



# Water Conservation Advisory Council

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To: Interested Parties of Water Conservation Advisory Council

Re: Water Conservation Best Management Practices Guide

We are sending you this letter to ask for your assistance in developing new best management practices and revising the current best management practices.

Texas originally adopted 55 Water Conservation Best Management Practices (BMPs) for municipal, industrial and agricultural water use in November 2004 as part of the report prepared by the Texas Water Conservation Implementation Task Force, a volunteer group of Texas citizens with experience in and commitment to using Texas water more efficiently. The Task Force was created by the 78th Texas Legislature under Senate Bill 1094. The legislature charged the Task Force with reviewing, evaluating, and recommending optimum levels of water use efficiency and conservation for the state. These BMPs were prepared in partial fulfillment of this charge. The Task Force recommended that these BMPs be reviewed and updated and that additional BMPs be added, as needed, to provide an ongoing resource of successful water conservation practices that can be shared with all water user groups.

BMPs are **voluntary** efficiency measures that save a quantifiable amount of water, either directly or indirectly, and can be implemented within a specified timeframe. The Task Force firmly asserted that applying a mandatory set of BMPs throughout Texas would **not** be appropriate. One size does not fit all in a state characterized by wide variations in climate, geography, municipal demographics, water utility and service profiles, and agricultural and industrial needs. State policies adopted to guide the implementation of water conservation, including water reuse, in Texas must acknowledge the fundamental decision-making primacy and prerogative of planning groups, municipalities, industrial and agricultural water users, and water providers.

The 80<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature, in Senate Bill 3 and House Bill 4, directed the Water Conservation Advisory Council (WCAC) to monitor new technologies for possible inclusion by the Texas Water Development Board as best management practices.

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Evolving science and technology causes the need to add BMPs or to revise or remove existing BMPs. Your knowledge of new techniques and practices will assist the Water Conservation Advisory Council in fulfilling its charge. . Included in the BMP Guide is a description of the framework of a BMP to assist you in evaluating existing BMPs or determining if you have implemented a practice that could qualify as a new BMP.

To review the current BMPs, please use the following link:

<http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/assistance/conservation/taskforcedocs/WCITFBMPGuide.pdf>

The Water Conservation Advisory Council is requesting the submittal of new or revised BMPs, for consideration to be included in the BMP Guide, by July 2, 2010.; however, note that the Council will accept suggestions for new or revised BMPs at any time.

Please contact WCAC Support Staff if you have any questions regarding the BMP Submission Process. Support Staff may be contacted at *tel:* 512.463.1667, *fax:* 512.463.7644, or by mail:

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Sincerely,



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