

REGION C WATER PLANNING GROUP
 MINUTES OF AN OPEN PUBLIC MEETING
 DECEMBER 3, 2012

The Region C Water Planning Group (RCWPG) met in an open public meeting on Monday, December 3, 2012, 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 welcomed guests and asked that those interested in speaking complete a speaker registration form.

I. ROLL CALL

Craig Schkade, Alternate for Secretary Russell Laughlin, conducted a roll call. The following members or alternates were in attendance:

David Bailey	Jim McCarter
Steve Berry	Steve Mundt
Bill Ceverha	Jim Parks
Jerry Chapman	Denis Qualls (Alt. for Jody Puckett)
Gary Douglas	Robert Scott
James Hotopp	Connie Standridge
Thomas La Point	Jack Stevens
Harold Latham	Kevin Ward (Alt. for Danny Vance)
Craig Schkade (Alt. for Russell Laughlin)	Tom Woodward
Tim Fisher (Alt. for Howard Martin)	

Frank Crumb, G. K. Maenius, and Gary Spicer were absent from the meeting. Angela Kennedy of the TWDB, Adam Whisenant of TPWD, and Greg Magee of the TDA were also in attendance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 30, 2012

Upon a motion by Jerry Chapman and a second by Jim McCarter, the RCWPG unanimously approved the minutes of the April 30, 2012, RCWPG meeting.

III. PRESENTATION BY GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Robert McMahon, Professor Emeritus at University of Texas at Arlington Department of Biology, gave a presentation on the current status of Zebra Mussels in Texas and his current monitoring efforts of area lakes. A question and answer session followed his presentation. Denis Qualls gave a summary on the City of Dallas' current activities related to Zebra Mussels and Jim Parks gave a summary on the NTMWD's current activities related to Zebra Mussels.

IV. ACTION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- A. Consider Approval of Methodology to Determine 2070 Modeled Available Groundwater Values

Rachel Ickert reviewed the methodology to determine 2070 modeled available groundwater values. Angela Kennedy advised that a technical memorandum is due in March 2014 and the groundwater models will not be available until after that time.

Based on a motion by Connie Standridge and a second by Tom Woodward, the RCWPG voted unanimously to approve the methodology to determine 2070 modeled available groundwater values. There were no speakers registered for this item.

- B. Consider Approval for North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) and Consultant Team to Amend Contracts for Additional Funding approved by TWDB on October 17, 2012, for the Completion of the 2016 Region C Water Plan

Rachel Ickert reviewed the additional funding approved by the TWDB in the amount of \$1,341,464 for Phase 2 of the Fourth Round of regional water planning. Upon a motion by Jerry Chapman and a second by Tim Fisher, the RCWPG voted unanimously to allow NTMWD to contract with the consulting team for this funding. There were no registered speakers for this item.

- C. Announcement of Vacancy for Danny Vance's position (representing River Authorities), Call for Nominations to Fill Vacancy, and Vote to Fill Vacancy

Chairman Jim Parks announced the vacancy for Danny Vance's position representing river authorities. Chairman Parks advised that Jody Puckett and Bill Ceverha have nominated Kevin Ward for this vacancy. Chairman Parks opened the floor for nominations, and none were received. Chairman Parks closed nominations and declared Kevin Ward as elected by acclamation due to receiving only one nomination. There were no registered speakers for this item.

- D. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 12-2 Thanking Danny Vance for his Service to the RCWPG

Chairman Jim Parks read Resolution No. 12-2 thanking Danny Vance for his service to the RCWPG. Upon a motion by Jerry Chapman and a second by Kevin Ward, the RCWPG voted unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 12-2. There were no registered speakers for this item.

- E. Consider Approval of Fall 2012 Newsletter

Colby Walton reviewed the draft Fall 2012 newsletter and the publication schedule. Mr. Walton requested comments by December 5, 2012. The RCWPG discussed the value of the newsletter and Chairman Jim Parks

advised that the newsletter is being funded in this round of planning through the local administrative funds provided by NTMWD, TRWD, TRA, City of Dallas, and TU Electric.

Kevin Ward requested a report on the distribution of the newsletter at a future meeting.

Upon a motion by Tim Fisher and a second by Thomas LaPoint, the RCWPG voted unanimously to approve the draft newsletter as presented. There were no registered speakers on this item.

F. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 12-3 Appointing Executive Committee to Develop Slate of Officers for 2013

Chairman Jim Parks recommended appointing Bill Ceverha and Jim McCarter to serve as the members-at-large on the Nominating Committee along with the current officers to develop the 2013 slate of officers. There were no speakers registered to provide comments on this item. On a motion by Jack Stevens and a second by Jerry Chapman, the RCWPG unanimously adopted Resolution No. 12-3 appointing an Executive Committee to develop the slate of officers for 2013 consisting of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Bill Ceverha and Jim McCarter.

G. Consider Amending Region C Bylaws to Include Texas Department of Agriculture Staff Member as a Mandatory Non-Voting Member

Chairman Jim Parks reviewed the proposed amendment to the RCWPG Bylaws to include the Texas Department of Agriculture staff member as a mandatory non-voting member. Although a member of the TDA has served on the RCWPG, apparently this requirement was not originally included. Upon a motion by Jim McCarter and a second by Bill Ceverha, the RCWPG voted unanimously to amend the Bylaws as presented.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Overall Schedule

Rachel Ickert reviewed the anticipated timeline. It is anticipated the next meetings will be in March and July 2013. It is anticipated that the March meeting will include election of 2013 officers, approval of scope for Task 4D, presentation on new rules/regulations for regional planning, and a TWDB presentation on Task 2 – TWDB draft population/demand projections. Rachel Ickert commented that the schedule is tentative and all the dates are subject to change. It is anticipated the July meeting will include approval of population and municipal demand projections, summer 2013 newsletter, and Task 4 – Update on WMSs. Rachel advised the June 30, 2015 is the cut-off date for water supply projects to be considered “Currently Available” for the 2016 Region C Water Plan. Rachel also provided an updated on the current status of the regional water planning.

B. Errata #3 to 2011 Region C Water Plan

Rachel Ickert reviewed Errata #3 to the 2011 Region C Water Plan, which clarified assumptions used in the WAMs for the Trinity and Red River Basins. The changes were specifically related to Lake Fairfield and Lake Texoma. This document is now part of the 2011 Region C Water Plan

C. City of Weatherford Reuse Water Right

James Hotopp presented an updated on the City of Weatherford's reuse water right.

D. Task 2 – Population and Municipal Demand Projections

Amy Kaarlela provided an updated on Task 2. She reported that the State Data Center released their 2010 – 2050 population projections November 13, 2012. The TWDB is using the data to develop draft 2020 – 2070 population and demand projections. TWDB expects to have projections available in February.

E. Survey of Water User Groups (WUGs)

Rick Shaffer provided an updated on the survey of water user groups. There are 249 WUGs, 44 WWPs, and two GCDs to be surveyed in RCWPG. It is anticipated the electronic surveys will be sent after the TWDB provides the projections in February 2013 with a response requested in three weeks.

F. Task 3 – Update on Existing Supplies

Rachel Ickert presented information on Task 3 – update on existing supplies of surface water and groundwater. Preston Dillard presented an update on reuse supply.

G. Potential Changes in Water Management Strategies for 2016 Letters

Tom Gooch presented information on potential changes in WMS, which include:

- No Fastrill
- No Roberts County Groundwater
- Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR)
- Brackish Groundwater
- Direct Potable Reuse
- Reduction in Return Flows
- Considerations for Invasive Species

H. Next Steps

Tom Gooch discussed the next steps in the planning process, which includes an update on Chapter 3, continue to update WMSs, develop population and municipal demand projections, and conducting surveys and meetings with suppliers.

VI. OTHER DISCUSSION

A. Updates from the Chair

Chairman Jim Parks provided an update on the Water Conservation Advisory Council, which was created in 2007 to monitor the status of water conservation in Texas, and develop a bi-annual report to the Legislature. Chairman Parks discussed their work on GPCD. Documents are located on www.savetexaswater.org for additional information.

B. Report from Regional Liaisons

Reports were given by the following liaisons/representatives:

- Region B – Jerry Chapman
- Region D – Mike Rickman
- Region G – Bill Ceverha
- Region H – Kevin Ward
- Region I – Connie Standridge

Chairman Parks asked the liaisons to look for ways to coordinate with other regions as the process goes along.

C. Report from Texas Water Development Board

Angela Kennedy had no further comments.

D. Report from Texas Department of Agriculture

Gregg Magee gave an update on the TDA's work with encouraging and supporting water conservation.

E. Report from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Adam Whisenant noted that he heard Dallas's "Lawn Whisperer" on a smart phone music app and was impressed with this type of public awareness.

F. Other Reports

Kevin Ward gave a general report being provided by TWCA to the House Natural Resources Committee on defining types of projects eligible for conservation and reuse and what needs to be done to implement the State

Water Plan. Also, he discussed a report looking at the regulatory scheme for Water Conservation/Drought Contingency Plans and its role in the state legislature. The TWCA Board of Directors will meet this Thursday and provide these reports to the HNR.

- G. Confirm Date and Location of Next Meeting – Date, Time, and Location to be determined

The tentative date for the next meeting is Monday, March 25, 2013, at 1:00 p.m.

- H. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

JIM PARKS, Chairman