

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Water Rights Application Notice (WRAN) Advisory Group

Water Supply Division, Water Rights Permitting and Availability Section
November 5, 2007
Building F, Room 2210
1:30 PM

Minutes

- Introductions

For attendees, please see the sign in list.

- Approval of minutes and agenda

The group approved the agenda for the November 5, 2007, WRAN meeting and approved the minute for the October 29, 2007 WRAN meeting.

- Discussion of categories of applications that would not require notice

The group came to consensus on three types of amendment applications that would not require notices:

1. A change in the purpose of use for 500 acre feet or less of water. The group agreed that this application would still be subject to the announcement discussed at the last meeting. The group also specified that the announcement would contain language to alert the person receiving the announcement that if they had an issue with the application they would only have a limited time in which to raise the issue.

The group also discussed that under specific circumstances the executive director's staff might still find it necessary to require notice and draft a memo regarding notice which discusses the items outlined in the *City of Marshall* case. Conversely, if there are no specific circumstances that would necessitate a notice memo for a particular application, staff would not draft a memo and no additional notice would be given.

2. Additions to the type of use for 500 acre feet or less of water.
3. Changes in place of use without change of purpose for 500 acre feet or less of water.

- Continuation of discussion of draft framework for notice

The group discussed the draft framework for notice. The group commented that the announcement should let people receiving the announcement know that they have the ability to submit comments; define the issues on which they can submit comments; and let them know that this is their opportunity to raise issues of concern.

The group also discussed the possibility of sending out staff technical memos or a draft permit with the notice.

The group will continue their discussion of the draft framework at the next meeting on Monday, November 19, 2007 at 1:30 pm in Building R, Room 2210.