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Time Start: 2:00 pm

Time Stop: 3:00 pm

Teleconference Call:

Work Group 4 ~ Monitor new technologies for possible inclusion in Best Management Practices Guide & Develop a state water management resources library.

Council Members & Interested Parties

Spokesperson Gene Montgomery

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John Sutton

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The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm and roll call was taken.

The group began with discussion on pursuing opportunities to collaborate with the Alliance for Water Efficiency (AWE) on improving access to water conservation resources. It was suggested that someone on workgroup 4 should contact Mary Ann Dickerson at AWE.

The group moved on to a discussion about the Best Management Practice (BMP) review process. It was stated that Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) staff has started the process to have their legal staff review the proposed BMP process. It was suggested by a workgroup member that the workgroup may want to consider revising the structure of the BMP Guide and perhaps the structure of BMPs. It was also suggested there needs to be a standard schedule of every five years to review existing BMPs in order to ensure that they are up to date with modern technologies and practices.

A point was made that the Council needs to make sure they focus on BMPs that are going to be useful to agencies and end users. It was also pointed out that there needs to be a tool that can interface the water conservation plans with BMPs and with the goals and strategies. It was also pointed out that the BMP guide needs to become more prominent and mainstream.

There was some discussion on how the energy water nexus should be incorporated with BMPs. For example there could be a sub section within each BMP that addresses energy impacts. Regardless if whether the energy impacts are significant, minimal, or not existent this information would allow a user to be informed as to what those additional impacts are.

It was also suggested that several BMPs addressing the energy water nexus in particular need to be added to the guide.

The conference call adjourned at 3:00 pm.