

Outdoor Water Conservation Programs Focus Group Meeting and Conference Call
10:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. – February 28, 2018
Lower Colorado River Authority – Redbud Center, Room 210
3601 Lake Austin Blvd. Austin, Texas 78703
We will meet in the lobby and be escorted into the meeting room

Background:

The Water Conservation Advisory Council (WCAC) is a diverse group of representatives appointed to track water conservation progress in Texas. WCAC charges include maintaining and updating a *Conservation Best Management Practices Guide for Municipal Water Conservation*. The BMP guide is used by utilities in developing five-year conservation plans and also structures annual Conservation Reports to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Implementation of BMP's is not mandatory for water utilities developing conservation plans, but BMP's are recommended practices to consider.

The WCAC is working to update BMP documents so that they will be available prior to the pending Five Year Conservation Plan deadline of May, 2019. Outdoor Conservation opportunities are not covered well in the current Municipal BMP because strategies in this area have changed in recent years.

The intent of this meeting is to discuss what broad topics must be covered as Outdoor Water Conservation best practices. It will be important to distinguish between broad strategies that can be used to achieve outdoor water savings and technology/programs/education tools that can be used in implementation of the strategies. For example Irrigation Efficiency might be a strategy while options to achieve it could include efficiency rebates, implementation of the Texas Irrigation License, and consumer education.

Stakeholder groups that may have an interest in this topic have been invited to join in this discussion and/or to follow our group by getting our agendas and meeting minutes so they can comment as draft documents become available.

Meeting Agenda:

- I. Introductions
- II. Discussion of Broad Strategies & Ways to Implement Strategies
- III. Priority Discussion: What are the most important topics to cover?
- IV. Potential Experts to Consult in Drafting Outdoor BMPs
- V. Next Steps
- VI. Adjourn

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