

REGION C WATER PLANNING GROUP

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING MAY 17, 2004

The Region C Water Planning Group (RCWPG) met in an open meeting on Monday, May 17, 2004, at 1:00 P.M. The meeting was held at the TRA's Central Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 6500 W. Singleton Boulevard, Grand Prairie, Texas. Notice of the meeting was legally posted.

Chairman Jim Parks called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 P.M. Chairman Parks asked that individuals interested in making comments sign up on a speaker registration form.

I. ROLL CALL

Secretary Roy Eaton conducted a roll call. The following members were in attendance:

Jerry Chapman	Paul Phillips
Roy Eaton	Marsh Rice
Dale Fisseler	Robert Scott
Charles Stringer (Alt. for Bob Johnson)	George Shannon
Russell Laughlin	Connie Standridge
Jim McCarter	Danny Vance
Jim Parks	Mary Vogelsson
Elaine Petrus	Paul Zweacker

Brad Barnes, G. K. Maenius, and Howard Martin were absent from the roll call and the meeting. Virginia Towles of the TWDB, Adam Whisenant of the TPWD, E. W. Wesley of the TDA, Curtis Campbell of Region B, Jim Thompson of Region D, Terry Kelley of Region G, and David Brock of Region I were also in attendance. The registration lists signed by guests in attendance are attached.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 19, 2004

The minutes of the April 19, 2004, meeting were approved by consensus.

III. ACTION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. Water Management Strategies

Prior to action by the RCWPG, the consultants reviewed the following water management strategies along with a recommendation:

1. Voluntary Redistribution of Water Resources

Consultant Recommendation – Allow voluntary redistribution of water resources as needed and desired by the water rights holders/owners of the resources (willing buyer/willing seller).

2. Voluntary Subordination of Existing Water Rights

Consultant Recommendation – Not recommended as source of water supply.

3. Yield Enhancement

Consultant Recommendation – Not recommended for the same reasons as 2001 Plan, except for system operation (which could include surface water or groundwater) that will be discussed separately.

4. Drought Management Measures

Consultant Recommendation – Continue efforts to implement drought contingency and emergency response planning, but do not treat these as water management strategies to provide additional long-term supplies.

5. Water Quality Improvement

Consultant Recommendation – Continue to monitor chloride control projects. Do not include chloride control of naturally occurring chlorides as a source of water supply. Region C may wish to express support for the continued development of the Red River chloride control project.

Curtis Campbell, liaison from Region B, requested that Region C keep this option open and that RCWPG support to the Red River Control project.

Beth Johnson presented her comments on the water management strategies to the RCWPG.

George Shannon made a motion to recommend approval of the consultant's recommendations on water management strategies 1 – 4. Jim McCarter seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the RCWPG.

George Shannon made a motion to recommend approval of the consultant's recommendation on water management strategy 5. Paul Zweiacker seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the RCWPG.

B. Updated Media Materials

Beth Johnson presented her comments on the updated media materials.

George Shannon made a motion to approve the update media materials as presented by the consultants. Jim McCarter seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Status of Request for Supplemental Funding

The consultants advised that the TWDB would take action on the supplemental funding request at their meeting scheduled for May 19, 2004. Preliminary reports indicate that the TWDB is considering appropriating \$165,000 to the RCWPG for the following items:

- Reimburse RCWPG for the expenses associated with the Anna and Athens amendments
- Fund \$25,000 worth of additional water conservation work
- Fund \$125,000 worth of reuse work

B. Impacts of Recent Droughts on Region C

Rick Shaffer of Chiang, Patel, & Yerby reviewed the Technical Memorandum titled "Region C Drought Impact Evaluation." Comments on the memorandum were requested to be submitted to the consultants by June 17, 2004.

C. Update Task 3 – Current Water Supplies

The consultant's advised the Mid-East Texas Groundwater Conservation District had requested the TWDB run the Carrizo-Wilcox GAM at current water use, as well as double and triple current water use. The consultants advised that the Region C population projections are within 2.5% of the NCTCOG projections for every decade. The consultants also updated the RCWPG on the status of the surveys.

D. Unique Stream Segments

Adam Whisenant, TPWD, presented information on unique stream segments and responses to questions posed by the RCWPG on December 8, 2003. Stephanie Griffin also presented information on this subject. The consultants requested guidance from the RCWPG regarding unique stream segments in this round of planning. Roy Eaton indicated he would not recommend designating any unique stream segments due to the unknown answers to many questions. Mary Vogelson suggested the RCWPG pursue looking at the questions and answers further.

E. Water Management Strategies

The consultants reviewed the following water management strategies:

1. Desalination

Consultant Recommendation – (Same as 2001) Include desalination as a management strategy in order to utilize supplies from Lake Texoma and

the Red River. Desalination could also be used to treat brackish groundwater, water from the Gulf of Mexico, and water from the Brazos River.

2. Aquifer Storage and Recovery

Consultant Recommendation – (Same as 2001) Studies of ASR should continue, and pilot projects should be implemented if the strategy appears promising. The Colony is studying a potential ASR project for peak demands (no additional water supply).

F. Groundwater Supply Presentation by Mesa Water

Representatives from Mesa Water presented a power point presentation on the Mesa Water project. Mesa representatives indicated that a copy of their presentation would be provided via e-mail and hard copy to the RCWPG members.

G. Update on Water Conservation and Reuse Tasks

Brian McDonald with Alan Plummer Associates, Inc., presented additional data with revised figures on municipal water usage. The draft Technical Memorandum titled "Neighborhood Water Conservation Study" was provided to the RCWPG members. Comments were requested to be sent to the consultants by June 17, 2004.

H. Summary of Speaker Comments to RCWPG at April 19 RCWPG Meeting

Tom Gooch advised that the summary of the speaker comments was posted on the website.

J. Update on Overall Status and Next Steps

Tom Gooch updated the RCWPG on the overall status and the next steps to be taken in July and August.

V. OTHER DISCUSSION

A. Report from Regional Liaisons

- Jerry Chapman, Region B
- Mike Rickman, Region D
- Paul Zweiacker, Region G
- Danny Vance, Region H
- Connie Standridge, Region I

B. Confirm Date and Location of Next Meeting

It was the consensus of the RCWPG to hold the next meetings at TRA Central Wastewater Treatment Plant at 1:00 P.M. as follows:

- Monday, July 12, 2004
- Monday, August 23, 2004
- Monday, October 4, 2004
- Monday, December 6, 2004

C. Other Discussion

Jerry Chapman suggested the RCWPG consider adopting language as broad as possible. He advised that GTUA had run into a problem with a project in Whitewright, Texas, when the TWDB determined that the project was not consistent with the 2001 Plan. After discussing the matter, it was the consensus of the RCWPG that the Chairman send a letter to the TWDB supporting a waiver in this situation.

Virginia Towles advised that the draft TWDB Water Conservation Task Group report was available for review, and comments were due by June 1, 2004.

D. Acknowledgement of Guests/Comments

The following individuals provided general comments to the RCWPG:

1. Beth Johnson
2. David Nabors

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further action, the meeting of the RCWPG adjourned at approximately 4:30 P.M.

ROY EATON
Secretary