

Water Conservation Advisory Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday June 20, 2012
 Time: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30am.
 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>Institutional Water Users</i>	Bill Hoffman	<i>Refining & Chemical Manufacturing</i>	Karl Fennessey
<i>Landscape Irrigation & Horticulture</i>	-----	<i>Environmental Groups</i>	Ken Kramer
<i>Professional Organizations Focused on Water Conservation</i>	Carole Baker	<i>Higher Education</i>	-----
<i>Regional Water Planning Groups</i>	C.E. Williams	<i>Water Control & Improvement Districts</i>	Linda Christie
<i>Texas Parks and Wildlife Department</i>	Cindy Loeffler	<i>Groundwater Conservation Districts</i>	Alternate Stacey Steinbach
<i>Municipal Utility Districts</i>	Donna Howe	<i>Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board</i>	-----
<i>Electric Generation</i>	Gary Spicer	<i>Texas Department of Agriculture</i>	Richard Eyster
<i>Mining and Recovery of Minerals</i>	Gene Montgomery	<i>TWDB</i>	Robert Mace
<i>Agricultural Groups</i>	Hughes Abell	<i>TCEQ</i>	Scott Swanson
<i>Rural Water Users</i>	-----	<i>Federal Agencies</i>	Steve Bednarz
<i>River Authorities</i>	Jim Parks	<i>Irrigation Districts</i>	Wayne Halbert
<i>Municipalities</i>	-----		

At 9:30 am the meeting was called to order by the presiding officer, C.E. Williams. The first item on the agenda was the approval of previous Council minutes. The minutes were approved without discussion. The floor was then opened for public comment for which a representative from the Austin (United States Geological Survey (USGS) Office offered the availability of their facilities for future meetings.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion on the timeline and content of the council’s legislative report. The discussion focused mainly on the contents relating to S.B. 181, Total gallons per capita per day (Total gpcd), and conservation partnership networks. Many of the specific comments from the discussion will be reflected in the next version of the draft report at the July 25th meeting.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion on the draft S.B. 181 guidance document. The discussion focused mainly on expanding the contents to provide more examples and details to better guide the users on how to evaluate their conservation programs. Many of the specific comments from the discussion will be reflected in the next version of the draft report at the July 25th meeting.

The next item on the agenda was an update on workgroup activities.

- Agricultural Workgroup –The group continues to consider Best Management Practices (bmps) that they would like to revise.
- Industrial, Commercial, Institutional (ICI) Workgroup – The group recently held a conference call to discuss Bill Hoffman’s draft ICI BMP guide. There will be future conference calls to discuss the

landscape irrigation chapter.

- Municipal Workgroup – The workgroup chair and members are in the process of reviewing the public comments they received. They hope to set up another open public comment period on a set of bmps that are soon to be drafted. The bmps will be posted to the workgroup webpage and stakeholders will be able to access the documents.
- Wholesale Suppliers Workgroup – The workgroup is in the process of reviewing public comments and hopes to post the next version of the BMPs soon.

There was some discussion on other activities and upcoming events. A calendar link to upcoming events is available on the Council's homepage. Calendar events can be seen here:
<http://wateriq.org/news-info/index.asp>

The Council scheduled the following dates for upcoming meeting of the Water Conservation Advisory Council:

- Wednesday July 25, 2012 at 9:30am. Meeting to be held at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Field Office.
- Wednesday September 5, 2012 at 9:30am. Meeting to be held at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Field Office.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.