

REGION C WATER PLANNING GROUP
MINUTES OF AN OPEN PUBLIC MEETING
MARCH 25, 2013

The Region C Water Planning Group (RCWPG) met in an open public meeting on Monday, March 25, 2013, at 1:00 P.M. The meeting was held at the TRA Central Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 6500 W. Singleton Boulevard, Grand Prairie, Texas. Notice of the meeting was legally posted.

Chairman Parks called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 P.M. Chairman Parks welcomed guests and asked that those interested in speaking complete a speaker registration form.

I. ROLL CALL

Secretary Russell Laughlin conducted a roll call. The following members were in attendance:

David Bailey	Steve Mundt
Steve Berry	Jim Parks
Bill Ceverha	Denis Qualls, Alt. for Jody Puckett
Andy Cronberg, Alt. for Frank Crumb	Gary Spicer
James Hotopp	Marion Henderson, Alt. for Bob Scott
Thomas Smith, Alt. for Harold Latham	Connie Standridge
Russell Laughlin	Jack Stevens
Tim Fisher, Alt. for Howard Martin	Kevin Ward
Jim McCarter	Tom Woodward

Jerry Chapman, Gary Douglas, Thomas La Point, and G. K. Maenius were absent from the meeting. Angela Kennedy of the TWDB, Adam Whisenant of the TPWD, Greg Magee of the TDA, and Sharon Nabors of the Northeast Texas Region Planning Group were also in attendance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 3, 2012

Upon a motion by Russell Laughlin and a second by Jim McCarter, the RCWPG unanimously approved the minutes of the December 3, 2012, RCWPG meeting.

III. ACTION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. 2013 Officer Elections

Bill Ceverha presented the recommendation from the nominating committee for the 2013 Officer election. The Nominating Committee consisting of Chairman Jim Parks, Vice Chairman Jody Puckett, Secretary Russell Laughlin, Jim McCarter, and Bill Ceverha recommended re-election of the current officers.

Chairman Parks asked for other nominations from the RCWPG members and none were received. There were no speakers registered to speak on this item.

Upon a motion by Gary Spicer and a second by Kevin Ward, the RCWPG voted unanimously to elect the officers as nominated.

B. Consider Approval of Final Mining Water Use Projections

Preston Dillard and Tom Gooch reviewed the mining water use projections. In March 2012, the RCWPG approved non-municipal demand projections and adjustment request. In September 2012, the Bureau of Economic Geology (BEG) Mining Study was updated. The TWDB has requested that regional water planning groups review updates and respond to the TWDB by March 29, 2013. Mr. Dillard reviewed the major differences in the projections, which included Freestone and Tarrant Counties.

There were no speakers registered to speak on this item.

Upon a motion by Tim Fisher and a second by Russell Laughlin, the RCWPG voted unanimously to approve the final mining water use projections as presented.

C. Consider Approval of Task 4D Scope of Work

Rachel Ickert reviewed the Task 4D Scope of Work. These scope items were previously approved by the RCWPG and partially funded by the TWDB:

- Evaluate changes to conservation and reuse
- Update evaluation of larger WMS in 2011 Plan
- Determine changes to cost estimates for rerouting pipeline discharge locations to water treatment plants
- Review and designate alternative strategies

Rachel discussed the following scope item that was approved by the RCWPG but not funded:

- Assess effectiveness of reuse during drought years (2006 and 2011) in comparison to wetter years. Compare determined reuse supplies with reuse water management strategies.

Rachel reviewed the following scope items that were not included in Phase I:

- Update evaluation of all WMS in 2011 Plan
- Evaluate new WMS

- Present to RCWPG
- Write corresponding IPP Sections

There were no speakers registered to speak on this item. Upon a motion by Russell Laughlin and a second by Gary Spicer, the RCWPG voted unanimously to approve the Task 4D Scope of Work as presented.

D. Consider Authorization of NTMWD

Rachel Ickert reviewed the need to amend the contract with the consultant team to include Task 4D Scope of Work. Previously \$192,366 was authorized; \$740,464 was allocated but not authorized; bringing the total for Task 4D of \$932,830. The overall total Region C budget for this round is \$1,938,684.

There were no speakers registered to speak on this item. On a motion by Tim Fisher and a second by Kevin Ward, the RCWPG voted unanimously to authorize the NTMWD to amend the contract with the consultant team to include Task 4D Scope of Work.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Overall Project Status Update

Rachel Ickert gave an overview of the overall project status. The Initially Prepared Plan is due May 1, 2015, with the final plan due November 2, 2015.

B. Presentation of New Rules and Regulations for Regional Planning

Angela Kennedy reviewed in detail the new TWDB rules and regulations for regional water planning. Angela mentioned a recent Webinar that also reviewed the new rules and regulations, which is available electronically. Tom Gooch will forward a copy to the RCWPG members.

C. TWDB Draft Population and Demand Projections (Task 2)

Amy Kaarlela and Tom Gooch reviewed the draft population and demand projections, which were received from the TWDB March 5, 2013. Amy noted the changes in the current projections in comparison to the 2011 RCWPG Water Plan. Amy discussed the lower GPCDs, which are projected to be much lower based on 2011. Tom Gooch discussed the per capita usage projections/differences and the path forward.

D. Survey of Water User Groups Update

Rick Shaffer provided an update on the Water User Groups survey. The electronic surveys were emailed to WUGS and WWPS on March 25 with responses requested by April 12, 2013.

E. Discuss TWDB Safety Factor Requirement

Tom Gooch discussed the TWDB Safety Factor Requirement, which is a new guideline requirement referred to as the management supply factor. The factor is calculated by adding the existing supplies plus the WMS supplies and dividing by the demands.

Jim Parks asked for more detail on surplus supply and loss of supply considerations in this factoring.

F. Current Supplies and Reuse Projects Task 3

Preston Dillard reviewed the current supplies and reuse projects, Task 3. Mr. Dillard provided an existing reuse project summary.

G. Summer Newsletter

Colby Walton discussed the proposed summer newsletter content including Region C reviews and updates draft demand and population projections; highlights of current Region C conservation and reuse efforts; water supply-related legislative updates; and the recurring sections. The draft newsletter will be circulated electronically for approval in May for distribution in June. Colby reviewed the distribution list and discussed adding electronic distribution supplement.

Charles Swanson provided a review on the TexasET Network: A Water Conservation Tool.

H. Next Steps

Tom Gooch reviewed the next steps in the planning process which include obtain survey responses; revised population and municipal demand projections, post revised projections in July, approve projections at August RCWPG meeting; and submit revised projections to TWDB by August 16, 2013.

V. OTHER DISCUSSION

A. Updates from the Chair

Jim Parks gave a brief legislative update. Mr. Parks mentioned that the Trinity San Jacinto Bays and Estuaries Committee would be meeting in Conroe April 3, 2013. The Water Conservation Advisory Council is still active and has issued their report on water conservation in the state, which is on www.savetexaswater.org.

B. Report from Regional Liaisons

Brief reports were given by the following liaisons:

Region H – Kevin Ward
Region I – Connie Standridge

C. Report from Texas Water Development Board

Angela Kennedy had no further reports.

D. Report from Texas Department of Agriculture

Gregg Magee had no report.

E. Report from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Adam Whisenant had no report. Chairman Parks thanked the TPWD for their work with TWDB.

F. Other Reports

Glenn Clingenpeel presented a Trinity Mid-Basin update and an update on SB2.

G. Confirm Date and Location of Next Meeting


The next RCWPG meeting was tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 5, 2013, at 1:00 P.M. at TRA Central Wastewater Treatment Plant.

H. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting of the RCWPG adjourned at approximately 4:05 P.M.



RUSSELL LAUGHLIN, Secretary

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