

**Chairman Kathleen White
Commissioner Larry Soward
Commissioner Martin Hubert**

**Chairman Aubrey Russell
Vice Chairman Jerry D Nichols
Board Members:
José Dodier, Jr.
Joe Ward
Larry Jacobs
Dub Crumley – Absent
Reed Stewart - Absent**

MARKED AGENDA

Wed., September 27, 2006

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board
Joint Meeting and Work Session**

10:00 a.m.

**Conference Room, Blackland Research and Extension Center
720 East Blackland Road
Temple, TX 76502**

This is a joint meeting and work session for discussion between TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) Commissioners, the Board of the TSSWCB (Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board) and staff from both agencies. Public comment will be accepted at the discretion of the TCEQ Commissioners and TSSWCB Board Members. Action may be taken on items posted for consideration. Items may be considered in an order other than the order posted. The TCEQ Commissioners and TSSWCB Board Members may recess for a lunch break and may not meet in Open Session from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm and in such an event, unfinished items may be continued to the afternoon.

- 1. Consideration of the existing TSSWCB / TCEQ (formerly Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) relating to TMDLs (Total Maximum Daily Loads), including revisions to the MOA.**

This item was presented to the joint work session by Clyde E. Bohmfalk and Tom Weber of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and John Foster, Aaron Wendt, and T. J. Helton of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board. The recommended revisions to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) were summarized by the staff with a recommendation that the Commission and the Board authorize the respective Executive Directors to sign the revised MOA. Chairman White requested additional information about wording in Item c.4 on Page 4 of the draft MOA. After some discussion staff from both agencies suggested the word “prescribed” be changed to “recommended.” Chairman White made a motion for the Commission to authorize the Executive Director to sign the MOA with the recommended word change and the motion was approved. Board member Jose Dodier made a motion for the Board to authorize the

Executive Director to sign the MOA with the recommended word change and the motion was approved.

MOA approved with above change: KW/MH/LS; TSSWCB agreed.

- 2. Consideration of a TSSWCB / TCEQ partnership involving the selection of a task force to review the scientific methods and techniques used to develop bacteria TMDLs, which will provide alternatives and recommendations to the TSSWCB Board and the TCEQ Commissioners. This item will include the selection of task force members, objectives and scope of work, and timeframe of the task force.**

Dr. Allen Jones defined the scope of the task force and received input from the Commissioners and Board Members on the scope and membership of the task force. The proposed list of task force members was read and approved by both agencies. The task force will be chaired by Dr. Allan Jones, Executive Director of Texas Water Resources Institute at TAMU. Members are to include Drs. George DiGiovanni, Larry Hauck, Joanna Mott, Hanadi Rafai, Raghavan Srinivasan, and George Ward. They will be assisted by staff members of several state and federal agencies.

There was a discussion of the two agencies meeting together on at least an annual basis. No specific date was set for a future joint meeting, however, it was agreed that the issue would be revisited after the report was received from the task force.

Public comments were received from the following:

1. John Cowan, Dairy Coop, Grapevine, Texas
2. Fred Cox, Hamilton County Judge, Hamilton, Texas
3. Alisa Max, Harris County, Houston, Texas
4. Pat Radloff, Ph.D., Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Austin, Texas
5. Mr. McCleary, Commissioner Hamilton County, Hamilton, Texas

Meeting adjourned at 12:03 pm.

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