

Summary of Minutes

Outdoor Water Conservation Programs Focus Group Meeting and Conference Call
 Workgroup: Municipal

Date: February 28, 2018
 Time: 10:30 a.m.
 Location: Lower Colorado River Authority – Redbud Center, Room 210
 3601 Lake Austin Blvd., Austin, TX 78703

<u>Members</u>	<u>Alternates</u>	<u>Interested Parties</u>	<u>TWDB Staff</u>
Karen Guz Jennifer Allis	Jennifer Walker Kevin Kluge	Jennifer Nations (by phone) James Theiss Meghan Bock Valerie Miller Molly Morris (by phone) Suzanne King Johnathan Kleinman Ruthie Redmond Kirk Faulkner Jacob Johnson Brandon Leister (by phone) Chad Cospers (by phone) Martha Wright (by phone)	John Sutton Shae Luther Josh Sendejar

I. Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:32 AM and roll call was taken.

II. Discussion of Broad Strategies & Ways to Implement Strategies

Karen G. noted that when BMPs were first drafted, outdoor water conservation was not as big of an issues as it has become in recent years.

III. Priority Discussion: What are the Most Important Topics to Cover?

Karen noted that there is an existing BMP called Residential Surveys which can be updated and renamed to Residential Irrigation System Evaluation. Discussion resulted in recommendations in four categories: Landscape Design, Irrigation Efficiency, Education for Outreach Conservation, and Regulation. Additionally, a roadmap or ‘Getting Started’ document was discussed to help point entities to existing resources.

Existing BMPs needing revision:

- Landscape Irrigation Conservation & Incentives
- Golf Course & Athletic Field Conservation
- Working with Other Organizations

Proposed:

- Watering Schedules
- Large Site Irrigation Checkup
- Enforcing Texas Irrigation Licensing Program

Gaps:

- Landscape Design: Include information on soil health and plant material.
- Emerging Technologies

IV. Potential Experts to Consult in Drafting Outdoor BMPs

Resources:

- SAFE Program - TAMU [Cannot find website]
- Water my Yard – TAMU [<https://watermyyard.org/#/Location>]
- EarthKind [<https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind/>]

V. Next Steps

Valerie Miller will Draft Enforcement BMP (will need information from San Antonio and Austin).

Karen Guz will create a draft on the Irrigation License BMP.

Jennifer Nations will assist with the Homeowner Education BMP.

James Theiss will create a draft on the Education for Professional BMP.

Molly Morris will review and edit the Working with Non-Profit Organizations BMP.

Jacob Johnson will review and edit the Residential Irrigation System Evaluation BMP.

Karen Guz will try to get someone from SAWS to look at the Irrigation Efficiency Incentives BMP.

In regards to the discussion of a BMP on Landscape Design (including plant material and soil health), it was decided that members would look for and send useful resources on those subjects to Josh [josh.sendejar@twdb.texas.gov] for collection].

The next meeting of the Outdoor Water Conservation Focus Group will be on April 5, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the LCRA Redbud Center.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned and the call ended at 12:31 p.m.