



**Regional Water Conservation Program
WORK GROUP
MEETING MINUTES
October 15, 2014**

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1. **Call to Order and Introductions of Work Group members – 9:07 am**
Members of this Work Group include: Charlie Hickman (Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority), Colette Barron Bradsby (Texas Parks and Wildlife), Diane Wassenich (San Marcos River Foundation), Karen Guz (San Antonio Water System), Randy Luensmann (Universal City), Richard Szecsy (Texas Aggregate and Concrete Association), Rick Illgner (Edwards Aquifer Authority), and Tyson Broad (Sierra Club).

Colette Barron Bradsby, Richard Szecsy, and Tyson Broad were unable to make the meeting.
2. **Public Comment.**
No comment
3. **Nomination and election of the Work Group Chair and Vice-chair.**
Alicia Reinmund-Martinez, EAHCP Director, began with explaining the role of both the Chair and Vice-chair of the committee. Mrs. Reinmund-Martinez opened the floor to a nomination of a Chair of the Work Group. Dianne Wassenich nominated Colette Barron Bradsby for Chair, Karen Guz seconded. There was no objection. Charlie Hickman nominated Dianne as Vice-chair, Rick Illgner seconded. There was no objection.
4. **Presentation of Work Group charge.**
This agenda item was postponed till after the program overview.
Nathan Pence quickly discussed the concepts found in the Work Group charge. There was no objection to the charge.
5. **Determination of Work Group meeting schedules, dates/locations and deliverable format.**
The Work Group discussed possible locations to make attendance more convenient for all members. New Braunfels or San Marcos locations are acceptable for all members. Additionally, moving the time to 10 am to 1 pm was supported by all members.
Based on the tentative schedule the future meetings will be held on:
 - October 29th
 - November 10th
 - December 3rd
 - December 16th

Mrs. Reinmund-Martinez presented the tentative report format to be presented back to the Implementing Committee. Nathan Pence, EAHCP Program Manager, mentioned the basis of this format was borrowed from the ASR/VISPO Work Group report. Discussion on the report format followed.

Rick Illgner motioned to approve the report format, Randy Luensmann seconded. There was no objection.

6. Presentation on the background and status of the RWCP.

Nathan Pence, EAHCP Program Manager, presented the background, purpose, and problems experienced in implementing the Regional Water Conservation Program and how it fits in with the EAHCP. Presentation can be found on the EAHCP website (eahcp.org).

The Work Group discussed details pertaining to the Initial Commitment Contracts between the Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA) and San Antonio Water System (SAWS), City of San Marcos and Texas State University and the rationale of the volume returned upon fulfillment of conservation goals. Darcy Frownfelter, EAA General Counsel, confirmed contract expiration date of original commitments to be September 2023. A pro rata compensation will be returned to those with initial commitment regardless of the party that commits new water to the program. Discussion followed.

There was a general discussion on the Department of Defense and other Aquifer users that could be utilized in this program.

7. Discussion on additional information needed by Work Group members.

- Department of Defense metering and water use.
- Specific examples on how the Initial Commitment Contracts work – how SAWS, Texas State University, and the City of San Marcos are reimbursed when new agreements are executed.

8. Future Agenda Items:

- TWDB water loss report/regulations for public water suppliers.
- Examples illustrating potential returns to the Initial Commitment Contracts.
- Facts and background on the Department of Defense water use and reuse and recycling efforts.
- Amount of water used by domestic exempt-well owners.

9. Questions from the Public.

Representatives from Texas Agrilife Extension discussed the Lost Water Seminar which will be held on October 30th.

Adam Zerrenner with USFWS mentioned the Department of Defense (DOD)'s Biological Opinion and confirmed the DOD's average use at 44 gallons per person per day. He mentioned the possibility of coordination between EAHCP and USFWS to find possible strategies to conserve additional water.

10. Adjourn- 11:05 am.

