

Summary of Minutes

Water Conservation Advisory Council Meeting

Date: Tuesday-August 17, 2010
 Time: 10:05 am – 1:30 pm
 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

Council Members in attendance are listed below:

<i>Institutional Water Users</i>	----	<i>Refining & Chemical Manufacturing</i>	Karl Fennessey
<i>Professional Organizations Focused on Water Conservation</i>	Carole Baker	<i>Landscape Irrigation & Horticulture</i>	Kelly Hall
<i>Regional Water Planning Groups</i>	C.E. Williams	<i>Environmental Groups</i>	Alternate ~ Jennifer Walker
<i>Texas Parks and Wildlife Department</i>	Cindy Loeffler	<i>Groundwater Conservation Districts</i>	Alternate ~ Mike Mahoney
<i>Municipal Utility Districts</i>	----	<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>	Alternate ~ Jason Modglin	<i>TCEQ</i>	Scott Swanson
<i>Mining and Recovery of Minerals</i>	Gene Montgomery	<i>Federal Agencies</i>	Steven Bednarz
<i>Rural Water Users</i>	Janet Adams	<i>Higher Education</i>	Vivien Allen
<i>Water Control & Improvement Districts</i>	----	<i>Irrigation Districts</i>	Wayne Halbert
<i>River Authorities</i>	Jim Parks	<i>Agricultural Groups</i>	Alternate ~ Hughes Abell
<i>Municipalities</i>	Karen Guz		

At 10:05 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 Council then moved into workgroup updates:

Workgroup 1 ~ there was discussion about the statewide public services announcements provided through the Texas Association of Broadcasters and the Texas Water Foundation. Some information and statistics on this effort will be provided for the report. An update was also given about some possible Gallons per Capita per Day (GPCD) legislation.

Workgroup 2 ~ there was discussion about including more detail, an additional appendix, and some examples in the report on differences in GPCD due to varying needs for water supplies. It was also brought up that workgroup members had been contacted by the Sunset Commission staff regarding Council activities.

Workgroup 3 ~ there was discussion about the results of the conference calls with Chairs of Regional Water Planning Groups. It was decided that the overview would be incorporated into the appendix of the report and a brief summary would be placed into the body of the report.

Workgroup 4 ~ there was discussion about increasing efforts in reviewing and/or revising Best Management Practices (BMP) over the next few years.

The next item on the agenda was discussion on the draft report. The format of the discussion focused primarily on specific changes and discussion on the organization of the report, the message of the report and the content of the report. There was discussion on expanding some of the content to include more detail. Several Council Members were tasked with providing additional input to sections of the draft report. Texas Water Development Board support staff will continue to make revisions to the report, including the new information.

There was also a presentation and discussion on the future objectives and activities of the Council during 2011-2012, focusing on the charges set out in the enabling legislation.

The next meeting date was set for September 30, 2010 at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Field Office in Austin.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.