

MEETING SUMMARY

CENTRAL FLORIDA WATER INITIATIVE CONSERVATION TEAM MEETING

APRIL 8, 2016

The Central Florida Water Initiative (CFWI) Conservation Team held a meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Friday April 8, 2016 by teleconference.

Conservation Team Members Present

Janet Llewellyn
Jim Fletcher
Christine Russell
Mike Sweeney
Michelle Sims for Dee Allen
Chris Farrell
Jim Harmon
Cori Hermle
Jason Mickel

Other Participants

Josh Madden
Lori Burklew

1. Janet Llewellyn called the meeting to order, read the introductory statement and took roll.
2. Jim Fletcher presented the final draft Ag Subteam Scope of Work:
 - A lengthy discussion was held regarding Item 7 related to developing a uniform standard definition of agricultural water conservation.
 - The discussion centered on whether the Subteam should be looking at water use efficiency/demand reduction only, or if “source switching” (such as using reclaimed water or tailwater recovery instead of groundwater) would also be included. The Team finally concluded that water use efficiency and tail water recovery should be covered by the Subteam, but not reclaimed wastewater.
 - A related issue was whether the water savings should be estimated for only groundwater or all sources. Concern was expressed that a final number of estimated water savings produced by the group may be a mix of ground water and surface water savings, and therefore such a number should not be subtracted from the “850 MGD” of sustainable groundwater use. The Subteam needs to be careful in how final estimates are reported.
 - Item No. 7 will be revised to provide for defining a set of measures that will be used in estimating Ag water savings for the purposes of the Subteam work.
 - A task will be added to identify ways to increase participation in existing funding programs.
 - Other minor clarifications and edits were made to the Scope of Work in response to comments.

- The revised Scope of Work was preliminarily approved pending the changes discussed. Jim will provide the revised Scope for final review at the next meeting.
3. Chris Russell presented the final draft Public Water Supply (PWS) Subteam Scope of Work.
 - A lengthy discussion was held on Item 3, related to the evaluation of BMPs that exceeded the assumed \$3.00 per Kgal limitation, including how the WMDs rank these BMPs in their cost share programs, and how to determine whether these BMPs are cost effective on an individual utility basis. Item 3 will be revised to more clearly state that the cost effectiveness for an individual utility will be linked to the cost of their next increment of needed water.
 - A question was raised about adding expanding water use accounting to the scope. A discussion was held about ongoing efforts to improve and expand data on actual ag water use. The discussion did not result in revisions to the scope.
 - Item 5, relating to the licensing of irrigation professionals was discussed. Because this item cuts across all the Subteams, it will be removed from the Subteam scope of work and considered by the full Team. The focus will be on providing assistance to irrigation professionals seeking to become licensed under existing programs, rather than supporting the creation of new licensing requirements.
 - An issue was raised about BMPs that cut across Subteams, and whether they were best addressed in the Subteam or full Team Scope of Work. Through regular Subteam updates we should be able to identify items that need coordination among the Subteams so that work is not duplicated.
 - The Subteam will provide updates on the status of the Florida Building Code revision process, and Janet will relay these updates to the MOC as appropriate.
 - Other minor clarifications and edits were made to the Scope of Work in response to comments.
 - The revised Scope of Work was preliminarily approved pending the changes discussed. Chris will provide the revised scope for final review at the next meeting.
 7. Michelle Sims presented the Other Self Supply Subteam Scope of Work.
 - Task 1.a.i. related to “separating out domestic self-supply” will be revised for clarity to say the Subteam will identify the savings previously identified for the use types they will be including in the Subteam work (exclusive of domestic self-supply).
 - Other minor clarifications and edits were made to the Scope of Work in response to comments.
 - The revised Scope of Work was preliminarily approved pending the changes discussed.
 8. The meeting minutes from March 25, 2016 were approved with no changes.
 9. Janet reported on an Action Item from the previous meeting regarding the SJRWMD practice of reducing the allocation of an ag permit when the district provides cost-share assistance for a water conservation project. The SJRWMD does this not under their regulatory authority, but as a requirement of participation in their voluntary cost-share program. The “saved” water is placed on back-up allocation for five years until the conservation measure is determined to be effective. Changes to this practice are a policy issue that would need to be addressed by the EDs and Governing Boards.

9. The next meeting is April 22. The agenda will include final approval of the revised Scopes of Work, a discussion about strategies for domestic self supply, and methods for coordination with the Communications Team.

9. There was no public comment.

Summary of Action Items:

- 1. Provide revised final scopes of work to Janet before April 22 Team Teleconference – Subteam Leads**