

Summary of Minutes

Water Conservation Advisory Council Workgroup Meeting and Conference Call
Workgroup: Municipal and Water Loss

Date: June 12, 2018

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment

<u>Members</u>	<u>Alternates</u>	<u>Interested Parties</u>	<u>TWDB Staff</u>
Karen Guz Tim Loftus	Jennifer Walker Kevin Kluge	Meghan Bock Ruthie Redmond Valerie Miller Kylie Beard	Shae Luther Daniel Rice Josh Sendejar
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**** Documents can be found at: ****

<http://www.savetexaswater.org/meeting/workgroup/municipal.asp>

The meeting/conference call began at 10:09 a.m.

- I. Introduction
- II. Discussion on BMP Feedback

Feedback was only received for the System Water Audit and Water Loss BMP. Three people left comments on the BMP: Tim Loftus, Dan Strub, and Perry Fowler.

Tim Loftus and Dan Strub submitted small edits to the BMP (see Feedback document at link above), these edits were accepted for inclusion into the BMP.

Dan Strub mentioned data validation within the BMP. Daniel Rice mentioned that TWDB has adapted the AWWA Confidence Scales into the TWDB Water Loss Audit.

Perry Fowler supplied some background and purpose information on the 8-1-1 program. Discussion was brought up that the BMP should include multiple options for diminishing Water Loss and current language seems too restrictive.

This BMP was determined to need additional revisions and is not ready for Council approval/submission to TWDB.

K. Guz will draft language pertaining to 8-1-1.

P. Fowler will seek feedback from other stakeholders regarding the Water Loss BMP.

D. Rice will update language regarding data validation.

The remaining seven BMPs were considered ready for approval by the Council and submission to TWDB for inclusion in the BMP Guide, which include:

- Conservation Coordinator
- Customer Characterization: Analysis to Prioritize BMP Selection
- Custom Conservation Rebates
- Enforcement of Texas Irrigation License Standards
- Outdoor Watering Schedule
- Plumbing Assistance Programs for Economically Disadvantaged Customers
- Public Outreach and Education

III. Discussion on Updates and Legislative Recommendations for the 2018 Legislative Report

The Water Loss Workgroup has no direct recommendations at this point.

Discussion of Potential Updates/Recommendations Included:

- Water Loss Workshops should be mentioned in the report as well as the number of people trained up until this point.
- Additionally, including numbers on how many utilities are required to submit an audit verses the percentage that turn them in should also be included.
- Mention public facing report data from TWDB.

Discussion then focused on Data Validation in terms of water loss auditing. The Workgroup discussed including an award for incorporating data validation into their operations.

Also discussed was the possibility of the Council recommending additional funding specifically for TWDB to fund data validation pilot projects. Additionally, K. Kramer brought up that perhaps the TWDB could have funding incentives for those utilities that use data validation when they apply for funding.

K. Kramer will draft language for funding recommendation.

K. Kluge will ask TWDB staff about funding incentives.

J. Walker will email Steve Cavanaugh regarding Pilot Programs.

K. Guz will discuss and potentially produce a one-pager on the SAWS experience regarding data validation.

IV. Other Discussion

Josh brought up discussion regarding the individual workgroup webpages ([Municipal/Water Loss](#)). As discussed at the March WCAC Meeting, our current partnership with AWE involves using the AWE website as a resource library. Forthcoming changes to the AWE website structure will restrict certain resources unavailable to non-members.

Because of this change, the WCAC will most likely need to house our water resource management library within the SaveTexasWater website. Currently, most of the workgroup pages are dated in their information. As we move forward, the workgroup pages may serve as the first impression a visitor has in navigating to relevant resources, and will need to be updated regularly.

V. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned and the call ended at 11:40 a.m.