South Texas Water Master Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
7/17/18

The meeting was opened at 1:35 pm by Amy Settemeyer, TCEQ Watermaster Section Manager. A quorum of the Advisory Committee was not present. Everyone introduced themselves.

No action was taken on the meeting minutes from the July 14, 2017 meeting due to the fact that a quorum was not present at this meeting.

Watermaster Program Update.

Ms. Amy Settemeyer introduced the South Texas Watermaster staff and also introduced Ms. Kim Wilson and Mr. Kelly Mills with the TCEQ Office of Water from Austin. Ms. Iliana Delgado, South Texas and Concho Watermaster, introduced herself. She also reported that there were vacancies in the San Antonio and Corpus Christi staff positions. These vacancies have been advertised and she hopes to have them filled by September 2018. She noted that flows in all the streams in the South Texas Watermaster area are getting low but the flows in the Upper Guadalupe River were particularly low.

FY 18 Budget

Amy Settemeyer presented the proposed FY19 budget. The FY19 Operating Budget needs totaled $687,859.00. The assessment necessary based on 97.5% collection rate is $705,496.41. Ms. Settemeyer noted that the decrease in the budget is primarily due to not needing to purchase any replacement vehicles. The fringe rate is now 36% which is the current TCEQ standard rate and the fringe rate will be set at the then current TCEQ standard rate in future budgets.

She also reported that the municipal, industrial and combined rates are proposed to be $0.2199.

The balance in Fund 158 increased to $599,670 because of the unused salary costs due to vacancies.

TCEQ staff responded to questions from the committee members present. There were no concerns expressed regarding the proposed budget but no formal action was taken due to the lack of a quorum.

Watermaster Advisory Committee Membership.

Terms of all members expire this year. Appointment renewal letters have been sent out.

Other Business

Patrcik Brzozowski volunteered to prepare a proposed bylaw change that would allow members of the advisory committee to designate alternates in the event the member cannot attend a meeting. The proposed bylaw change will be circulated to the Advisory Committee members at least ten days prior to the next meeting.