

Summary of comments received between August 1 and September 30, 2016 on current draft of 2016 WCAC report to the legislature

#	from	comment	action
1	John Mueller	minor edits/typos	corrected
2	Sanjeev Kalaswad	minor edits	incorporated minor language edits
3	Aubrey Spear	amended language for recommendation #4; see attachment	noted
4	Bill Hoffman	recommendation for higher education research funding was discussed but left pending without a formal vote at August 1 council meeting	edited language and included in draft report as recommendation #8 for consideration at October 25 meeting
5	Ken Kramer	minor edits/typos; suggested additional information and/or footnotes (charge 1, table 1, and recommendation 6)	corrected; added language and footnotes
6	Carole Baker	include reference to Pecan Street white paper	included in charge 4
7	Dustan Compton	minor edits; new paragraph on wholesale conservation for charge 1	incorporated some suggested edits; included paragraph, with minor edits, in charge 1
8	Kevin Wagner	minor comments and edits; new language for ag conservation portion of charge 1	addressed comments; accepted new language for ag conservation section of charge 1
9	Jay Bragg	concurred with Wagner's changes	noted
10	Dan Hunter	concurred with Wagner's changes	noted
11	Charlie Moehlenbrock	no formal comments from TCEQ	noted
12	Cindy Loeffler	no formal comments from TPWD; consider adding a dollar amount to recommendation 5	noted

Detailed comments received between August 1 and September 30, 2016 on current draft of the 2016 WCAC report to the legislature

1. (Mueller) spelling errors identified in tracked changes document
2. (Kalaswad) minor edits to language in recommendations portion of executive summary
3. (Spear) amended language for recommendation #4 inserted below

4. Incentives for utilities to ~~Adoption of~~ enforceable time-of-day limitations on outdoor watering

{first two paragraphs unchanged so omitted from this comments list - Mindy}

An increasing number of political subdivisions in Texas have limited outdoor watering on an ongoing basis (limitations may vary based on the time of the year) and have identified significant reductions in water use as a result. However, the Texas Water Conservation Scorecard report recently released by the Texas Living Waters Project found that only about a third of retail public water utilities in the state serving a population of 25,000 or more have any limitations on outdoor water use except during drought. One way to encourage more political subdivisions to adopt such practices would be to ~~require~~ provide additional points for utilities that adopt them to have enforceable time-of-day watering limitations on outdoor watering ~~in~~ when they are being evaluated to potentially receive ~~order to obtain~~ state financial assistance for a water supply project.

The council recommends that the Texas Legislature should ~~require~~ encourage a political subdivision that provides retail public water service and applies to the Texas Water Development Board for state financial assistance of more than \$500,000 for a municipal water supply project to adopt enforceable time-of-day limitations on outdoor watering by its customers as part of an ongoing conservation program before the Board makes a financial commitment. This requirement should not apply to entities that are primarily wholesale water providers or nonprofit water supply corporations, and the requirement may be waived for financial assistance to meet an emergency need. The Board should adopt guidance to assist political subdivisions in developing and implementing this requirement.

4. (Hoffman) edited language of recommendation based on meeting discussion on August 1; included in current draft as recommendation #8; will require a discussion and possible vote on October 25, 2016

5. (Kramer) minor edits addressed in draft; additional suggestions pasted below with action in brackets

(a) on page 6 of the draft, under “Manufacturing and Electric Power Generation Water Conservation” – Am I correct in remembering that TWDB has contracted with someone to update the assessment of anticipated water demands from the steam electric power sector for use in regional and state planning, and, if so, would it not be appropriate to mention that in this section of the WCAC report? [correct; footnote amended]

(b) on page 7 of the draft, in Table 1 – I assume that the column “5-Year Goal Average” refers to the goals set in various water conservation plans that were due or submitted in 2009 (or close to that year). Should we clarify that these goals were set in 2009 (or thereabouts)? [goals from 2014 plans; reflected in draft]

(c) on page 17 of the draft, in the second paragraph of the background discussion of legislative recommendation #6 – Do you want to insert a footnote for that 2013 GEER report which suggested the \$6 million appropriation for the biennium for Water IQ? If so, here is the link to the report (the appropriation recommendation is on page 321, and you may develop a footnote using your format from for this report): {link} [included in footnote and reference list]

6. (Baker) included reference in charge 4; will need to format document as white paper prior to posting

7. (Compton) included new paragraph with minor edits under charge 1; accepted some suggested grammatical edits

8. (Wagner) noted number of conservation plans represented in Table 1; amended language under agricultural water conservation in charge 1

9. (Bragg) no action required

10. (Hunter) no action required

11. (Moehlenbrock) no action required

12. (Loeffler) no action required; noted suggestion to add dollar amount to recommendation #5