

## Summary of Minutes

### Water Conservation Advisory Council Meeting

Date: Tuesday, November 19, 2013  
 Time: 10:30 a.m. – 11:45 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>Institutional Water Users</i>	Bill Hoffman	<i>Refining &amp; Chemical Manufacturing</i>	----
<i>Landscape Irrigation &amp; Horticulture</i>	Brad Smith	<i>Environmental Groups</i>	----
<i>Professional Organizations Focused on Water Conservation</i>	----	<i>Higher Education</i>	Kevin Wagner
<i>Regional Water Planning Groups</i>	C.E. Williams	<i>Water Control &amp; Improvement Districts</i>	Alternate Dean Minchillo
<i>Texas Parks and Wildlife Department</i>	Cindy Loeffler	<i>Groundwater Conservation Districts</i>	Stacey Steinbach
<i>Municipal Utility Districts</i>	Donna Howe	<i>Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board</i>	Alternate John Foster
<i>Electric Generation</i>	Gary Spicer	<i>Texas Department of Agriculture</i>	David Villarreal
<i>Mining and Recovery of Minerals</i>	CJ Tredway	<i>TWDB</i>	Alternate Jim Bateman
<i>Agricultural Groups</i>	----	<i>TCEQ</i>	Chris Loft
<i>Rural Water Users</i>	Lara Zent	<i>Federal Agencies</i>	Alternate John Mueller
<i>River Authorities</i>	Alternate Denise Hickey	<i>Irrigation Districts</i>	Wayne Halbert
<i>Municipalities</i>	Karen Guz		

#### Approval of Minutes from the October 15, 2013 Meeting

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

#### Public Comment

There was no public comment.

#### Presentation on TWDB Water Loss Audit Requirements and Data

John Sutton with the Texas Water Development Board presented on Water loss Audit requirements and data with the agency. The power point presentation can be found at:  
<http://savetexaswater.org/meeting/agendas/index.htm>

The presentation was followed by a question and answer session.

Question posed about accuracy of the information TWDB receives. Audits are checked by TWDB staff and return calls to the utility if data looks inconsistent. Additionally, the consolidated database which is being developed by TWDB will help utilities have access to past audits as well as comparison data. All

information will be readily accessible by the public.

There was discussion on the summary of the 2012 data and possible errors in the results. Several factors could go into the errors including not measuring the loss correctly, not accounting for specific water use, etc. TWDB staff works with the utilities to correct the reports and often removes data that seem unrealistic.

Question was posed about HB 1462 relating to customer notification of water loss by a retail public water supplier.. TCEQ is working on the rule making and can be found at:

[http://www5.tceq.state.tx.us/rules/index.cfm?fuseaction=external\\_reports.numberReport](http://www5.tceq.state.tx.us/rules/index.cfm?fuseaction=external_reports.numberReport)

#### Discussion and possible action on recommendations regarding Best Management Practices

The Best Management Practices the Council has been developing were posted to the [Texas Water Development Board](#) and [Council](#) websites on Monday, November 18, 2013. Accompanying them was a press release and social media outreach.

The Council discussed Best Management Practice ideas for the coming months. The Industrial Workgroup (Karl Fennessey, CJ Treadway) is working on a refinery Best Management Practice and getting feedback from industry leaders. The Municipal Workgroup (Karen Guz) would like to update several of their Best Management Practices and will regroup to prioritize their next step. Commercial and Institutional Workgroup (Bill Hoffman) would like to update their Best Management Practice.

#### Discussion on upcoming Council activities and determine schedules

Question on if the Council will have input on conservation definition in Proposition 6 with TWDB. Discussion took place on the stakeholders' meetings currently with the 16 regional chairs. The Council is very interested in a representative from TWDB speaking at the January Council meeting to go through the timeline for all the rule making as well as be available to answer their questions in regard to the funding options.

The Council studied the new timeline for the 2014 Legislative Report. The timeline is similar to the previous timeline with extra time built in during the development stage. The Council approved the timeline as is with a possible meeting move from June to May.

The Council outlined the 2012 Charges and Contents document as it relates to the 2014 Legislative Report. Karen Guz suggested including information on some of the water efficiency network groups in the report as an evidence of more progress. Denise Hickey will work to get a fact sheet from the organization in the Dallas/North Texas area. Bill Hoffman suggested the Council include more data and statistical analysis in the report to be on par with similar reports that have been released.

The Council decided to all send input to TWDB support staff to compile all responses to update the document and bring back to the meeting in January to work on the final document. The Council will then make final decisions on what to include in the 2014 document.

#### Reports from Workgroups

Agriculture: Planning to get together soon to look at BMP updates and tackling in January of next year.

Commercial & Institutional: Would also like to do some updates on the energy and water nexus.

Industrial: No report.

Municipal: Planning to have another conference call to find out which are the most useful Best Management Practices

Public Awareness: No report.

Wholesale: No report.

#### Announcements of Conferences and Events

- Water Conservation Symposium, February 12, 2014 in Amarillo.

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

The next meeting will be at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The Council will regroup in January and come prepared to set meetings through the summer.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.