

**REGION C WATER PLANNING GROUP**  
MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING  
OCTOBER 4, 2004

The Region C Water Planning Group (RCWPG) met in an open meeting on Tuesday, October 4, 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	Marsh Rice
Roy Eaton	Robert Scott
Bob Johnson	George Shannon
Russell Laughlin	Connie Standridge
Jim McCarter	Danny Vance
Jim Parks	Mary Vogelson
Elaine Petrus	Paul Zweiacker
Paul Phillips	

Brad Barnes, Dale Fisseler, 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 TDA, and Jim Thompson of Region D were also in attendance. The registration lists signed by guests in attendance are attached.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 31, 2004

The minutes of August 31, 2004, were approved by consensus.

III. ACTION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. Potentially Feasible Water Management Strategies

Tom Gooch reviewed the seven categories of water management strategies being considered for designation of potentially feasible water management strategies. Several comments were received on these strategies, and Tom Gooch reviewed the changes made based on comments received. A memorandum reviewing each strategy was previously provided. The following categories of strategies are being considered:

- Interbasin Transfer
- System Operation
- Reallocation of Reservoir Storage
- Conjunctive Use of Groundwater and Surface Water
- Brush Control

- Precipitation Enhancement
- Water Rights Cancellation

Chairman Parks called on the following registered speakers to present their comments:

1. David Nabors
2. Beth Johnson
3. Shane Wallace
4. Red Birdsong

Connie Standridge made the motion to approve the potential water management strategies for further study under the seven categories as described in the consultant memorandum with one revision; that being the addition of IBT on GTUA's water from Texoma. George Shannon seconded the motion. Mary Vogelsson offered an amendment to the motion; however, rescinded the amendment once it was clarified that the Patman/Chapman system operation would be definitely included under the categories of system operations. The RCWPG voted unanimously to approve the potential water management strategies as recommended.

#### B. Model Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan

Brian McDonald discussed the elements of the model plans developed for municipal, manufacturing, steam electric power, and irrigation users. The plans were distributed to the RCWPG by e-mail. The consultants will seek approval of the plan during 2005. It was the consensus of the RCWPG to defer action on this item until 2005.

Beth Johnson had requested to speak on this item; however, deferred her comments to the general comment session.

#### C. Approval of Key Water Quality Parameters

Brian McDonald reviewed baseline water quality conditions to identify key parameters. It was the consensus of the RCWPG to defer action on this item until December 2004.

#### D. Set Date for Public Meeting for NTMWD Amendment to 2001 Regional Water Plan

Chairman Jim Parks removed himself from the meeting due to a conflict of interest. Vice Chairman Bob Johnson presided over the meeting.

Tom Gooch reviewed the proposed amendment to the 2001 Regional Water Plan. Vice-Chairman Bob Johnson advised that the NTMWD was funding the cost of the proposed amendment.

Jim McCarter made the motion to hold the public meeting to consider the amendment on December 6, 2004, at 12:30 p.m. Paul Phillips seconded the motion, which was approved by a unanimous vote

Chairman Jim Parks returned to the meeting.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Status of Draft Comparison of Supply and Demand

Tom Gooch reviewed the status of the draft comparison of supply and demand. Action on this item will be considered at the December 2004 meeting.

B. Feasible Water Management Strategies

Tom Gooch reviewed the potentially feasible water management strategies for WUGs and WWPs.

C. Summary of Conservation Survey Results

Brian McDonald reviewed the summary of the conservation survey results. The survey results will be on the Region C website in the future.

D. Preliminary Evaluation of Potentially Feasible Water Conservation Strategies

Brian McDonald reviewed the preliminary evaluation of potentially feasible water conservation strategies including rain barrels, rainwater harvesting, and gray water systems. It was the consultant's recommendation not consider these to be feasible strategies for the current round of planning. The consultants will be evaluating water savings and costs of other potentially feasible water conservation strategies and will present this information at the December 2004 meeting.

E. Impacts of Moving Water from Rural and Agricultural Areas

Tom Gooch reviewed the TWDB guidelines and methodology concerning the impacts of moving water from rural and agricultural areas.

F. Unique Stream Segment Committee

Dr. Paul Phillips reported that the Unique Stream Segment Committee had met prior to today's meeting and discussed advantages and disadvantages of unique stream segment designation. The Committee will meet again prior to the December 6, 2004, meeting. Comments on this topic should be submitted to Dr. Phillips or Tom Gooch.

G. Policy Topics

Tom Gooch reviewed the memorandum previously distributed regarding Policy topics. He reviewed 2001 topics as well as possibly new policy topics.

H. Inter-Regional Coordination

Tom Gooch discussed Inter-Regional Coordination and memorandums regarding

Regions A, B, D, G, H, and I.

I. Media Updates

Gail Cooksey presented a media update. She reviewed the August 31 media luncheon and the Fall 2004 newsletter.

J. Summary of Speaker Comments to RCWPG at August 31, 2004, RCWPG Meeting

Tom Gooch advised that the summary of speaker comments was posted on the Region C website and included in the notebook of today's meeting.

K. Update on Overall Status and Next Steps

Tom Gooch reviewed the overall status and next steps.

V. OTHER DISCUSSION

A. Updates from the Chair

1. Water Conservation Task Force

Jim Parks advised that the Water Conservation Task Force approved the BMP guide on September 27, 2004, and the report would be submitted to the Legislature on November 1, 2004.

B. Report from Regional Liaisons

A report was provided by the following liaisons:

- Mike Rickman, Region D
- Danny Vance, Region H

Liaisons from Region B, G, and I were not able to report since meetings had not occurred since last report.

Jim Thompson of Region D reported that their region was interested in working together with Region C.

C. Report from TWDB

Virginia Towles presented the following information:

- The TWDB Water Conservation Task Force Report was available on the TWDB's website
- The 2004 Groundwater Conference would be held November 18-19, 2004 in Austin
- Due to recent legislation, rules changes are being made to Sections 357 and 358

- The TWDB is reviewing the Drought Management Requirements and would be clarifying the requirements for the regions

D. Confirm Date and Location of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the RCWPG will be held on Monday, December 6, 2004, at 1:00 P.M. at TRA's Central Wastewater Treatment Plant, and the Public Hearing will be held on Monday, December 6, 2004, at 12:30 p.m.

E. Other Discussion

None

F. Acknowledgement of Guests/Comments

The following individuals provided general comments to the RCWPG:

1. David Nabors
2. Beth Johnson

The following individual had registered to speak, but declined to comment:

1. Red Birdsong

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting of the RCWPG adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.

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ROY EATON  
Secretary