

**Water Conservation Advisory Council Meeting**

Date: Tuesday, April 8, 2014  
 Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.  
 Location: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department  
 Conference Room – Building 6  
 1340 Airport Commerce – Austin, TX

Meeting chaired by: C.E. Williams, Presiding Officer  
 Meeting Facilitators: TWDB support staff

<i><b>Institutional Water Users</b></i>	Alternate Eddy Trevino	<i><b>Refining &amp; Chemical Manufacturing</b></i>	Karl Fennessey
<i><b>Landscape Irrigation &amp; Horticulture</b></i>	Brad Smith	<i><b>Environmental Groups</b></i>	Jennifer Walker
<i><b>Professional Organizations Focused on Water Conservation</b></i>	Alternate Nora Mullarkey	<i><b>Higher Education</b></i>	Calvin Finch
<i><b>Regional Water Planning Groups</b></i>	C.E. Williams	<i><b>Water Control &amp; Improvement Districts</b></i>	Alternate Dean Minchillo
<i><b>Texas Parks and Wildlife Department</b></i>	Cindy Loeffler	<i><b>Groundwater Conservation Districts</b></i>	Stacy Steinbach
<i><b>Municipal Utility Districts</b></i>	Donna Howe	<i><b>Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board</b></i>	Alternate Steven Bednarz
<i><b>Electric Generation</b></i>	Alternate Rick Jeanes	<i><b>Texas Department of Agriculture</b></i>	---
<i><b>Mining and Recovery of Minerals</b></i>	CJ Tredway	<i><b>TWDB</b></i>	Alternate Jessica Kohlrenken
<i><b>Agricultural Groups</b></i>	Jay Bragg	<i><b>TCEQ</b></i>	Chris Loft
<i><b>Rural Water Users</b></i>	---	<i><b>Federal Agencies</b></i>	John Mueller
<i><b>River Authorities</b></i>	Jim Parks	<i><b>Irrigation Districts</b></i>	---
<i><b>Municipalities</b></i>	Karen Guz		

Approval of Minutes from the February 13, 2014 Meeting

The Council took up and approved minutes from the prior meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Texas Water Development Board Update from Director Kathleen Jackson

Director Kathleen Jackson provided an overview of recent activities at the Texas Water Development Board, progress on the House Bill 4 rulemaking, and the desire for stakeholder input. Director Jackson also expressed her appreciation for the committed work of the Council .

Discussion on implementation of HB 3605 -establishing water loss metrics and thresholds

John Sutton presented on TWDB implementation of HB 3605 and water loss metrics. All retail public water suppliers report once every 5 years. Those with active financial obligations or with >3,300 connections report annually. The reports help track water loss, identify strategies and used as part of the TWDB financial application process.

## Discussion on and Action on Content for the 2014 WCAC Legislative Report

CE Williams, chair, opened the floor to anyone who had any specific questions on portions of the reports.

Ken Kramer (via Jennifer Walker) offered to compile the reports from cities into an appendix and include a summary of the data received within the body of the report. The Council discussed the focusing on specific water conservation program examples and not including all programs across the state. Members stated that for the future they were interested in surveying for a full listing of programs after the report is released. Council members suggested adding the option on forms to name their programs (self-reporting) for the future. Currently, the Council would like to keep the report as generic and keep summaries in the appendix.

CJ Tredway discussed the Energy Water Nexus section. The Council is interested in keeping the section in the Legislative Report with edits from CJ and Bill Hoffman.

Ken Kramer (via Jennifer Walker) will work with Robert Mace on the reports from regional water planning groups to continue to fill the content for data from the surveys.

The Council discussed the SWIFT funding section content. The Agriculture workgroup turned in content on the subject but the Council would like to highlight all the portions of HB 4. Calvin Finch would look at writing content for the SWIFT subject on a section that solely focuses on SWIFT in relation to other portions of the bill besides Agriculture.

The Council inquired about the Education Grant program. TWDB is continuing to update that as more progress is made.

### Reports from Workgroups

Agriculture: Hosted a conference call to discuss the Legislative Report content.

Commercial & Institutional: No Report.

Industrial: No report.

Municipal: No Report

Public Awareness: Denise Hickey announced the Blue Legacy Awards in Municipal Water Conservation – City of Austin Utilities, City of Round Rock, City of New Braunfels, Cinco Ranch Municipal Utility District

Wholesale: No report.

### Announcements of Conferences and Events

Texas Groundwater Summit in San Marcos August 26-28, 2014 ([www.TexasGroundwaterSummit.com](http://www.TexasGroundwaterSummit.com))  
Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Annual Meeting in San Antonio – Water for Fish and Wildlife, July 21-23, 2014

### Discussion and selection of dates and locations of future meetings

Next meeting is scheduled for June 10 at 1 pm.

Any remaining content for the 2014 Legislative Report is due to Council support staff by April 25<sup>th</sup>. If

there are difficulties with sending it by then, please contact TWDB.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.