

FY2013 Water Data Exchange (WaDE)
Project/EN Grant Steering Committee Conference Call
Minutes – October 3rd, 2016, 12pm Mountain (11am PT, 1pm CT)

Attendees:

Texas CEQ – Gayle Stewart, Gloria Castillo, Ryan Menafee, Brandon Ostrander

Idaho DWR – Linda Davis, Paula Dillon

Washington ECY – Ann-Marie Sweeten

Oklahoma WRB – Kelsey Whorton, David Hamilton, Kent Wilkins (joined later)

WSWC - Sara Larsen

Roll Call, Minutes: Sara welcomed the attendees. The group reviewed the June and August revised meeting minutes and had no changes. They also reviewed the Action Items from the August meeting. Sara asked Gayle how many partners had provided TCEQ with projections for the anticipated workload in 2017. Gayle answered none. Sara said she would follow-up individually with the partners to ensure that this was submitted. She also reminded partners that the Q3 FSRs were due soon.

Updates from Partners: Sara gave an update on the WaDE portal status and possible launch timelines. She said that they were looking to add more data in WaDE in the meantime and also looking for updates and use cases for WaDE – ways in which to demonstrate and highlight its utility with actual data customers. Linda (IDWR) talked about update timelines, and Sara said that IDWR was indeed on a good update schedule of about every six months. Sara asked OWRB about updating. They discussed the sporadic nature of permitting, and what timeline would be beneficial. Sara asked OWRB if they had given any thought to providing their local USGS office with water use data. David said they have talked about what other types of data might be shared, but it hasn't been taken up yet. Kent Wilkins (OWRB) joined the call and said that they were considering this. Sara said she would follow up with the partners to evaluate use case ideas. Linda asked whether the use case idea meant evaluating who was downloading data and for what. Sara said that the idea was more to show how the portal could be used by isolated two or three examples of dedicated data customers and how their needs would be met – a story of how people were using the data.

Remaining Budgets: Gayle gave the partners' balance prior to the Q3 reimbursement request and indicated again that they had not received projections from the partners. She needed to know the burn rate for the coming year and an estimate of either the balance remaining in September 2017 or the amount needed to finish the project to reallocate funds. The reallocation will take several months, so she need this information as soon as possible. Kent said they will review this, and Ann-Marie said they were at about 50% of the project with the current amount spent. Sara mentioned that some of the remaining funds could be used to attend the Exchange Network conference in May of 2017 and that proposals for presenting were due in December. She highlighted the benefits of attending for WSWC and asked if anyone would like to attend. Some partners expressed interest. Sara said that she would follow-up with highlights from the prior conference and more information about the presentations.

ENDS/RCS Finalized: Sara talked about getting all the WaDE partners web service end points and then also registering the WaDE components within the EN’s Reusable Component Service. To do this Sara and Zubayed worked to upload the WaDE components into a GitHub repository. Sara showed the repository and talked about how RCS would now have access to the most recent major release of WaDE in an ongoing fashion. Having the components in GitHub also allows for change requests that can get rid of errors and augment WaDE’s functionality. It also allows other interested parties to check out the code, make changes, and then submit the code back to the master for integration into the next release. The goal is to make WaDE development more collaborative and to take advantage of some of the expertise of state IT staff. She also mentioned both reconvening the Water Information and Data Subcommittee to help oversee WaDE more generally, and re-starting the WaDE technical workgroup to collaborate on the technical aspects of the project. For now, the steps of registering in ENDS and RCS have been reviewed by EN staff and given a “thumbs up”. Gayle asked for a confirmation of that and Sara said she would send those emails to Gayle.

Wrap Up: Sara asked if there were any other questions, and said that their next meeting would be held in early December based on the new bi-monthly schedule. She would update with individual partners as needed based on the meeting action items.

Action Items:

	Description	Assignee
1	Send in an updated budget to TCEQ, with projections through Oct 2017 – OVERDUE!	ALL PARTNERS
2	Follow-up with OWRB for possible use case	WSWC
3	Send EN confirmation of successful registration to TCEQ	WSWC
4	Send EN Conference information to partners	WSWC