

Irrigator Advisory Council Agenda

Thursday, May 1, 2025, 9:00 am

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Call to Order

- Introduction of Members

Mr. James Garvin called the meeting to order at 9:03am. Members of the council that are present included: Mr. James Garvin, Mr. DJ Seeger, Mr. Norman Werback, Ms. Paula Szymanski, Mr. Sergio Martinez, Ms. Monique Cogburn, and Mr. Mark Peterson. Absent members included Mr. Remmington Holt and Mr. Jimmy Burgdorf. TCEQ staff present included: Ms. Jayme Martone, Mr. Joseph Hopkins, Mr. Paul Munguia, and Ms. Katherine McGlaughlin.

- Approval of minutes from the previous meeting

The previous meeting minutes were approved unanimously with Mr. Seeger making the motion to approve and seconded by Mr. Werback.

TCEQ Program Updates:

- Landscape Irrigation Program

Ms. Martone relayed the most recent investigation number for the program and information on how to file a complaint. Mr. Hopkins gave an update about filling to vacant position in the program.

- Cross-Connection Control

Ms. McGlaughlin gave an update on recent training and events the program has participated in and a reminder about alternate form approvals. She also gave a brief update on some bills that may affect the program currently in the legislature.

- Occupational Licensing

Mr. Munguia mentioned that their program is also monitoring legislation that could impact licensing and that they are currently auditing the Irrigation licensing class, which is a normal process for them. They also continue to work toward updating the irrigator exam.

A question was asked about licensing reciprocity with other states and Mr. Munguia explained that it's done on a case-by-case basis when they receive that type of request. Members of the council discussed their experience using their Texas irrigator license to get reciprocity in other states.

Discussion on work-group progress

- Update from the Web Content Work Group

Mr. Seeger gave a brief update on the progress of the web content group and also discussed the proper mail code for the Landscape Irrigation Program, which is MC-235

- Update from the Survey Work Group

Ms. Szymanski gave an update on the survey work group. She discussed the work they've done to generate more responses to the survey and there was a conversation about potentially updating the survey.

- Update RG-466 Workgroup

Ms. Charles Swanson, a former council member, gave an update about the updates to RG-466. Mr. Swanson discussed that he made a first draft of edits and now during the workgroup meetings

they've been going page by page discussing different edits, comments, and details. He stated that the group is about halfway through the document.

- **New Work Group Topics**

There was a discussion on potential new workgroup topics, but the council decided not to proceed with any new groups this time.

Individuals wishing to address the Council

A member of the public brought up concerns about drought contingency plan/watering restrictions and a discussion took place about concerns about water waste, water conservation principles, and real-world applications.

No additional member of the public had topics to address with the council.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 10:10am.