

## GROUNDWATER RESEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING RECORD

### TIME AND DATE:

9:00 AM, January 13, 2005

### LOCATION:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Campus, Building B, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Meeting Room 201A, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753.

### PURPOSE OF MEETING:

Regular business meeting

### AGENCIES/ENTITIES REPRESENTED:

Bureau of Economic Geology [BEG]  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality [TCEQ]  
Texas Department of Agriculture [TDA]  
Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board [TSSWCB]  
United States Geological Survey [USGS]  
Steve Walden Consulting

### ATTENDEES:

Andrew Tachovsky	BEG, Presided for Bridget Scanlon, Co-chair of the GW Research Subcommittee of the TGPC
Mary Ambrose	TCEQ, Chairman of TGPC
Alan Cherepon	TCEQ
Richard Egg	TSSWCB
Richard Eyster	TDA
Lynne Fahlquist	USGS
Joseph L. Peters	TCEQ
Steve Walden	Steve Walden Consulting

### MEETING SUMMARY:

The meeting was called to order by Andrew Tachovsky from the BEG. He was representing Dr. Scanlon and Dr. Jones, who could not be present. The first order of business was introductions.

Richard Eyster arrived about five minutes into the meeting and Steve Walden about 15 minutes into the meeting.

The first item on the agenda was the discussion of the draft research-needs matrix. A copy of the matrix was handed out to everyone present. Dr. Scanlon and Dr. Jones had worked on the matrix which consisted of all the research need topics, linked with funding sources and research groups, that the Subcommittee had previously discussed. The matrix consists of a method of organizing all the research needs.

Mary Ambrose brought a book, pertinent to the research needs subject, entitled Confronting the

Nation's Water Problems: The Role of Research. The book is published by the National Academy of Science. There is a four page section in the book which brings out some major questions pertaining to research on water and it may be appropriate to consider some of these in putting together our matrix. Copies were made of these four pages and handed out to those present. Mary also suggested that the matrix include a column for interested parties for each research topic.

Discussed next was the topic of the development of white papers. It was determined that priority should be given to the research topics to be included in the Legislative Report. A template with a standard set of subheadings should be developed for the white paper format. Steve Walden's suggestion was followed, that we subdivide everyone present into small groups, each then work separately to develop the subheadings. We then compared each group's efforts. The best features will be selected from each effort to create a final template to be followed for the white papers.

**Action Items:** The two action items for the next meeting are to finalize the white paper template and to incorporate suggested changes to the matrix.

The meeting adjourned at about 10:15 A.M.

**Information Item:** The decision was made at the TGPC meeting in the afternoon that the next meeting date for the TGPC, the ACS, and the GWRS will be April 27, 2005. The GWRS meeting will take place at 9:00 AM, at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Campus, Building F, 2nd Floor, Meeting Room 2210, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753.

Minutes prepared by Joseph L. Peters, April 22 2005

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