

**Summary of Minutes**

Water Conservation Advisory Council Workgroup Meeting and Conference Call  
Workgroup:

Date: April 26, 2022  
Time: 1:00 p.m.  
Location: Remote (GoToMeeting)

<u>Members</u>	<u>Alternates</u>	<u>Interested Parties</u>	<u>TWDB Staff</u>
Bill Hoffman Anai Padilla Jennifer Allis			John Sutton Yun Cho Daniel Rice Shae Luther Josh Sendejar

\*\*Documents can be found at: [www.savetexaswater.org/meeting/workgroup/commercial.html](http://www.savetexaswater.org/meeting/workgroup/commercial.html)\*\*

I. Introduction of Participants

The meeting began at 1:09 p.m.

II. Training for Commercial/Institutional Water Auditing

Bill Hoffman began the meeting by stating there is a need to train conservation coordinators on specific subjects, to include: ICI technologies and dealing with customers, landscape design, and water loss on the customer side of the meter.

In addition, other states have begun the process of instituting a commercial water auditing training to develop professional that are able to provide a specialized account of where commercial and institutional spaces can save water.

III. Training Conservation Coordinators to work with CI Customers

Discussion then focused on the training programs for conservation coordinators. It was noted that a basic training is currently in development through TAWWA

Several questions were asked, including:

- Where should the program be housed?
- Where does a potential certification come from?
- What are the training requirements?

Bill Hoffman noted that TCEQ already offers training and certification for a variety of fields. However, it could also make sense to have TWDB take charge as they are providing training regarding water loss.

Regarding who would provide the certification, Mr. Hoffman noted that the city of Santa Fe is the authority providing the training in New Mexico. A certification in Texas could come

from TCEQ or perhaps another entity. It was also mentioned to focus on the conservation coordinators for these training efforts.

In terms of the training requirements, it was discussed that the training held in New Mexico entailed several 4-5 hr. lecture days, 1 day in the field, 1 practice audit, and a test for certification. In looking at a potential training for Texas there could be 2 levels of training with a 1-day "What you Need to Know" course and a 5-day certification training.

The question was asked on what would a program like this cost? TWDB Staff noted that at least one additional FTE would be needed in addition to travel and training costs for that individual.

It was then asked if there was the potential to partner or collaborate with existing programs (Landscape Auditors, etc.)

Bill Hoffman provided a recap noting that for 2022 the legislative request will focus on the beginning of scoping a training program with the starting focus being training of Conservation Coordinators. The focus of the training will be on the CI aspects and the request will include 1 FTE to coordinate the program and conduct trainings.

#### IV. Other Discussion

No other discussion was held.

#### V. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.