

Summary of Minutes

Water Conservation Advisory Council Workgroup Meeting and Conference Call
Workgroup:

Date: November 13, 2019
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Conference Call

Members	Alternates	Interested Parties	TWDB Staff
Dustan Compton Valerie Miller	Whitney Milberger	Karen Menard John Allen Raquel Mullen	John Sutton Shae Luther Travis Brice Josh Sendejar

** Documents can be found at: <https://savetexaswater.org/meeting/workgroup/wholesale.html>

I. Introduction

The call began at 2:01 p.m.

- ### II. Discussion on Potential Legislative Recommendations for the 2020 Legislative Report
- Dustan Compton began by stating the role of the WCAC: keeping the Legislature apprised of water conservation activities across the state, as well as providing recommendations on how to advance those efforts. He then asked if there were any issues specific to wholesale that would be appropriate for a legislative recommendation.

Josh brought up that the Ag workgroup recently met, and the topic of ET Networks was brought up as a potential recommendation. Discussion then turned to how there are several wholesale entities that use ET Networks, or something similar, to disseminate information to their customers to help inform them on watering needs, etc. Valerie Miller also stated that the Texas Water Resources Network could potentially be a good partner for information on a potential recommendation.

III. Documenting Water Conservation Related Activities for Summary Report

Dustan Compton asked the workgroup if there were any conservation-related activities, either new or continuing, that would be appropriate for inclusion in the upcoming legislative report.

Raquel Mullen from the City of Lubbock stated that they have started delivering their CCR to their wholesale provider who then disseminates it to their customers. Additionally, information on outdoor and indoor conservation tips is given out as well as the water loss audit.

Whitney Milberger noted that North Fort Bend Water Authority has had great success with their Toolbox Program (<https://talkingsprinkler.com/toolbox/>).

Karen Menard with the City of Dallas stated that the city requires copies of their customer's Water Conservation Plan and Drought Contingency Plan and are working with TWDB on getting CCR information from member entities. The city has also begun meeting with member cities. This allows them to keep a current water conservation contact on file, answer any questions or concerns the customer may have, and let them know what resources are available.

Dustan C. noted that Tarrant Regional Water District monthly calls with Conservation Coordinators. Once annually, the district hosts Conservation Coordinators.

John Allen noted that Brown County Water Improvement District has been using many of the resources found on www.TakeCareofTexas.org for their customers to hand out to the public for the last year or so. The district also exhibits at events with these materials.

IV. Public Education and Outreach BMP Progress

Dustan C. began the discussion by stating the last Wholesale BMP was approved around 2015. It was decided on the last workgroup call to move forward with updating the Education and Outreach BMP. Dustan also mentioned that additional information may be needed to begin drafting BMP.

V. Other Discussion

No other discussion was brought up.

VI. Adjourn

The call was ended at 2:50 p.m.