

Golden Triangle Small Business Advisory Committee

Small Business and Local Government Assistance Section

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Region 10 Office, Beaumont, TX

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Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair, Candace Broucher. Each of the five participants introduced themselves and the business/organization they represented.

Open Forum

Candace asked if we could have future meetings at the Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission.

Candace asked Charlie about the drought in Groesbeck. Charlie provided background information and plans to prevent the town from running out of water.

TCEQ Austin Update – Andy Gardner

An overview of the drought situation and the state response was provided. Andy explained how the TCEQ is working with other state agencies to expedite permitting and other processes needed in order to use alternative resources. Six workshops will be held around the state in early 2012 for drought emergency planning.

Compliance History rule changes will be implemented by the Enforcement Division. On February 10, 2012, the rules will be published in the Texas Register, and the rule changes will be open for public comment. There will be a public hearing, tentatively set for March 6, 2012, in which the public can participate via Web cast. The committee would like to meet at this time at the Beaumont Regional Office and watch the Web cast of the public hearing. Once the date for the public hearing is finalized, Lori will inform the committee of the meeting date and time. Candace and Sheila volunteered to make phone calls to get people to attend this meeting. Once the rules are published, SBLGA will provide a summary for the committee. If the committee wishes to comment, they will have comments prepared by the hearing date.

Action Items

Lori will check on moving the meetings back to the Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission.

Lori will inform the committee of the date and time for the Compliance History public meeting.

Candace and Sheila will make phone calls to get SBAC members to attend the Compliance History public meeting at the Regional office.

Lori will provide the committee a summary of the Compliance History rule once published.

The Committee may provide comments on the rule by the hearing date.