

**FY2013 Water Data Exchange (WaDE)
Project/EN Grant Steering Committee Conference Call
Minutes – March 11th, 2016, 2pm Mountain (1pm PT, 3pm CT)**

Attendees:

Texas CEQ – Gayle Stewart, Gloria Castillo, Brandon Ostrander

Idaho DWR – Linda Davis, Paula Dillon

Oklahoma WRB – Kent Wilkins, Kelsey Whorton

WSWC - Sara Larsen

Roll Call, Minutes: Sara took roll, welcomed the steering committee.

Updates from Partners: Sara asked about the partners being able to get reimbursement. TCEQ indicated that they had processed all the FSRs for the fourth quarter. Partners indicated that things were going well. Paula said that Idaho's data was ready for an update. Sara asked for a quick call to review the diversion data from Idaho. TCEQ also indicated that they were able to execute the contract with Washington. Sara said she would coordinate with Ann-Marie to get started on their GAD document. Sara gave an update for David. Kent said that the scripts were being developed to transfer data into the WaDE tables. They were working with their IT departments to open a port to enable the web services. They were also looking at adding water use. Sara said it would be great if they could be ready by mid-April for the WGA Staff Advisory Council (SAC) planning meeting. TCEQ would be able to schedule a meeting with WSWC to meet to "kickstart" on their project. Gayle talked about the process of getting in touch with the Exchange Network. They had requested a grant extension, but had not yet heard back. Sara asked about travel, and Gayle said they would need EPA approval. Gayle mentioned that ECOS will fund state members for conference attendance. Sara asked about interns and funding that from the WSWC's "contractor" budget. TCEQ said that was a possibility and they would review what might be required with regard to federal guidelines for hiring someone. Sara said that they wanted to simply get an intern through a local university. Gayle said they should have a call on this topic when Pat Robards could advise.

Licensing Update: Sara said that they'd been able to get a transfer of the WaDE project from WGA to WSWC. She wants to review the draft license agreement that was developed off of the NetDMR license agreement. Sara will send that out after the call for review by the group.

Wrap-Up: Sara will make calls as needed based on this meeting. Kent asked about WaDE and the USGS Water Use Data Research (WUDR) program. Sara talked about the steps to receive WUDR funding – 26K for workplan development, with competitive grants beginning this summer. Linda discussed procurement of the funds. Sara said that they were working to ensure that sharing in WaDE would be an acceptable way to publish state water data to the USGS systems. Linda discussed the "Tiers" of data and how reporting with HUCs in WaDE would work for submission to USGS. Sara said that they had worked with USGS from the beginning of the WaDE project so that it would dovetail with other federal programs. Linda mentioned the WUDR forum/webinars: <http://water.usgs.gov/wausp/wudr/wu-forum.html>. Texas will be the next presenter in April, and talk about their water use data-gathering

program for municipal and industrial users. Sara said they would meet again after the WGA SAC meeting in mid-April.

Action Items:

	Description	Assignee
1	Assist with finalizing GADs	WA DOE/WSWC
2	Schedule visit to TCEQ	TCEQ/WSWC
3	Data extraction scripts	OWRB
4	Connect to Central Portal	OWRD
5	Review EPA's ENDS registration process	WSWC
6	Fill out technical diagrams for TCEQ and send to Gayle and Gloria	OWRB, OWRD, WA DOE