

11/12/09

Time Start: 10:00 am

Time Stop: 10:45 am

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**

Wilson Scaling

Steve Bednarz

Richard Egg

CE Williams

Bill Hoffman

Scott Swanson

Gary Walker

Wayne Halbert

**TWDB Staff Sitting In**

Vanessa Escobar

John Sutton

Laila Johnson

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The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am and roll call was taken.

The group began with discussion about the Best Management Practice (BMP) review process. It was stated that BMP additions and revision process should be setup to include key stakeholder agencies and individuals. It was stated that representatives from both the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) & Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) agree that all appropriate stakeholders will be given the opportunity to participate in the review and approval process.

A question was asked if this proposed BMP process included reviewing all of the currently existing BMPs in the guide. In response to that question it was stated that, that would not be the case, but rather this process is to focus on any new BMP submissions or suggested revisions.

It was decided that TWDB support staff would start to develop a list of reviewers that would be notified about BMP revisions and additions.

The workgroup then moved on to discussion about what the next steps would be to solicit changes or revisions of BMPs. It was suggested that one initial step that could be taken would be to put a notification along with the BMP review process on the council's website. In addition to that, TWDB staff would be able to send an email notification to the council listserv which includes members, alternates, and interested parties.

It was stated that it would be the role of the council members and other interested parties to further distribute information to additional industry associations, and professional organizations.

It was discussed that TWDB staff would develop some content for a solicitation notice email as well as content for the council's webpage and that would then be reviewed by WG 4.

There was some discussion about how case studies could be incorporated into the BMP guide. It was suggested that a case study could be submitted optionally along with a suggested BMP addition or revision. It would not have to be a required component but rather an optional component that could be provided.

It was pointed out that there was a new component that was previously proposed as a required component for a BMP revision or addition. That component is titled: *Determination of Impact on Other Resources*. Gene urged that this new component be included in the BMP process.

There was some discussion about the TWDB inviting an unofficial representative from SECO to be involved in the BMP process. TWDB will follow up on that initiative.

The topic of stimulus funds amongst various state agencies was discussed as an area of potential funding. TWDB staff agreed to look into that and share the information with the workgroup.

The conference call adjourned at 10:45 am.