

Minutes: Municipal Workgroup Conference Call

07/19/2013

Time Start: 10:01 am

Time Stop: 10:40 am

Members	Alternates	Interested Parties	TWDB Staff
Karen Guz Bill Hoffman	Denise Hickey Dean Minchillo	Mark Jordan Scott Swanson Heather Mahurin Pauline Word	John Sutton Katherine Thigpen

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

Bill Hoffman gave a brief background of the Industrial and Commercial Best Management Practice history and guide. Goal is to help municipal water groups work with their industrial customers.

Two main issues have brought about the need for developed Best Management Practices linking municipal and industrial practices. First, how much water is being used or saved between the two; and second, assessing what is financially helpful to the entities.

There was a discussion on the direction of possible Best Management Practices or resource documents pertaining to the municipal and industrial interaction. Several points related to the need for BMPs to help guide municipal entities. There are benefits to public utilities offering a cost incentive program including attracting industries when they have a conservation benefit, increasing awareness for other factors in conservation, benchmarking for other industries in the region and showcase conservation efforts and partnerships when entities with public funds are involved.

The workgroup discussion turned to two BMPs for development over the next couple weeks. The first will center on analysis and the second will focus on incentive programs. Both San Antonio Water System (SAWS) and Austin Water offered to work on case studies for the Best Management Practices. Both would be accessible from either the Commercial or Institutional or the Municipal BMP sections once finalized.

Action Items

Commercial and Institutional Analysis Best Management Practice – Karen will work on getting an outline with technical information to TWDB staff who will then work on the written draft version.

Incentive Programs Best Management Practice – Karen & SAWS will work to draft this BMP with help from Mark at Austin Water.

Timeline

August 19 – drafts to Texas Water Development Board

August 26th – Water Conservation Advisory Council meeting; discuss draft Best Management Practices with Council; open the drafts up for 30 day public comment & incorporate comments as appropriate

October 1 – take drafts down from public comment; hold conference call

October 15th – Water Conservation Advisory Council meeting; present final drafts to Council

The conference call adjourned at 10:50 am.