

FY2013 Water Data Exchange (WaDE)
Project/EN Grant Steering Committee Conference Call
Minutes – December 2nd, 2016, 3pm Mountain (2pm PT, 4pm CT)

Attendees:

Texas CEQ – Gayle Stewart, Gloria Castillo, Brandon Ostrander

Idaho DWR – Linda Davis, Paula Dillon

Oklahoma WRB – Kelsey Whorton, David Hamilton, Kent Wilkins

WSWC - Sara Larsen

Roll Call, Minutes: Sara welcomed the attendees. The group reviewed the October meeting minutes and approved them (OWRB motioned, IDWR seconded). They also reviewed the Action Items from the October meeting. Sara also introduced Carly Hansen and said that they hoped to add her to the WSWC's authorized personnel on their GAD/PEL.

Updates from Partners: One item of business that had come up as of the last call was a request by OWRB to access funds that had previously been designated to an earlier task in the GAD to address a later task. Gayle said that TCEQ has an obligation to ensure that all partners have established dataflows, and that they would have to review the partners' status before any re-allocating of funds could be approved. Unfortunately, Ann-Marie was unable to make the call to give a status update. Gayle asked Linda for an update from Idaho. They said that they could possibly use their outstanding funds to include water supply bank information. Sara asked about TCEQ's expected deployment timeline, and Gayle said that they were intending to start in early 2017. Kent described the status of their funding described in the GAD and how having access to those funds would improve the QA/QC process for water use data. Sara said she would arrange for an offline call with WA-ECY to verify where they are in the project and with their funding, then host a call with TCEQ and OWRB before the next meeting to see if their GAD could be amended.

Grant Deliverables: Sara said that, while determining what remained for partners to close-out their grant participation, Gayle had reviewed the deliverable items for the partners. Sara went over these deliverables. The technical diagrams that had been developed before the partners had undertaken implementation were the first required item. Gayle said that they didn't have those handy, but would find out how many were still outstanding. The second item is a "data gaps" analysis that gives an indication of which data that are supported by the WaDE schema that each state is not sharing in WaDE, and provide an explanation and outlook on sharing that data in the future. Sara said she would put together "straw man" data gaps analyses based on conversations that she's had with each partner and then ask that they review those and provide feedback. The final deliverable is a close out report at the end of the project that should be put together at the end of the project and submitted with their final progress report, if possible. This should include a description of the agency's experience deploying WaDE, recommendations for moving forward with data-sharing, feedback on the implementation process, and other "lessons learned".

WUDR Program Feedback: Sara asked partners who had submitted either WUDR workplans or applications to provide feedback on their experiences. Sara also asked the partners to describe their priorities moving forward for their water use programs so that their feedback could be included in the next solicitation. Kent talked about their plans to implement an online reporting system for their water users and what it would take to continue that program going forward. Their priorities continued to be improved data collection techniques, and QA/QC procedures. They also said that they'd worked with USGS to explore what categories of water use were requested and what they could provide.

Wrap Up: Sara mentioned that she's submitted to EN conference organizers to host a session for WaDE partners, if there was any interest. She highlighted the great keynote speakers and diverse dataflows, the lovely location of Philadelphia in spring, a historic town. She asked any partner who had an interest in attending to check out the webcasts and the agenda from the 2015 conference. Gayle also said it was a very interesting and informative conference. They wrapped up the meeting by asking if there were any other questions, and said that their next meeting would be held in late January.

Action Items:

| | Description | Assignee |
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| 1 | Follow-up with WA-ECY to verify funding/project status | WSWC/WA-ECY |
| 2 | Have a call with TCEQ and OWRB to review WA funding status and possibility of amending OWRB's GAD | WSWC/TCEQ/OWRB |
| 3 | Check on how many partners have submitted their technical diagrams already and how many are outstanding. | TCEQ |
| 4 | Provide "straw man" data gaps analyses to each partner for their review | WSWC/All partners |
| 5 | Look at water supply bank data inclusion | WSWC/IDWR |
| 6 | Follow-up with partners on possible WaDE session at EN conference | WSWC |
| 7 | Revise GAD/PEL to include Carly Hansen | WSWC |