

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Water Rights Advisory Work Group
September 24, 2012
Building E, Room 201S
10:00 AM

Welcome and Introductions: Sonia Crawford

Senate Bill 3 Updates: Ron Ellis

- August 8th - Commission adopted second round of rules for the Colorado and Lavaca Rivers and Matagorda and Lavaca Bays, and the Guadalupe, San Antonio, Mission, and Aransas Rivers and Mission, Copano, Aransas, and San Antonio Bays
- September 1st - Stakeholder recommendations received for Nueces and Brazos River Basins and Bay systems. Except to receive recommendations for the Rio Grande by December 1st
- Rio Grande may be included in the 3rd round of rule package adoptions depending on when and what recommendations are received
- September 1, 2013 - Adoptions expected

Curtailment Rule: Ron Ellis

- 2nd Stakeholder Meeting to occur in October

Commission Actions: Robin Smith

- Worksession regarding Watermaster Evaluation discussed Brazos and Colorado River Basins
No specific conclusions at this time
- All Watermaster budgets were approved
- Rule petition for City of Irving
Rule making process started
Projected Milestone dates for this proposal can be found at the following link:
http://www5.tceq.state.tx.us/rules/index.cfm?fuseaction=external_reports.projectdetail

Water Rights Permitting & Availability Section Update: Ron Ellis

- Met and exceeded 2011 permitting goals
- Increase in permitting, especially drought related
- Statute requires all basins to be considered at least once every five years for potential Watermaster programs
Planning for next two evaluations – Trinity and San Jacinto River Basins & San Jacinto-Brazos and Trinity-San Jacinto Coastal Basins
- Water Use Reporting for 2011, which is required by statute, will be re-sent to those that did not respond
Approximately a 60% response rate for 2011

Potential issue of non-reporting may include notarizing the water use reports so that requirement will be dropped

Closing/Comments: Sonia Crawford

*Next Meeting – December 3rd

*Proposed topics for next meeting:

- Please send an e-mail or call with any ideas for the next WRAWG