

## Summary of Minutes

### Water Conservation Advisory Council Meeting

Date: Tuesday-October 19, 2010  
 Time: 10:05 am – 1:30pm  
 Location: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department  
 Conference Room-Building 6  
 1340 Airport Commerce –Austin, TX

Meeting chaired by: C.E. Williams, Presiding Officer  
 Meeting Facilitators: TWDB support staff

Council Members in attendance are listed below:

<i>Institutional Water Users</i>	Bill Hoffman	<i>Refining &amp; Chemical Manufacturing</i>	----
<i>Professional Organizations Focused on Water Conservation</i>	Carole Baker	<i>Landscape Irrigation &amp; Horticulture</i>	Kelly Hall
<i>Regional Water Planning Groups</i>	C.E. Williams	<i>Environmental Groups</i>	Ken Kramer
<i>Texas Parks and Wildlife Department</i>	Cindy Loeffler	<i>Groundwater Conservation Districts</i>	----
<i>Municipal Utility Districts</i>	Donna Howe	<i>Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board</i>	Richard Egg
<i>Electric Generation</i>	Gary Spicer	<i>TWDB</i>	Robert Mace
<i>Texas Department of Agriculture</i>	Gary Walker	<i>TCEQ</i>	Scott Swanson
<i>Mining and Recovery of Minerals</i>	----	<i>Federal Agencies</i>	Steven Bednarz
<i>Rural Water Users</i>	Janet Adams	<i>Higher Education</i>	----
<i>Water Control &amp; Improvement Districts</i>	----	<i>Irrigation Districts</i>	Wayne Halbert
<i>River Authorities</i>	Jim Parks	<i>Agricultural Groups</i>	Wilson Scaling
<i>Municipalities</i>	Karen Guz		

At 10:05 am the meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer C.E. Williams. The first item on the agenda was the approval of the previous Council meeting minutes. The previous minutes were approved. The floor was opened for public comment for which there was none.

The presiding chair asked for status updates on workgroup activities or other activities outside the workgroup. Carole Baker gave an update on the upcoming Agricultural Irrigation Expo 2010 in Harlingen. Cindy Loeffler gave an update on and upcoming Texas Parks and Wildlife event that celebrates the release of the *Texas State of Water* video series.

The Council then moved into discussion on the draft report. The format of the discussion focused primarily on minor editorial changes and final revisions of the report. After some detailed discussion, the Council formally voted to approve the final version of the report and prepare it for print.

There was brief discussion on the future objectives and activities of the Council during 2011-2012, focusing on the charges set out in the enabling legislation as well as improvements to the Council's website.

After council business was completed, Council Member Wilson Scaling introduced two speakers to present on an issue concerning agricultural irrigation estimates. David Strada with Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District and Doug Caroom, Legal Counsel for Cliff Skiles, both spoke on the issue. The speakers spoke about the Texas Water Development Board's methodology of irrigation estimates. They brought up concerns about inaccurate estimates

being used for future planning needs as well as the impacts of estimates on land values. They stated that this is a potential issue that impacts agricultural irrigators statewide. The speakers closed by requesting that the Council consider making recommendations to the Texas Water Development Board for improvements to the irrigation estimate methodology.

The next meeting date was set for January 18, 2011 at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Field Office in Austin. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.