



Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel (CAP)

Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 12, 2014

Attendees

CAP Members

Mark Shelton – Chair
Brian Christian
Rob Curnock
Billy Bob McAdams – not present
Laurie McReynolds – not present
Sarah Walls

SBAC Guests

Owen Daniels, Fort Worth SBAC Chair; Joe Polanco, Dallas SBAC Chair; Jeff Rogers, Golden Triangle SBAC Chair

TCEQ Staff Support

Andy Gardner, Tara Lindgren, Shannon Herriott

Opening Remarks:

Mark Shelton, Compliance Advisory Panel (CAP) chair

Mr. Shelton thanked participants for their attendance. Mr. Shelton also recognized individuals that could not attend and introductions of all attendees were made. A motion to approve the minutes from the August 31, 2012, meeting was made and seconded with no one opposing.

Presentations:

Andy Gardner, Section Manager for Small Business and Local Government Assistance (SBLGA) Section

In order to represent what our division does as a whole, the division name has changed from Small Business and Environmental Assistance (SBEA) to Environmental Assistance Division (EAD).

The drought is still a major focus for the Agency. As surface water across the state diminishes, groundwater is in demand more than ever. In order to assist small water systems we will continue to provide asset management and source assessment workshops in FY15; covering topics such as, how to determine their source of water, their amount of available water, and a how to develop a meaningful asset management program. We will also begin to work on asset management resources for wastewater systems.

SBLGA has been asked by the Office of Compliance and Enforcement (OCE) to assist with simplifying the Edwards Aquifer application process and to help improve compliance within the PST industry.

The new ozone standard is expected to be proposed by EPA in December. More information will be available after that date.

SBLGA is continuing to work with the Water Supply division to ensure that safe drinking water is being provided to the Oil & Gas industry. Our role remains important in the support industries such as maintenance yards and pipe suppliers. We also are working with compliance in the temporary housing ('man camps') for OSSF, MSW and water systems.

Mark Shelton, CAP Chair

Letter from the Speaker of the House: Does not apply to the CAP since they are an advisory committee.

Vacant seats: This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Goals and Objectives: The CAP has become stagnant. Ideas are needed to revitalize the CAP.

Open floor for comments, concerns and questions:

Conversation ensued about the roles of the CAP and SBACs and how to strengthen them. SBACs are going to take a more active role by educating the CAP on small business industry practices and concerns with how new regulation may affect them. The CAP will in turn advocate on a federal level, e.g., EPA, or legislature.

The next meeting will be scheduled for February 2015.

There were no more questions and the meeting was adjourned.