

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Water Rights Advisory Work Group
June 4, 2012
Building E, Room 201S
10:00 AM

Welcome and Introductions: Sonia Crawford

Senate Bill 3 Updates: Iliana Delgado

- Staff is preparing the response to comments and rule adoption documents for the following:
Guadalupe, San Antonio, Mission, and Aransas Rivers and Mission, Copano, Aransas, and San Antonio Bays, and the Colorado and Lavaca Rivers and Matagorda and Lavaca Bays
- The projected date for adoption agenda is August 8, 2012
- For that agenda, the backup would be filed with the Chief Clerk on July 20, 2012
- The Brazos and Nueces stakeholder (BBASC) reports are due by September 1, 2012.

Curtailment Rule: Iliana Delgado

- Stakeholder Meeting (July 10, 2012 @ TCEQ Headquarters, Building E, Room 201)
Anyone may attend and the meeting will also be webcast
- The Curtailment Rule will be “Hot Item” on TCEQs home web page
- A draft FAQ will be on TCEQs website after the first stakeholder meeting
- Comments on the FAQ and suggestions on how to refine the rule will be accepted
- Hold a second stakeholder meeting by September 30, 2012
- Final FAQ on TCEQ website by October 2012.

Watermaster Evaluation Process Update: Cindy Hooper

- Letters requesting initial comments were mailed February 17, 2012 to water right holders within the Colorado & Brazos River Basins and the Colorado-Lavaca & Brazos-Colorado Coastal Basins
- TCEQ received approximately 250 comments
- Options were drafted and posted on TCEQ website as a “Hot Item” and can be found at the following: <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/watermaster>
- 9 Stakeholder meetings are scheduled and starting today in Rosenberg, College Station, San Saba, Lubbock, Big Spring, San Angelo, Wharton, Waco & Fredericksburg
- Written comments will be due July 6, 2012
- Propose to Commission at Agenda in August
- Present findings to the Legislature in the Biennial Report

Commission Actions: Robin Smith

- Three hearing requests
 1. Ralph Hall (Reservoir in the Upper Trinity) – February 22, 2012
hearing request granted
 2. Circle C (Off-channel Reservoir) – March 28, 2012
hearing request granted
 3. City of Lubbock (Groundwater Reuse) – No agenda date set to consider
Judges proposal for decision to grant the permit

Water Rights Permitting & Availability Section Update: Iliana Delgado

Agency and Division Staffing Changes

As of May 1, Zak Covar is the new Executive Director. He previously served as Deputy Executive Director and Assistant Deputy Executive Director since June 2008. Prior to his appointment to the executive office, he served as the Executive Assistant to (then) Commissioner Bryan Shaw.

The new Deputy Executive Director is Richard Hyde. He previously served as Deputy Director of the Office of Permitting and Registration and was the Director of the Air Permits Division for five years.

We've also had staffing changes in the Water Availability Division. Ricky Anderson has retired. John Gillen has moved from Assistant Division Director to Watermaster Section Manager.

Allison Woodall is the Assistant Division Director for the Water Availability Division. Allison has over 15 years service with TCEQ, most recently as a Work Leader with the Clean Rivers Program in the Water Quality Planning Division.

Closing/Comments: Sonia Crawford

*Next Meeting – September 10, 2012

*Proposed topics for next meeting:

- Please send an e-mail or call with any ideas for the next WRAWG
- Presentations from attendees?