

## REGION C WATER PLANNING GROUP

TO: REGION C WATER PLANNING GROUP

FROM: JAMES (JIM) M. PARKS, CHAIRMAN

SUBJECT: AUGUST 5, 2013 PUBLIC MEETING

DATE: JULY 29, 2013

This memorandum will serve as a notice that the Region C Water Planning Group (RCWPG) is holding a public meeting at **1:00 P.M. on Monday, AUGUST 5, 2013**, at the **Trinity River Authority's Central Wastewater Treatment Plant<sup>1</sup>, 6500 W. Singleton Boulevard, Grand Prairie, Texas**. An agenda has been prepared for the meeting and is attached to this memorandum for your information. The following is a brief overview of the agenda items to be discussed:

### OPEN MEETING

- I. ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 25, 2013
- III. PRESENTATION BY GUEST SPEAKER – TEXAS STATE CLIMATOLOGIST, DR. JOHN NIELSEN-GAMMON

The Texas State Climatologist, Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon, will make a presentation on the current status of the drought in Texas and the drought outlook for the coming months. Dr. Nielsen-Gammon is also a professor in the Department of Atmospheric Sciences at Texas A&M University.

#### IV. ACTION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- A. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 13-1 Appointing Representatives to Mediate on behalf of the 2011 Region C Water Planning Group to Resolve the Interregional Conflict between the Region D and Region C Regional Water Plans Concerning Marvin Nichols Reservoir

A May 2013 Texas 11<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals ruling determined that the 2011 Region C & D Plans contained conflicting recommendations. The court determined that TWDB needed to resolve the conflict before approving the regional water plans. The planning group will consider adoption of Resolution No. 13-1 appointing representatives to mediate on behalf of the Region C Water Planning Group to resolve the interregional conflict between the 2011 Region C and Region D Regional Water Plans concerning Marvin Nichols Reservoir.

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<sup>1</sup> Persons with disabilities who plan to attend the Region C Water Planning Group meeting – and who may need auxiliary aids or services such as mobility assistance, interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing-impaired, readers, large print, or Braille – are requested to contact Lee Shaffer in the TRA Central Wastewater Treatment Plant at (972) 263-2251 at least (5) work days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

- B. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 13-2 Authorizing Region C Water Planning Group Chairman to Participate on a Stakeholder Committee to Develop Prioritization Standards for the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) and State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas (SWIRFT) Provided Passage of Constitutional Amendment Proposed by Senate Joint Resolution on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>

Approved by the Texas Legislature, HB4, SJR1, and HB1025 outline the implementation process for future funding of water supply projects recommended in the State Water Plan. This may require the development of prioritization standards for the SWIFT and SWIRFT if the constitutional amendment proposed by the Senate Joint Resolution on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> passes. Consider the adoption of Resolution No. 13-2 authorizing Chairman Jim Parks to participate on a stakeholder committee to develop these standards.

- C. Consider Approval of Population and Municipal Water Use Projections

The consultant team has revised TWDB's initial population and municipal demand projections using TWDB Guidelines and information obtained from surveys, contact with Water User Groups, recent reports and studies, and other information. Consultants will present this information, and the planning group will consider approval of the projections. The RCWPG may choose to appoint someone with authority to resolve any last minute projection negotiations as necessary with the stipulation that changes do not significantly change the overall projections.

- D. Consider Approval of TWDB Required Values for Mining Water Use Projections in 3 Counties

Subsequent to the RCWPG approval of Non-Municipal Water Use Projections, the TWDB rejected RCWPG's recommended changes to the mining projections for Collin, Grayson, and Rockwall Counties and is requiring approval of TWDB recommended projections.

- E. Consider Approval of Summer 2013 Newsletter

The group will consider approval of the Summer 2013 Newsletter. Article topics include: Population and Demand Projections, Conservation Update, Legislative Update, and Recent Court Rulings.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Recent Administrative Law Judges' Recommendation Regarding Lake Ralph Hall Water Right

A June 2013 Proposal for Decision was released by the State Office of Administrative Hearings regarding Upper Trinity Regional Water District's

application for water use permit for Lake Ralph Hall. The recommendation was that the TCEQ grant the application with some minor modifications.

B. Recent Court Ruling Regarding Oklahoma Water Supply

A June 2013 Supreme Court ruling determined that Tarrant Regional Water District does not have the right to acquire water under the Red River Compact from within Oklahoma.

C. Allocation of Current Supplies (Task 3)

Consultants will update the RCWPG on the analysis of currently available supplies in Region C and how those supplies will now be allocated to individual water user groups.

D. Update on Water Management Strategies (Task 4)

At the next meeting, RCWPG will need to approve the list of Potentially Feasible Water Management Strategies. Any new projects being considered by WWP or WUGs should be included on this list.

E. Overall Project Status Update and Schedule

Consultants will update the RCWPG on the overall status of Region C planning.

F. Next Steps

VI. OTHER DISCUSSION

A. Updates from the Chair

B. Report from Regional Liaisons

C. Report from Texas Water Development Board

D. Report from Texas Department of Agriculture

E. Report from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

F. Other Reports

G. Confirm Date and Location of Next Meeting – Date, Time, and Location to be Determined. Potential date, December 2013.

H. Public Comments

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The following items are enclosed with this memorandum:

1. RCWPG Agenda – August 5, 2013
2. RCWPG Minutes – March 25, 2013

cc: Ms. Fiona Allen, Designated Alternate for Kevin Ward  
Ms. Marion Henderson, Designated Alternate for Robert Scott  
Mr. Tim Fisher, Designated Alternate for Howard Martin  
Vacant, Designated Alternate for G. K. Maenius  
Ms. Sharon Hayes, Designated Alternate for James Hotopp  
Mr. Joe Kana, Designated Alternate for Jim McCarter  
Ms. Mary Vogelsson, Designated Alternate for Dr. Thomas LaPoint  
Mr. Jim Oliver, Designated Alternate for Jack Stevens  
Mr. Mike Rickman, Designated Alternate for Jim Parks  
Mr. Craig Schkade, Designated Alternate for Russell Laughlin  
Mr. Ron Sellman, Designated Alternate for Jerry Chapman  
Mr. Denis Qualls, Designated Alternate for Jody Puckett  
Mr. Randy Gideon, Designated Alternate for Steve Berry  
Mr. Andy Cronberg, Designated Alternate for Frank Crumb  
Mr. Nick Sanders, Designated Alternate for Steve Mundt  
Mr. Dennis Donoho, Designated Alternate for Connie Standridge  
Mr. Gary Clayton, Designated Alternate for Tom Woodward  
Mr. David Rutledge, Designated Alternate for Gary Spicer  
Mr. Jay Barksdale, Designated Alternate for Bill Ceverha  
Mr. John Alford, Designated Alternate for David Bailey  
Vacant, Designated Alternate for Gary Douglas  
Mr. Thomas Smith, Designated Alternate for Harold Latham  
Mr. Matt Nelson, TWDB  
Mr. Gregg Magee, TDA  
Mr. Adam Whisenant, TPWD  
Mr. Curtis Campbell, Region B Representative  
Ms. Sharron Nabors, Region D Representative  
Mr. Walt Sears, Region D Administrator  
Mr. Alva Cox, Region G Representative  
Mr. Mike Harbordt, Region I Representative  
Mr. Tom Gooch, Freese and Nichols, Inc.  
Mr. Jim Nichols, Freese and Nichols, Inc.  
Ms. Amy Kaarlela, Freese and Nichols, Inc.  
Ms. Rachel Ickert, Freese and Nichols, Inc.  
Mr. Rick Shaffer, CP&Y, Inc.  
Mr. Alan Plummer, Alan Plummer & Associates, Inc.  
Mr. Preston Dillard, Alan Plummer & Associates, Inc.  
Ms. Gail Cooksey, Cooksey Communications, Inc.  
Mr. Colby Walton, Cooksey Communications, Inc.