

6/8/09

Time Start: 1:02 pm

Time Stop: 1:40 pm

Teleconference Call:

Work Group 5 ~ With the conclusion of this workgroup's original short term charge of conducting a study to evaluate the desirability of certifying water conservation training programs, the Council has elected to redirect the workgroup's efforts. The workgroup will be exploring the correlation between energy and water conservation. In particular they will be looking into the potential opportunities to integrate energy and water planning, create cooperative efforts and support recommendations that address both energy and water conservation.

Council Members, Alternates & Interested Parties

Spokesperson Bill Hoffman

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Spokesperson Bill Hoffman called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm and roll call was taken. The workgroup began by briefly reviewing the new focus of this workgroup. They discussed that they wanted to collaborate with State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) to formulate some public awareness information. In the discussion they brought up the point that the council and SECO could combine their efforts when it comes to educational initiatives.

The workgroup also discussed the importance of being able to quantify the relationships between energy conservation and water conservation. They felt that developing some economic data would be a useful tool to have.

In the discussion it was mentioned that as a legislative advisory group the council would not be the ones to develop any informational brochures and media but rather make recommendations that the state agencies be given the tools to do so.

Greg Carter was asked to provide some bullet point statements or facts about how the power generation industry could be affected by future policies such as carbon sequestration.

Gene Montgomery was asked to provide the workgroup with a draft of some specific goals and objectives for this workgroup. Once those goals and objectives are identified then the workgroup would schedule a face to face meeting with the group at SECO to see how those objectives can best be met.

It was decided that the workgroup would aim for a meeting in July or August. Conference call adjourned at 1:40pm.