

## Summary of Minutes

### Water Conservation Advisory Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday, May 26, 2010  
Time: 10:02 am – 11:45 am  
Location: Conference Rooms of Bldg 6  
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department – Austin Field Office  
1340 Airport Commerce Drive –Austin, TX

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

Council Members in attendance are listed below:

<i>Institutional Water Users</i>	Bill Hoffman	<i>Refining &amp; Chemical Manufacturing</i>	----
<i>Professional Organizations Focused on Water Conservation</i>	Carole Baker	<i>Landscape Irrigation &amp; Horticulture</i>	Kelly Hall
<i>Regional Water Planning Groups</i>	C.E. Williams	<i>Environmental Groups</i>	Ken Kramer
<i>Texas Parks and Wildlife Department</i>	Alternate ~Dan Opdyke	<i>Groundwater Conservation Districts</i>	Luana Buckner
<i>Municipal Utility Districts</i>	Donna Howe	<i>Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board</i>	Richard Egg
<i>Electric Generation</i>	Gary Spicer	<i>TWDB</i>	Robert Mace
<i>Texas Department of Agriculture</i>	----	<i>TCEQ</i>	Scott Swanson
<i>Mining and Recovery of Minerals</i>	----	<i>Federal Agencies</i>	----
<i>Rural Water Users</i>	Janet Adams	<i>Higher Education</i>	----
<i>Water Control &amp; Improvement Districts</i>	----	<i>Irrigation Districts</i>	Wayne Halbert
<i>River Authorities</i>	----	<i>Agricultural Groups</i>	Wilson Scaling
<i>Municipalities</i>	Karen Guz		

At 10:02 am the meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer C.E. Williams. The first item on the agenda was the approval of the previous Council meeting minutes. The previous minutes were approved. The floor was opened for public comment for which there was none.

The next item on the agenda was a status report from the workgroup chairs:

#### WG 1 Public Awareness and Recognition

Carole Baker is working with Wayne Halbert on a recognition award to present at the Irrigation Expo (Lower Rio Grande Valley) in Fall 2010. On another topic, some information was shared about the Texas Water Foundation 's effort to work with the Texas Association of Broadcasters for airing Water IQ TV and Radio spots in Summer 2010.

#### WG 2 Metrics and Trends

It was reported that Workgroup 2 members reviewed the New Mexico Office of State Engineer (NMOSE) GPCD Calculator to gauge the usefulness of such a tool in Texas. The initial feedback indicates that there is positive response from Texas utilities and providers about the potential use of a similar tool in Texas. The most recent workgroup meeting was conducted primarily to confirm the workgroups objectives of proposing detailed sector based analysis tools.

#### WG3 Regional Strategy Implementation

There was no update provided for Workgroup 3.

#### WG 4 Resource Library and Best Management Practices

It was reported that the Best Management Practices solicitation letter was recently distributed electronically to the Councils' interested parties list.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion and review of the Draft Legislative Report. The Council began discussing the charges and the text of the report. There was emphasis placed on the fact that additional information will need to be acquired and added to a later version of the report as it becomes available. As indicated in the bullet points below, certain Council members will work with Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) staff to further develop, write, or modify the report.

- Carole Baker will develop a contact list to request program summaries from.
- Carole Baker will coordinate with Wayne Halbert on the specific details of the Recognition Award.
- Carole Baker will provide some written content on what type of recognition awards will be developed in the future activities of the Council.
- TWDB Staff will distribute the Council's letter about strategy implementation to the Regional Water Planning Group chairs.
- TWDB Staff will incorporate a website reference for the New Mexico Office of State Engineer Web tool.
- TWDB Staff will include the Council's legislative statute as an appendix.
- Bill Hoffman will draft text on "The Next Generation of Water Conservation Advisory Goals".
- Karen Guz will slightly modify the written content to further clarify the concept of unique metrics for unique sectors of water user groups.
- Robert Mace will provide some written content that helps to tie the proposed sector based analysis efforts back to the current efforts of using 140 GPCD as a target goal. This portion of the written content will encourage a multi factor analysis approach: Using 140 GPCD, using 1% per year reduction, and using sector based analysis tools.

Other discussion points that were brought up during the discussion of the legislative report were:

- Further clarifying the concept of unique metrics for unique sectors of water user groups.
- Electric Power Generation and unique metrics as they pertain to consumption versus use.
- The diversity in drought indexes and how the indexes are used.
- Tracking success in public awareness programs.

The next item on the agenda was discussion on the schedule for the Council's December 2010 report to the 82<sup>nd</sup> Texas Legislature. Workgroups will request their additional information and Council members will provide their written content by June 25<sup>th</sup> to the TWDB Support Staff. A well developed draft will be provided at the July 13th Council meeting.

The next meeting date was set for July 13, 2010 at the Robert E. Johnson Building in Austin.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.