

## Summary of Minutes

### Water Conservation Advisory Council Meeting

Date: Tuesday, March 14, 2017

Time: 10:30 am

Location: 1340 Airport Commerce Drive, Austin, TX 78719

Texas Parks and Wildlife–Airport Commerce Park, Building 6 conference room

Meeting chaired by: Karen Guz, Presiding Officer

Meeting Facilitators: TWDB support staff

<i>Texas Commission on Environmental Quality</i>	Alternate Jennifer Allis	<i>Institutional Water Users</i>	Alternate Eddie Trevino
<i>Texas Department of Agriculture</i>	Alternate David Villarreal	<i>Professional Organizations Focused on Water Conservation</i>	Carole Baker
<i>Texas Parks and Wildlife Department</i>	Alternate Lynne Hamlin	<i>Higher Education</i>	Kevin Wagner
<i>Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board</i>	Alternate Steven Bednarz	<i>Agricultural Groups</i>	-----
<i>Texas Water Development Board</i>	Robert Mace	<i>Refining and Chemical Manufacturing</i>	-----
<i>Regional Water Planning Groups</i>	Alternate Wayne Wilson	<i>Electric Generation</i>	-----
<i>Federal Agencies</i>	Alternate Brian Wenberg	<i>Mining and Recovery of Minerals</i>	-----
<i>Municipalities</i>	Karen Guz	<i>Landscape Irrigation and Horticulture</i>	-----
<i>Groundwater Conservation Districts</i>	Alternate Vanessa Escobar	<i>Water Control and Improvement Districts</i>	Alternate Dustan Compton
<i>River Authorities</i>	-----	<i>Rural Water Users</i>	-----
<i>Environmental Groups</i>	Ken Kramer	<i>Municipal Utility Districts</i>	Donna Howe
<i>Irrigation Districts</i>	-----		

Also attended: (Alternates) Mark Froehlich, Denise Hickey, and Kevin Kluge; and (Interested Parties) Tim Loftus, Scott Swanson, Cameron Turner, Kimberly Horndeski, Brewster McCracken, Sarah Richards, Valerie Miller, and Missy Mandell.

- Approval of Minutes from February 7, 2017, meeting

The Council took up minutes from the previous meeting. Minutes were approved.

- Public Comment

Kimberly Horndeski from the office of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts mentioned their stakeholder outreach efforts related to the potential federal listing of freshwater mussels as endangered or threatened species.

- Update from Texas Water Development Board

TWDB Board member Kathleen Jackson provided a brief update on recent activities including the recent SWIFT financial assistance workshops, the cover story on the Texas Living Waters Project's Water Conservation Scorecard, and improvements in assigning capital costs to conservation projects.

Mindy Conyers noted that eight members' terms expire this August 31. The nomination process to fill those seats will begin soon.

- Reports from Workgroups

- Agriculture - nothing to report
- Commercial & Institutional - The draft of the BMP guide is complete, and the workgroup plans to get back to work on it after the Texas Water 2017 conference concludes.
- Industrial - nothing to report
- Municipal - The workgroup met on 02/28/2017 and discussed prioritizing best management practices (BMPs) for updating. The workgroup also discussed a related survey that will be sent out to council members and alternates for feedback after this council meeting.
- Public Awareness - The workgroup met on 03/03/2017 and discussed other public awareness campaigns across the state and the upcoming presentation of the blue legacy awards.
- Wholesale - nothing to report

- Discussion and possible action on Blue Legacy Award nominations

Denise Hickey gave a brief overview of the seven blue legacy awards that will be presented on March 22 as part of Texas Water Day at the Capitol in Austin. No formal action was taken.

- Discussion and possible action on a proposal to outsource prioritized municipal best management practices

Karen Guz provided an overview of the proposal to outsource updates to the municipal best management practices (BMP) guide once BMPs are prioritized using the survey discussed above. Sarah Richards of the Mitchell Foundation stated they were looking forward to assisting and enhancing the efforts of the council and workgroups. Ken Kramer mentioned that it might be appropriate to note which BMPs are eligible for SWIFT funding or other TWDB or federal funding programs. Karen Guz noted that one of the proposed BMPs is titled "Funding Conservation Programs." No formal action was taken.

- Announcement of conferences and events

March 22 is Texas Water Day at the Capitol in Austin, hosted by the Texas Water Foundation. Karen Guz noted that the council will have a display stand and table at the event. In addition, San Antonio Water Systems (SAWS) will have a booth that includes a social media themed contest

and a water quiz competition. Anyone with water quiz trivia should submit to Karen as soon as possible.

Texas Water 2017 is April 10-13 in Austin.

The High-Performance Buildings & Workplaces conference is May 17 & 18 in Arlington.

- Discussion and selection of dates and locations of future meetings

The next meeting of the Water Conservation Advisory Council is Wednesday, May 31, 2017, at 10:30 AM at 1340 Airport Commerce Drive, 78719, in the building 6 conference room.

- Presentation on “Data and insights from the Texas water end use research network” by Brewster McCracken

Presentation slides posted to [www.savetexaswater.org](http://www.savetexaswater.org).

- Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM.