

Summary of Minutes

Water Conservation Advisory Council Workgroup Meeting and Conference Call
Workgroup: Municipal & Water Loss Workgroups

Date: March 5, 2019
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Conference Call

<u>Members</u>	<u>Alternates</u>	<u>Interested Parties</u>	<u>TWDB Staff</u>
Karen Guz	Mark Froelich	Scott Swanson	Josh Sendejar
Anai Padilla	Jennifer Walker	Jennifer Nations	John Sutton
Valerie Miller		Al Fuentes	Travis Brice
Donna Howe			
Jennifer Allis			
Kevin Kluge			

** Documents can be found at: **

Call Began At: 10:02 a.m.

- I. Introduction of Participants
- II. Discussion/Updates on Gold Star Recognition Program

As a clarification item, TCEQ may receive Water Conservation Plans from entities with surface water rights, TWDB will receive a copy of the plans when TCEQ accepts the plan.

Wholesale Providers are eligible for the recognition.

Donna Howe asked: Is there anyone **not** eligible?

- Jennifer Allis commented that an entity has a water right greater than 1,000 acre/ft., for non-irrigation purposes, the entity is required to submit a WCP.
- Additionally, if an entity has a surface water right greater than 100,000 acre/ft., for irrigation purposes, they also must submit a WCP.
- Some of these entities are industrial operations as well as irrigation districts who would not be the intended audience of the program.

Anai Padilla asked: In regard to the Data Validity Process mentioned as a part of criteria 5) Discussion and Details of Water Loss Control Program, what is the process for entities submitting plans.

- Entities should be able to describe what their data validity process is, whether they are doing data validation in house or through a third-party, and to what level they are confident in their data.

Grading Applications:

It was asked how the grading process would be carried out. Karen Guz noted that a committee formed of WCAC members who are willing to review plans.

III. Discussion/Updates on Pending BMPs

i. Enforcement of Texas Irrigation License Standards BMP

TCEQ's Legal and Licensing departments need to review the document prior to endorsing the BMP. Some clarification on where the rules come from are needed as well as clarification on rule updates.

The Workgroup believes that the updates that could potentially be brought about from TCEQ would not change the spirit of the BMP, therefore it could be voted on by the full Council at the next meeting.

ii. System Water Audit and Water Loss BMP

Dan Strub, John Sutton, and Daniel Rice had a conversation after the last conference call. Based on that call, Dan has developed some revised language for the BMP. While Daniel has not been able to review the suggested language, John doesn't believe there is anything that should be that would be problematic.

The Workgroup elected to move this BMP on to the full Council at the next meeting on March 14th.

IV. Adjourn

Call Ended: 10:53 a.m.