

FY2013 Water Data Exchange (WaDE)
Project/EN Grant Steering Committee Conference Call
Minutes – February 7th, 2017, 10am Mountain (9am PT, 11am CT)

Attendees:

Texas CEQ – Gloria Castillo, Brandon Ostrander

Idaho DWR – Linda Davis, Paula Dillon

Oklahoma WRB – Kelsey Whorton, Kent Wilkins

Washington ECY – Ann-Marie Sweeten

WSWC - Sara Larsen

Roll Call, Minutes: Sara welcomed the attendees. They went over the minutes from the December meeting. There were no requested changes, so the minutes were incorporated into the partners' record.

Updates from Partners: Oklahoma provided an update on their status regarding the USGS WUDR grants. They'd received a grant, but opted to not officially accept until they'd worked out some of the details with the centralized IT department in Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Management and Enterprise System (OMES). They were interested in reworking their GAD to allow for work to add water use data into WaDE. Washington provided an update on the status of their WaDE deployment. They are planning on working on WaDE in March. They'd received some funding to install some meters in the Colombia River Basin, and would be interested in adding this data into WaDE if they could revise their GAD to include the work. Gayle (TCEQ) asked Ann-Marie about a revised GAD that would include the metering data. Ann-Marie said that she had not worked on this or submitted it to TCEQ. Sara said that they should have a follow-up call with Gayle to determine what TCEQ's priorities may be in case of any extra funding that might be made available to the partners. Sara would set up this meeting. Kent mentioned that they would like to revise their GAD to include travel for some of their staff to attend the Exchange Network conference in May. Sara mentioned that they needed a GAD revision also

WaDE Rollout: Sara showed the partners the new WaDE prototype website, where the WaDE interface would be available during a rollout/launch at the WSWC Spring Meeting in Nebraska in April. The new website would allow for a community forum to discuss WaDE and open data topics, allow users to make requests, and hopefully become a source of not only data, but of new and relevant information regarding open water data from many partners. Sara said that she would make the end of March a hard deadline for the partners to have data flowing in WaDE, and hoped that this would be possible for the remaining partners (WA, TX) with accommodations that she could make to speed things up. She asked for any help with what was entailed in a large website launch. Linda (ID) mentioned that it would be good to ensure that the WaDE portal worked well for a number of browsers and would let people know to upgrade their browser if they were using an older version. Sara said she would implement that before the portal was launched, and also install Google Analytics to serve as a performance metric. Linda asked about the photos and Sara said they were free and she would include them in the meeting materials for any partner to download if they wished.

WUDR Grant Review: Sara asked the states about the WUDR grant, and mentioned that the awards for FY2016 were announced in January. WSWC had been provided with the opportunity to give feedback on priorities for the coming year and Sara said that there was continued support for grant funding for basic data collection, entering data into enterprise databases, being able to QA/QC the data, and publish it. She said that the USGS anticipated releasing the FY2017 announcement in the next month or so, and then states would have 60 days to apply for the next competitive round of funding.

EN Conference 2017: Sara mentioned the EN conference in May, where partners could learn more about the funding program. She showed them the registration website, and mentioned that the time for making hotel and airfare plans is coming up. She would be presenting at the conference, and other partners would be welcome to attend, and didn't necessarily have to present, although that would be encouraged.

Wrap-Up: Sara said thanks and that they would have one more meeting in March, before the rollout in April.

Action Items:

	Description	Assignee
1	Conduct meeting with Gayle to discuss proposed new data from OWRB and WA-ECY	WSWC/WA-ECY/OWRB/TCEQ
2	WSWC to revise GAD for Carly/travel to EN conference	WSWC/TCEQ/OWRB
3	OWRB to revise GAD based on call, and for EN conference	TCEQ/OWRB
4	WA-ECY to revise GAD based on call	TCEQ/WA-ECY
6	Register for EN conference and arrange travel	WSWC/OWRB