

# Fort Worth Small Business and Local Government Advisory Committee

Wednesday, May 27, 2009 from 2 to 4 PM

Diamond Oaks Country Club, 5821 Diamond Oaks Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76117

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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, Jeannette Pennington – RPR Environmental Services LLC, Jack Tyler – TDM Sales Company, Kim Millette – Environmental Engineering & Geotechnics, INC, L. Mick Brennan Jr. – Jacobs Engineering, Lisa Owens – Environmental Engineering & Geotechnics, INC, Miguel Sanchez – Crowley ISD, Sarah K. Walls – Cantey Hanger, LLP, John Bailey – Town of Lakeside, Derek Senter – City of Fort Worth, and Mark Owens.

TCEQ: Andy Gardner, Amy Lukens, and Tinicha McKinney

## Action Items from Previous Meetings – Amy Lukens, SBLGA

- A letter was drafted by Debbie Emmerson and the committee to be hand delivered by Sarah Walls to Joan B. Rodgers, the new EPA Small Business Ombudsman.
- Fort Worth SBLGAC members are asked to continue inviting other small businesses to SBLGAC meetings.
- The Committee discussed the proposed increase in water fees. Previously the cap was \$75,000.00, now it is \$100,000.00. For more information visit: <http://tceq.com/agency/waterfees.html>
- New limits on water testing parameters are in the process of development. For more information and access to previous meeting minutes visit: [http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/permitting/water\\_quality/stakeholders/WQ\\_advisory\\_group.html](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/permitting/water_quality/stakeholders/WQ_advisory_group.html)
- An emission inventory of facilities in the DFW region was passed around. To request emission inventory data visit: [http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/nav/eq/eq\\_airdata\\_sources.html](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/nav/eq/eq_airdata_sources.html)
- Amy will continue to update the committee on NESHAPS.

## Information from Austin – Cap and Trade/ Legislative Update – Andy Gardner, SBLGA Section Manager

Cap and Trade:

*TCEQ is currently reviewing two EPA proposals on greenhouse gas.*

- Mandatory reporting of greenhouse gases, comment period open until June 9th. For more information or to comment visit: <http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/ghgrulemaking.html>
- Endangerment and cause or contribute finding for greenhouse gases under Section 202(a) of the Clean Air Act, comment period open until June 23rd. For more information or to comment visit: <http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/endangerment.html>

Legislative Update:

*Deadline to pass Senate Bills 5/26/2009*

- SB 16 – TERP (didn't pass)
- SB 261 – Power Sources (passed)

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*Deadline to pass House Bills 5/27/2009*

- HB 1959 – Sunset review – TCEQ will be reviewed in 2011 instead of 2013.
- HB 3547 – TCEQ delegated shutdown authority to noncompliant drycleaners.
- HB requirement of delivery certificate for PST
- HB 3550 – drinking water (delegation of enforcement at executive level)

**SBLGAC Report to CAP – SBLGAC Members**

Members drafted and sent a letter to the EPA Small Business Ombudsman June 1, 2009.

**Open Forum – Owen Daniel, Chair and Andy Gardner, SBLGA Section Manager**

*Plans for SBLGA in Fiscal Year 2010*

- Petroleum Storage Tank (PST) compliance cases are the #1 enforcement cases in the agency.
- Starting in October SBLGA will host nine free PST workshops around the state.
- Small Public Water Systems (PWS) are becoming a focus as infrastructure ages.

*Air Toxins*

- SBLGA will try to help regional air monitors reach compliance.
- Topic of the Day – Environmental Trade Fair Update/ 2009 New PST Rules – Amy Lukens, SBLGA

*Environmental Trade Fair*

- Will be held annually.
- Discussion about variety in offered sessions.

*2009 New PST Rules*

- New rules apply to new and updated PST and PST systems.
- New requirement for spill buckets applies to all PST.

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

*Action Items for the Next Meeting*

- Hand deliver the Fort Worth SBLGAC letter to Joan B. Rodgers, the new Small Business Ombudsman at the annual SBO conference – Sarah Walls – Completed
- Invite a representative from the Association of General Contractors (AGC) to attend a Fort Worth SBLGAC meeting – Tag Coolidge and Jeannette Pennington – Completed
- Find the date of the next CAP meeting – Amy Lukens

*Closing Comments*

- Printed contact sheets will no longer be distributed each meeting. A dated and current contact sheet will be e-mailed with the minutes after each meeting.

**Meetings for Fiscal Year 2009**

Wednesday, August 5, 2009 @ TBA

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