

Fort Worth Small Business and Local Government Advisory Committee

Wednesday, August 5, 2009 from 1 to 3 PM

Fort Worth Petroleum Club, 777 Main St # 3900, Fort Worth, TX 76102

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FY09 Priorities

1. Interface with local legislative delegation.
2. Integrate representatives of local governments into membership and identify local government issues to discuss.
3. Act as an advocate for small businesses and local governments in Texas.

Attendees

FWSBGLAC Members: Owen, Daniel – Midland Manufacturing, Tag Coolidge – TALEM INC, Kim Millette – Environmental Engineering & Geotechnics, INC, Brinton Payne – Fort Worth Chamber, Cliff Westbrook – WILCOAT Painting Specialist, Debbie Emmerson – True Blend Chemicals, J. Larry Martin, P.E. – Hurst Public Works Operations Engineer, K-M. Denyse Jones – Chemical Lime Co., Kurt Middelkoop – Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center, Rick White – City of Azle Utility Manager, Mike Gilbert – Gilbert Environmental Inc., Cheryl Coon – Shannon Gracey Ratliff & Miller, LLP.

TCEQ: Andy Gardner, Anne Marie Callery, Amy Lukens, Tasha Burns

Action Items from Previous Meetings – Amy Lukens, SBLGA

- The next CAP meeting will be held September 25, 2009 in Austin. Any interested parties are encouraged to attend. The meeting will also be broadcasted on the web.

Information from Austin – Sunset Review, SBLGA Projects – Andy Gardner, SBLGA Section Manager

Change in DFW SBLGA staff:

- Amy Lukens is moving back to Ohio and Lori Rose is taking a college teaching position. Tasha Burns will take over as SBLGAC coordinator until their positions are expediently filled. The job postings are attached to this e-mail.

Sunset Review:

- The TCEQ will be reviewed by the Sunset Commission over the next two years.
 - The official audit will start mid January 2010 and will review all aspects of the TCEQ's role and function.
 - Public meetings will be held to gather comments on the TCEQ.
 - SBAC/SBLGAC members may be contacted by the Sunset Commission for comments on the TCEQ.
 - For more information on the Sunset Commission please visit <http://www.sunset.state.tx.us/>

SBLGA Projects:

- In an effort to impact air quality across the state, toxicology will identify areas of high pollutants near air monitors and SBLGA will investigate and work with industry to reduce pollution.

- SBLGA will host multiple PST workshops across the state to introduce the new PST superguide and modules. Modules will be available online late September or early October. The DFW workshop will be held March 3rd at the Brookside Center in Hurst. Additional details will be posted online as they are developed.
- SBLGA recently acquired the Texas Small Water System Operator Training program and will be focusing on improving small water system participation.
- SBLGA has been designated as the lead on drought related outreach.
- New bacteria testing requirements have been adopted for waste water facilities. SBLGA is planning outreach to notify and assist affected operations.
- A new University EnviroMentor Program is in the works to connect engineering students with PWS operations needing engineering assistance. There are also opportunities for retired engineers and geologist to donate their expertise.

Open Forum – Owen Daniel, Chair

- Many regulated entities have encountered new questions and guidelines when amending their air permits. Andy and Anne Marie are unaware of any new guidelines but will investigate further.
- Congratulations to Emerald Environmental for winning the Compliance Commitment (C2) bid with SBLGA.
- Environmental Trade Fair will be held annually. Duration of the event may be shorter. Comments welcome.
- Environmental Excellence Awards at the Environmental Trade Fair are held annually. All those interested are encouraged to nominate a small business; deadline is October 16, 2009.
<http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/assistance/events/teea/TEEA.html>
- There seems to be an increased focus on small waste water treatment facilities. This may be due to the number of complaints by the public or Risk Based Investigation Strategy (RBIS). Small facilities occasionally let permits expire, the NCTCOG Water Resource Council may be able to help contact those small facilities and connect them to assistance.

Planning for 2010 – Owen Daniel, Chair

- Goal 1: Improve communication with the CAP
- Goal 2: Continue to invite new participants, legislators, and local governments.
- Dates for future meetings will be coordinated by Tasha Burns. The time will still be set on Wednesdays from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.
- The next meeting will be held early November, date not yet set.

Review of Action Items and Closing Comments- Owen Daniel, Chair

- If any members know PST owners please invite them to the SBLGAC meetings.
- Continue to invite construction companies.
- Andy will find out if air permits is enforcing new permit review guidelines.
- Invite a city council member to a SBLGAC meeting.
- Any comments for the CAP can be submitted to Andy.

Meetings for Fiscal Year 2010

Dates and Location To Be Announced