

FY2013 Water Data Exchange (WaDE)
Project/EN Grant Steering Committee Conference Call
Minutes – June 24th, 2016, 3pm Mountain (2pm PT, 4pm CT)

Attendees:

Texas CEQ – Gayle Stewart, Brandon Ostrander, Pat Robards, Beth West

Idaho DWR – Linda Davis, Paula Dillon (joined a little later)

Oklahoma WRB – Kent Wilkins, David Hamilton, Kelsey Whorton

Oregon Water Resources Department – Ken Smith

WSWC - Sara Larsen

Roll Call, Minutes: Sara welcomed the attendees. The group reviewed the February, March, and April meeting minutes. Gayle motioned to approve the minutes as presented, with a second from Paula. All meeting minutes were adopted.

Updates from Partners: Sara mentioned that the WSWC relocated to a new office in May. She reviewed the action items from the last meeting. The GAD for Washington was being worked on, and Sara had a “kickstart” meeting with WA-ECY. One item of interest was that WA-ECY was opting to re-write the WaDE webservices code in C++. David Hamilton said that that would be a nice option to have. Sara asked the TCEQ folks, but Gayle said they didn’t have the technical people. Ken said they could support both PHP and C++. He pointed out that either would be fine as long as they would both be supporting. Sara said that she would learn C++ for the WaDE code. Pat Robards asked if this would be considered an improvement. Sara said that it was more of an expansion of capability to meet the needs of states that might have more rigid security protocols. She didn’t know whether or not WA-ECY folks were planning to bill their time on the C++ work to their grant. That would be something to follow up on. David mentioned that WA-ECY would own the code, and they would have to donate it to the program. Pat said that some states are not allowed to donate code very readily. Sara said she would follow up on that.

Sara asked about the kickstart meeting with TCEQ. They said they were deploying their database and looking forward to having a discussion in person.

WUDR Program: Sara asked whether any of the partners were sending grant applications in to the Water Use Data and Research (WUDR). Oklahoma and Idaho answered in the affirmative. Sara said that TWDB was likely working on a WUDR grant, not TCEQ. Oregon answered that their groundwater section was working on this. Sara walked through the WUDR Program Announcement with the group. The grant program involves submission of a workplan initially for \$26,000. After their workplan is sent to USGS, then the state can apply for the remainder of the state’s funding cap. The deadline to turn this information in is July 18th. There is the possibility for multi-state partnerships for a larger pool of funds. Sara mentioned that getting a profile account on Grants.gov takes a lot of time, so that they are already in the system by the deadline. The main priorities of the WUDR program are listed in the announcement and the last item covers data publication. Sara indicated that the WUDR funding could be used to develop water use data, including other facets of WaDE implementation that are not covered by funding from the Exchange Network. Spatial targets for data are site-specific and HUC-8. Funding can be used for

a variety of things, including equipment, salaries, supplies, data management infrastructure, contractors, hiring central IT departments, travel, indirect costs, and overhead related costs. Sara went over the ranking criteria for the grant proposals, the related attachments, and the boilerplate language.

Ken asked about whether WUDR funding could be used for management of the WaDE program. Sara said that she didn't think that the program could be used to directly fund WSWC's coordination of WaDE.

Licensing/ENDS registration: Sara pulled up the draft licensing agreement. The document has been sent out for review for several months. She asked for any revisions to the licensing agreement. The group had none. There was a motion to approve the licensing agreement and a second. The licensing agreement was adopted as the version that was included as the meeting material.

Wrap Up: Sara said they would schedule another call in early August.

Action Items:

	Description	Assignee
1	Ask WA-ECY about WaDE re-write in C++ (licensing, donation, etc.)	WA DOE/WSWC
2	Kickstart Visit to TCEQ	TCEQ/WSWC
3	Get a budget update from all partners for carryover in grant	All partners