

**REGION C WATER PLANNING GROUP**  
MINUTES OF AN OPEN PUBLIC MEETING  
AUGUST 18, 2014

The Region C Water Planning Group (RCWPG) met in an open public meeting on Monday, August 18, 2014, 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	Jim Parks
Frank Crumb	Jody Puckett
James Hotopp	Bob Rylie
Harold Latham	Ron Selman (Alt. for Drew Satterwhite)
Russell Laughlin	Gary Spicer
Spanky Carter (Alt. for G. K. Maenius)	Connie Standridge
Howard Martin	Jack Stevens
Jim McCarter	Kevin Ward
Tim Welch (Alt. for Steve Mundt)	Tom Woodward

Bill Ceverha, Gary Douglas, Thomas LaPoint, and Robert Scott were absent from the meeting. Connie Townsend of the TWDB, Adam Whisenant of the TPWD, and Sharron Nabors of the Region D Water Planning Group were also in attendance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 19, 2014

The minutes of the May 19, 2014, RCWPG meeting were approved by consensus.

III. ACTION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- A. Consider Approval of Final Prioritization of Projects in the 2011 Region C Water Plan to be submitted to Texas Water Development Board by September 1, 2014

Amy Kaarlela reviewed the Final Prioritization of projects in the 2011 Region C Water Plan to be submitted to Texas Water Development Board

by September 1, 2014. The draft prioritization was submitted on June 1, 2014. TWDB comments were provided on June 6, 2014, with region-specific comments contingent on the Stakeholders meeting. The Stakeholders (Regional Chairs) met on June 18, 2014, and determined that no additional guidance was needed to apply the uniform standards to the 2011 Regional Water Plans. The TWDB “all-region” comments were not required to be addressed.

Amy reviewed changes to the draft prioritization including the addition of 14 projects that were in the Plan (or errata) that were not on the TWDB template; three additional strategy “groupings”; five specific changes to individual answers resulting in minor scoring changes; and addressing the one TWDB Region C-specific comments on Hickory Creek SUD.

There were no public comments received on this action item.

On a motion by Jack Stevens and a second by Russell Laughlin, the RCWPG voted unanimously to approve submittal of the Final Prioritization as presented on or before September 1, 2014.

B. Consider Ratification of Technical Data Submitted to TWDB on August 1, 2014

Amy Kaarlela reviewed the Contract/Scope required Technical Data that was submitted August 1, 2014, including reports of needs by WUG and decade. Amy reviewed the seven tables including:

1. WUG Category Summary
2. WUG Populate
3. WUG Demand
4. Source Availability/Existing Supplies
5. Source Water Balance
6. Existing Water Supply
7. WUG Needs/Surplus

The submittal is considered draft until approved by the TWDB.

There were no public comments received on this action item.

On a motion by Jody Puckett and a second by Kevin Ward, the RCWPG voted unanimously to ratify the previous submittal of Technical Data to the TWDB.

C. Consider Appointing a RCWPG Sub-Group for the Purpose of Review and Approval of Task 7-3 “Existing and Potential Emergency Interconnects”

Amy Kaarlela, Chairman Jim Parks, Temple McKinnon, and Connie Townsend discussed the RCWPG Sub-Group and Task 7-3 “Existing and Potential Emergency Interconnects.” Amy reviewed the requirements in Task 7.3 Scope. Jim Parks reviewed the draft Resolution No. 14-1 and recommended the following RCWPG members to the Sub-Group:

1. Jim Parks
2. Jody Puckett
3. Frank Crumb
4. James Hotopp
5. Howard Martin
6. Jim McCarter
7. Drew Satterwhite
8. Connie Standridge
9. Jack Stevens
10. Kevin Ward
11. Gary Spicer

Jim Parks also recommended that Jody Puckett serve as Chair of the Sub-Committee, Jack Stevens Co-Chair, and Connie Standridge serve as Secretary. The duties of the Sub-Committee are to comply with requirements in Task 7.3

There were no public comments on this action item.

On a motion by Russell Laughlin a second by Howard Martin, the RCWPG voted unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 14-1 appointing the Sub-Committee as referenced above.

D. Appointed Nominating Committee for Slate of Officers for 2014

Jim Parks reviewed Resolution No. 14-2 appointing the Nominating Committee for slate of officers for 2014 and suggested that Jack Stevens and Kevin Ward serve as the members at large.

On a motion by Jim McCarter and a second by Frank Crumb, the RCWPG voted unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 14-2 appointing an Executive Committee to develop a slate of officers for 2015. Members of the Committee include Chairman Jim Parks; Vice-Chairman Jody Puckett; Secretary Russell Laughlin; and the two members at large, Jack Stevens and Kevin Ward.

#### IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

##### A. Schedule Update

Amy Kaarlela presented a project schedule update including the following key items for 2015:

- Public Hearing for Interregional Conflict
- May 1 – Initially Prepared Plan and Draft 2016 Prioritization
- November 1 – Final Plan and Final 2016 Prioritization

It was suggested that 2015 meetings be held in January, April, and October. The draft Region C Plan is due May 1, 2015, and the final draft due November 1, 2015.

##### B. Use of Safe Yield for Tarrant Regional Water District Reservoir System

Amy reviewed the requested variance to the TWDB for Tarrant Regional Water District to use Safe Yield rather than firm yield. The TWDB approved this request.

##### C. TWDB Proposed Resolution of the Interregional Conflict between the 2011 Region C and Region D Regional Water Plans

Amy Kaarlela reviewed the actions/timeline regarding the interregional conflict resolution as follows:

- May 19 – TWDB Executive Administrator made recommendation to three-member TWDB Board to keep Marvin Nichols in 2011 Region C Plan
- May 20 – TWDB Board and General Counsel requested legal briefs from Region C and D
- June/July – Regions C and D submitted legal briefs and response briefs
- August 7 – Regions C and D representatives addressed three-member TWDB Board at public meeting
- August 8 – Three-member TWDB Board released “Interim Order” directing Region C to:
  - “conduct an analysis and quantification of the impacts of the Marvin Nichols Reservoir Water Management Strategy on the agriculture and natural resources of Region D and the State...”
- November 3 – Deadline for Region C analysis above
  - If no submittal is received by November 3, Board will rule to remove Marvin Nichols from 2011 Region C Water Plan without prejudice

- November – Region D will be given the opportunity to submit a written response to Region C analysis
- Date to Be Determined – The matter will be scheduled for Board consideration
- After final TWDB determination
  - Hold a meeting to “review TWDB decision”
  - Hold public hearing
  - Amend/Re-Adopt 2011 Region C Plan

Tom Gooch reviewed the November plans to complete the analysis.

D. SWIFT Proposed Rules

Amy Kaarlela reviewed the SWIFT proposed rules and criteria, which were released by the TWDB on June 17, 2014. Amy reviewed the upcoming public meeting in Fort Worth August 21, 2014. Amy reported that the on December 1, 2014, the TWDB will provide the SWIFT Implementation Report to the Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker, and Texas Legislature and advised that the TWDB is to adopt SWIFT rules in December 2014.

E. GMA 8 Draft Groundwater Availability Model Update

Amy Kaarlela provided an update on GMA8 – GAM update. Harold Latham provided a review of the Northern Trinity/Woodbine Groundwater Availability Model 2014.

F. TWDB Regional Planning Database (DB17)

Amy Kaarlela reviewed the TWDB Regional Planning Database (DB17), which was developed by the TWDB and used by all regions.

G. Present Draft Chapters 1 and 2

Amy Kaarlela reviewed the draft Chapters 1 – Planning Area Description and Chapter 2 – Population and Water Demand Projects.

H. Unique Stream Segment and Reservoir Site Issues

Brian McDonald reviewed designation of river and stream segments of unique ecological value. Mr. McDonald advised that Region C has not previously designated any river or stream segments as ecologically unique because of unresolved concerns regarding the implications of such a designation. He also advised that TPWD had recommended 10 Region C segments as ecologically unique in 2002. Mr. McDonald reviewed previous consultant/state agencies meetings in 2009, and the 2011

RCWPG recommendation to convene a working group comprised of representatives of TWDB, TPWD, TCEQ, and the sixteen regions to bring clarity, purpose, and direction to the legislative mandate to “identify river and stream segments of unique ecological value.” He reported that no significant actions or clarifications have occurred since 2011.

Mr. McDonald also reviewed the previous designation of unique sites for reservoir construction. In 2007, the Legislature designated the following as unique sites for reservoir construction:

- Muenster
- Ralph Hall
- Lower Bois d’Arc Creek
- Marvin Nichols
- Fastrill
- Tehuacana

Mr. McDonald advised that this designation terminates September 1, 2015, unless an affirmative vote by a proposed project sponsor to make expenditures necessary in order to construct or file applications for permits required in connection with the construction of the reservoir under federal or state law.

Mr. McDonald also provided an update on regulatory, administrative, and legislative recommendations and encouraged formation of a working group on Stream Segments of Unique Ecological Value.

I. Fall 2014 Newsletter

Colby Walton reviewed proposed articles for the upcoming newsletter including:

- Report on 2016 Plan development progress and next steps
- Update on the drought and recently implemented conservation/reuse strategies
- Update on interregional conflict resolution
- Recurring Sections
  - Next meeting information
  - Planning Group overview and roster

It is planned to release the newsletter in October/November including printed and electronic versions.

J. Update on Remaining Tasks and Next Steps

Amy Kaarlela reviewed the next steps including:

- Submit final prioritization (September 1)
- Strategy Evaluation (August 2014 through Spring 2015)
- Interregional Conflict Resolution items
- Three RCWPG meetings until Initially Prepared Plan due
- Task 5 – Water Conservation Recommendations
- Task 6 – Impacts on Regional Water Plan
- Task 7 – Drought Response

V. OTHER DISCUSSION

A. Updates from the Chair

Jim Parks congratulated Frank Crumb on his retirement from City of Fort Worth.

B. Report from Regional Liaisons

Brief reports were given by the following liaisons:

- Region B – Jack Stevens advised that Region B met in July 2014 with a similar agenda to Region C's. There was much discussion on brackish water and groundwater was held.
- Region D – Sharron Nabors advised the next meeting will be September 18. New members were elected in July 2014 with three new members being elected. A new Region D Chairman will be elected on September 3, 2014.
- Region G – No report
- Region H – Kevin Ward reported the last meeting on August 6, 2014.
- Region I – Connie Standridge advised Region I will meet August 27, 2014.

C. Report from Texas Water Development Board

Connie Townsend did not have any additional report due to much discussion during the regular meeting.

D. Report from Texas Department of Agriculture

No report.

E. Report from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Adam Whisenant did not have anything additional to report.

F. Other Reports

No other reports.

G. Confirm Date and Location of Next Meeting

Chairman Parks reviewed the ID requirement required for meeting at TRA.

The next RCWPG meeting was tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 27, 2014, at 1:00 P.M. at TRA Central Wastewater Treatment Plant.

H. Public Comments

Comments were received from the following individuals as follows:

1. Jo Ann Duman, representing members of FUSE (Friends United for a Safe Environment), spoke to her concerns regarding the Marvin Nichols Reservoir.
2. David Nabors spoke on behalf of Farm Bureau to his concerns over the Clean Waters Act.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting of the RCWPG adjourned at approximately 4:07 P.M.

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RUSSELL LAUGHLIN, Secretary