

FY2013 Water Data Exchange (WaDE)
Project/EN Grant Steering Committee Conference Call
Minutes – April 22nd, 2016, 1pm Mountain (12pm PT, 2pm CT)

Attendees:

Texas CEQ – Gayle Stewart, Gloria Castillo, Brandon Ostrander, Pat Robards

Idaho DWR – Linda Davis

Oklahoma WRB – David Hamilton, Kelly Smith (joined later in the call)

WSWC - Sara Larsen

Roll Call, Minutes: Sara made a note to fix the role – add Pat Robards and take Susannah off, she then took roll, welcomed the steering committee. She asked the group to take a look at the February and March call meetings, however there were not enough people to adopt the minutes. This was postponed til the next meeting. (May) Sara went over the last call. She talked about the spring council meeting and states that expressed an interest in getting started on the project (AK, NM, AZ). Kevin Kluge will be presenting at the WUDR forum the following Wednesday.

Updates from Partners: David Hamilton (OWRB) talked about getting their data into the WaDE portal, and getting the OWRB data into the WaDE schema. Sara asked about the GIS portion. They agreed to work on fixing that after the meeting. He said water use would be a little bit trickier to add. Kelly Smith said they would be able to do it. Sara showed some of Oregon's data – water rights and diversions. She talked about Kansas and California's data being added to the portal. She let TCEQ know that all of the activities related to CA, NV, and SD are being charged to that separate EN grant.

Meeting Recap: Sara discussed presenting WaDE at the Spring Council Meeting in DC, and why people are very excited about this as an example of a distributed network of information. The President's memo on water/drought resiliency and a New York Times editorial on Water Data have created a lot of interest. WSWC presented to WGA at the beginning of April. The current chair of the WGA sets the agenda for their meetings. The current chair's focus is Endangered Species Act (ESA). It may still be added, but also maybe not.

Visits/Budgets: Will be scheduling jump start visits with WA and TX. Sara asked about an extension for the grant. Gayle said they had discussed it, that it was a fairly positive response, but not in writing yet. They are working on amendments. She asked all partners to give a budget update. Sara asked about FSR submission on TCEQ's fiscal year (2-month third quarter, 4-month fourth quarter). She said if that worked for the partners, yes. Gayle also said they could have a meeting to discuss re-allocations of the grant funds. Sara said she would email all the partners.

Licensing/ENDS registration: Sara read the proposed licensing agreement. It will be reviewed at the May meeting for adoption by the steering committee. No one had any proposed edits during the call. Sara talked about how to set up an account with the Exchange Network (EN). The process involves entering all of the WaDE data elements, then identifying those as a new data flow. She may need partners to run a couple of scripts to add the GetServices web service that ENDS requires. That should be sufficient to complete the work on the grant. Sara will get the ENDS liaison from TCEQ just in case she runs into

problems. Sara asked if TCEQ had been asked any questions by the EN grant liaison. Gayle said that they reported to EN whether or not the grant activities were completed. They currently only report that the steering committee had been formed. Sara asked if there was anything they could do to help with that reporting. Gayle said ENDS registration was a big process, and possibly some documentation would be required.

Wrap Up: Sara said they would schedule another call in late May.

Action Items:

	Description	Assignee
1	Assist with finalizing GADs	WA DOE/WSWC
2	Schedule visit to TCEQ	TCEQ/WSWC
3	Fix the GIS for OWRB	WSWC/OWRB
4	Get a budget update from all partners for carryover in grant	All partners