

## Summary of Minutes

### Water Conservation Advisory Council

Wednesday-September 26, 2007

Meeting: 10:00 AM

Room 170-Stephen F. Austin Building

1700 North Congress-Austin, Texas

Kevin Ward, Executive Administrator of Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), opened the meeting at 10:05 AM. Mr. Ward welcomed the Council Members and the audience and introduced a number of staff representing Texas legislators. Mr. Ward gave a brief history of the legislation creating the Water Conservation Advisory Council (Council).

Bill Mullican, Deputy Executive Administrator-Planning for TWDB, reviewed the legislative charges given to the Council by the 80<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature. Mr. Mullican had the Council Members introduce themselves.

Bill Mullican then discussed possible organization of the Council including potential benefits of the Council forming work groups. The next discussion was on the process of electing the Council's Presiding Officer. Discussion included on what should be a majority vote to elect the Presiding Officer. Decision was for a simple majority vote. The floor was opened for nominations and Jim Oliver, Gary Walker, and C.E. Williams were nominated. Mr. Oliver then withdrew his name from consideration. The secret ballot election resulted in C.E. Williams being chosen as the Council's Presiding Officer. After that vote, a motion was made and approved to name Gary Walker as Vice-Presiding Officer in any absence of Mr. Williams.

Mr. Williams continued with the agenda items and opened discussion on a possible Council charter and by-laws. After some discussion about alternates for members and voting rights for alternates, a question was raised about the rules utilized by the previous Water Conservation Implementation Task Force. TWDB staff handed out materials utilized by the Task Force. Members were requested to send comments and suggestions about a charter and by-laws to Comer Tuck-TWDB Council member for drafting of documents for Council consideration.

Comer Tuck gave a brief description of possible TWDB staff support for the Council.

Presentations on water conservation public awareness programs were given by representatives from San Antonio Water System, Texas Water Development Board, City of Dallas, Tarrant Regional Water District, and North Texas Municipal Water District. Members asked several questions about the specific programs.

The floor was opened for members discussion on other topics. Carole Baker informed the members and audience about the *Alliance for Water Efficiency* which is a new national non-profit organization dedicated to the efficient and sustainable use of water. Gene

Montgomery suggested the creation of five specific work groups based on the legislative charges to the Council. Members approved the suggestion and are to inform Comer Tuck as to their choices of work groups.

The floor was opened for public comment, however, there were no comments offered.

After discussion about possible dates for the next meeting, the next meeting date of the Council was set for Friday, November 16, 2007 at the Stephen F. Austin State Office Building in Austin.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM.