

Water Conservation Advisory Council Meeting

Date: Thursday, October 18, 2012
 Time: 9:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
 Location: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
 Conference Room – Building 6
 1340 Airport Commerce – Austin, TX

Meeting chaired by: C.E. Williams, Presiding Officer
 Meeting Facilitators: TWDB support staff

<i>Institutional Water Users</i>	Bill Hoffman	<i>Refining & Chemical Manufacturing</i>	Karl Fennessey
<i>Landscape Irrigation & Horticulture</i>	Brad Smith	<i>Environmental Groups</i>	Ken Kramer
<i>Professional Organizations Focused on Water Conservation</i>	Carole Baker	<i>Higher Education</i>	Kevin Wagner
<i>Regional Water Planning Groups</i>	C.E. Williams	<i>Water Control & Improvement Districts</i>	Alternate Dean Minchillo
<i>Texas Parks and Wildlife Department</i>	Cindy Loeffler	<i>Groundwater Conservation Districts</i>	Alternate Stacey Steinbach
<i>Municipal Utility Districts</i>		<i>Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board</i>	Richard Egg
<i>Electric Generation</i>		<i>Texas Department of Agriculture</i>	Richard Eyster
<i>Mining and Recovery of Minerals</i>		<i>TWDB</i>	Robert Mace
<i>Agricultural Groups</i>	Hughes Abell	<i>TCEQ</i>	Scott Swanson
<i>Rural Water Users</i>	Lara Zent	<i>Federal Agencies</i>	Steve Bednarz
<i>River Authorities</i>	Jim Parks	<i>Irrigation Districts</i>	Wayne Halbert
<i>Municipalities</i>			

At 9:30 am the meeting was called to order by presiding officer, C.E. Williams. Introductions were given and the first item on the agenda was the approval of previous Council minutes. The minutes were approved but a later discussion determined the word “resource” should be replaced with “research” on page 2 of the September 5, 2012 minutes. The floor was then opened for public comment for which there was no comment.

The next item on the agenda was the review, discussion, and consideration of approval for the Council’s December 2012 legislative report. The following bullets highlight the key discussions that took place. Many of the specific editorial comments from the discussion will be reflected in the final report.

- A series of tracked changes in the legislative report document were pointed out and discussed.
- The section titled Drought Preparedness will be changed and the entire section will be moved towards the end of the report.
- Definitions for drought contingency and conservation will be added as well.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion on the draft S.B. 181 guidance document. The discussion focused mainly on some editorial comments and whether the Council needed to approve the guidance document. Many of the specific comments from the discussion will be reflected in the final version.

- The chapter regarding Wholesale Water Providers will be removed.

- Changed definition of Direct Reuse.
- There was a question about the definition for Residential Sector and Single-Family that will need further review.

There was some discussion on other activities and upcoming events.

- Public Recognition and Awards: municipal awards will be announced in the spring and agricultural awards will be announced this fall.
- North Texas Regional Water Symposium, November 1, 2012
- Texas Rural Water Association Water Law Seminar, January 24-25, 2013

The Council decided to make and approve the following motions.

- Council approved the Council's December 2012 legislative report.
- Council approved the motion to delete Chapter 15 (regarding wholesale water providers) in the S.B. 181 guidance document but include a paragraph in the municipal section regarding wholesalers.
- Council supports the S.B. 181 guidance document as drafted with edits.

A calendar link to upcoming events is available on the Council's homepage. Calendar events can be seen here: <http://wateriq.org/news-info/index.asp>

The Council scheduled the following dates for upcoming meetings of the Water Conservation Advisory Council:

- Thursday January 17, 2012 at 9:30am. Meeting to be held at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Austin Field Office.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.