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Summary of Minutes

Water Conservation Advisory Council Meeting

Date: 16 May 2019

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: LCRA Redbud Center (3601 Lake Austin Dr. Austin, TX 78703)

Meeting chaired by: Valerie Miller, Vice Presiding Officer

Meeting Facilitators: Josh Sendejar, TWDB Council Staff Support

<i>Texas Commission on Environmental Quality</i>	Jennifer Allis	<i>Institutional Water Users</i>	Bill Hoffman
<i>Texas Department of Agriculture</i>	David Villarreal	<i>Professional Organizations Focused on Water Conservation</i>	Carole Baker
<i>Texas Parks and Wildlife Department</i>	Cindy Loeffler	<i>Higher Education</i>	Tim Loftus
<i>Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board</i>	--	<i>Agricultural Groups</i>	Jay Bragg
<i>Texas Water Development Board</i>	Alternate Sam Hermitte	<i>Refining and Chemical Manufacturing</i>	Craig Elam
<i>Regional Water Planning Groups</i>	Aubrey Spear	<i>Electric Generation</i>	Alternate Greg Carter
<i>Federal Agencies</i>	Maria Martinez	<i>Mining and Recovery of Minerals</i>	--
<i>Municipalities</i>	Alternate Jessica Woods	<i>Landscape Irrigation and Horticulture</i>	Anai Padilla
<i>Groundwater Conservation Districts</i>	Sarah Schlessinger	<i>Water Control and Improvement Districts</i>	Alternate Dustan Compton
<i>River Authorities</i>	Valerie Miller	<i>Rural Water Users</i>	--
<i>Environmental Groups</i>	--	<i>Municipal Utility Districts</i>	Donna Howe
<i>Irrigation Districts</i>	Wayne Halbert		

Also present: Alternates: Eddy Trevino, Denise Hickey, Mark Froehlich; Interested Parties: Kimberly Horndeski, Sarah Gorton, Adam Conner, Leah Martinsson, Clint Wolfe, Natalie Houston, Perry Fowler, Isabel Martinez, Jennifer Nations, Anny Reynolds, Alex Toney, Isabella Randle.

Documents can be found at: <http://www.savetexaswater.org/meeting/council-meetings.asp>

10:00 a.m. Registration

10:30 a.m. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:38 a.m.

1. Introduction
2. Approval of minutes from the March 14, 2019 meeting
The minutes were approved without revision.
3. Public Comment
There was no public comment.

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4. Update from Texas Water Development Board

The six BMPs that were submitted for TWDB review were accepted late last week.

Accepted BMPs include:

- Conservation Coordinator
- Custom Conservation Rebates
- Customer Characterization
- Outdoor Watering Schedule
- Plumbing Assistance for Economically Disadvantaged Customers
- Public Outreach & Education

Josh has begun updating the individual documents to be uploaded to TWDB's website. Revisions to the Municipal BMP Guidebook will follow.

TCEQ has finalized their review of the Enforcement of Texas Irrigation Standards BMP. TWDB will begin the internal review of this BMP, as well the System Water Audit and Water Loss BMP previously submitted by the Council in March.

Submission dates for the Water Conservation Plan, Conservation Annual Report, and Water Loss Audit were May 1st.

Current Submission Rates:

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| 1. Water Loss Audits: | 80% |
| 2. Conservation Annual Reports: | 70% |
| 3. Water Conservation Plans: | 49% |

5. Reports from Workgroups

No workgroup had an update for this meeting.

6. Discussion on Timeline for Development of Council Legislative Recommendations

At the March 2019 meeting, Ken Kramer had brought up discussion that this legislative session, attention seemed to be given to items that were established in state agency Legislative Appropriations Requests (LARs). Ken recommended the WCAC move up the development of its Legislative Recommendations to align with the development of state agencies' LARs.

Discussion was had regarding shifting the schedule of development of the Council's Legislative Recommendations. Cindy Loeffler stated that it would make sense for the Council's timeline of recommendations to align with that of state agencies. Carole Baker added that although it seems that we just finished our last Legislative Report, it is never too early to begin thinking about the next report.

David Villareal mentioned that the Texas Groundwater Protection Committee is in the process of creating an on-going sub-committee regarding Legislative recommendations, publications, and a Legislative-mandated strategy which continuously meets and develops potential recommendations based on

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emerging topics. Bill Hoffman brought up that perhaps the Council should create something similar.

The discussion was concluded with a call for more information to be brought to the Council regarding the timeline for state agencies developing their LARs and how the Council could move toward aligning with state agencies in the development of recommendations.

An agenda item will be included on the next meeting agenda to provide additional background information as well as potential action on creating a workgroup which focuses on potential legislative recommendations.

7. Other Business

Nomination Period for Members:

Josh brought up that there are eight council members whose terms will be concluding on August 31, 2019. The Interest Groups which will be up for nomination include:

- The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board
- Groundwater Conservation Districts
- Irrigation Districts
- Institutional Water Users
- Professional Organizations Focused on Water Conservation
- Agricultural Groups
- Mining and Recovery of Minerals
- Water Control and Improvement Districts

As a reminder, a nomination period will be open for each interest group (aiming for beginning-to-mid June), nominations/letters of support will be accepted for 30 days, after which, the TWDB will make determinations as to who will be appointed to the Council to represent each interest group.

Josh will email each individual member whose term is set to end, assess their intent on continuing their service, and develop a list of contacts to ensure nomination information is disseminated to all appropriate organizations.

Municipal Planning Tool Alignment with BMPs:

Tim Loftus brought up aligning TWDB's Municipal Planning Tool's conservation activities with the BMPs, stating that he believed that the Municipal Workgroup should begin conversations about how to best go about the alignment process.

It was agreed upon by several members of the Council that the conversation should start with the Municipal Workgroup and additional workgroups can be brought in, if needed.

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8. Presentation: Dr. Guy Fipps, Texas A&M University – ET Network
Presentation available at:

9. Announcement of Conferences and Events

Water Efficient Products Sales Tax Holiday – May 25-27

<https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/publications/98-1018.php>

AWWA Annual Conference – June 9-12; Denver, CO

<https://events.awwa.org/>

Catalyst Mastermind Summit – June 19-21; San Antonio, TX

<http://www.roguewatergroup.com/catalyst/2019summit/>

CASE – June 20 – 22; South Padre, TX

<http://casetexas.org/events.html>

One Water Summit – September 18-20; Austin, TX

<https://web.cvent.com/event/f742e950-a12a-45a4-8051-ac20bc5a131b/summary>

10. Future Meeting Dates and Locations

The next WCAC Meeting will take place on:

- August 15, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at the LCRA Dalchau Service Center.

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:13 p.m.