

**Texas Commission Environmental Quality
Water Rights Advisory Work Group
March 6, 2005
Building F, Room 2210
10:00pm - 12:00pm**

Welcome/Introductions:

Kathy Hopkins

Water Rights Application Document
Flow Pre & Post Issuance:

Presented by - Kathy Hopkins

- Overview of the application and document flow.
- Water Rights application flow chart (See Attachment 2)
- Chief Clerk Website http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/comm_exec/cc/cc_db.html

Accounting Plans for Water Rights

Applications:

Presented by - Kathy Alexander

- Overview water rights applications accounting plans from need to what should be included.
- (See Attachment 1)

Update - Water Program Fees,
Environmental Flow Committee:

Presented by - Todd Chenoweth, Robin Smith

- No meeting had been set for the water program fees.
- Gov. Perry appoints nine to Environmental Flows Advisory Committee

Section Update:

Presented by - Todd Chenoweth

- TCEQ August reuse work session transcript.
http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/assets/public/comm_exec/agendas/worksess/marked/2005/050812.pdf
- Proposed water rights rule changes to Chapter 295 and 297, look for rule package 2005-057-297-PR <http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/rules/prop.html>

Closing/Comments:

Presented by - Kathy Hopkins

- Water Rights Enforcement
- Overview Ground Water Planning and Assessment Team
- Environmental Flow Restrictions
- Sister agency revision of Senate Bill 2
- Update on Committee hearing
- Next Meeting - will be on Monday June 5, 2006

Attachment 1

Accounting Plans for Water Rights Applications

1. Why are Accounting Plans needed?

- a. Increasing complexity of applications
- b. Ensure that new applications do not harm existing water rights.
- c. Aid in hydrology technical review.

2. What types of Applications may require an Accounting Plan?

- a. Reuse bed and banks applications
- b. Diversions with multiple priority dates or sources
- c. Non-reuse Bed and Banks applications (IBT water, groundwater), especially where the water is stored in or passed through a reservoir
- d. Scalping operations or run of the river diversions at a storage reservoir.
- e. **What types DON'T** – simple, without any of the above complexities.

3. When must the Accounting Plan be submitted?

- a. Not required for an application to be declared administratively complete.
- b. In general, accounting plans are required during the technical review phase.

4. What should be included in an Accounting Plan?

- a. **In general:** anytime the water is discharged, conveyed, stored or diverted, there should be a data field(s) that reports amounts and any associated losses.
- b. Depending on the type of application, an accounting plan should include basic daily data such as diversions, deliveries (groundwater or IBT water), whether instream flow restriction are met, return flows, conveyance and other losses (evaporation), reservoir inflows and content.
- c. Must account for all sources of water.
- d. Must account for water by priority date. This can be in the form of a text document
- e. Accounting Plans should be in electronic format. This is because part of our process is to check the formulae or calculations in the spreadsheet to ensure that the accounting is consistent with your plan.

Water Rights Permitting Application Process

