

Summary of Minutes

Water Conservation Advisory Council Workgroup Meeting and Conference Call
 Workgroup: Municipal – Outdoor Focus Group

Date: April 5, 2018
 Time: 1:00 p.m.
 Location: Lower Colorado River Authority – Redbud Center, Room 210
 3601 Lake Austin Blvd., Austin, TX 78703

<u>Members</u>	<u>Alternates</u>	<u>Interested Parties</u>	<u>TWDB Staff</u>
Karen Guz Tim Loftus Anai Padilla (by phone)	Jennifer Walker Kevin Kluge	James Theiss Meghan Bock Valerie Miller Heather Dalrymple (by phone) Jonathan Kleinman Ruthie Redmond Jacob Johnson	John Sutton Josh Sendejar

- I. Introduction of Participants
 - a. The meeting was called to order and the conference call began at 1:06 p.m.
- II. Discussion of Newly Drafted Outdoor BMP Documents

Outdoor Watering Schedule BMP:

- This voluntary BMP focuses on reducing discretionary water use by limiting the number of times per week that automatic irrigation can be used
- BMP recommends a no more than twice per week watering schedule
- BMP suggests setting specific days/times for different customer classes to have ways to even out demand over the week
- BMP suggests the no more than twice per week schedule be required of all water user types (Residential, Industrial, Commercial)

Comments Received:

- This BMP will be high profile and we will need to emphasize that it is a voluntary option that will work for many utilities in Texas. However, success depends upon doing other voluntary BMP’s in connection with it.
- Other BMP’s that will align well include a BMP to transition away from high water need landscapes, a BMP on landscape education, Landscape best practices BMP including soil, and irrigation system efficiency BMPs.
- A discussion suggested that the BMP should mention that watering Window should avoid times within natural indoor peak demand in mornings and afternoons.
- Next version of BMP should include how to transition to a twice per week schedule including educating people about weening their landscape away from a schedule with more watering days per week.
- Next version needs to include stakeholder process for variances that will need to be implemented.
- Consider identifying who stakeholders should be and including them in BMP.

Karen G. will draft language on variances and stakeholder process

Karen G. will also draft language regarding once weekly options and Complimentary BMPs Austin Water will send their information regarding variances.

James T. mentioned the Ellison Chair in International Floriculture page
(<https://ellisonchair.tamu.edu/>)

The resources portion at the end of this BMP will be key to success. Getting more current suggestions will be key.

Because the meeting time was up, attendees were asked to read and comment on the *Enforcement of Irrigation Licenses BMP* and *Residential Irrigation Evaluation BMP*.

Feedback on BMPs is due on April 16th.

- III. Progress on Other Outdoor BMP Topics Under Discussion
 - a. No Discussion held per time limits
- IV. Follow-Up Issues/Concerns
 - a. No Discussion held per time limits
- V. Adjourn
 - a. The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

The next meeting of the Municipal Workgroup is scheduled for May 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the LCRA Redbud Center.