Georgia EPD analysis with data collected from 2000 - 2008

Roughly 95% of Metro public supply water use occurs in residential/commercial uses, or system losses

Metro North GA public supply usage

Total = 680 Million Gallons/Day



1. Includes apparent losses (meter inaccuracies, data errors, etc) and real losses (leakage, breaks, overflows, etc) 2. Includes "unbilled authorized" (eg, fire fighting, hydrant flushing, street cleaning, etc) 3. "Other" category not defined in Metro plan – likely includes drinking, food preparation, leaks, etc.

Source: Metro North GA Water Supply and Water Conservation Management Plan (May 2009)

Business Community Viewpoint

- The price of inaction is \$26 billion.
- Time for action is now.
- There is no single magic solution.
- Lake Lanier is the best answer.
- Additional water supplies will be necessary in addition to conservation.
- More time gives more options.