

**REGION C WATER PLANNING GROUP**  
**MINUTES OF AN OPEN PUBLIC MEETING**  
**DECEMBER 2, 2013**

The Region C Water Planning Group (RCWPG) met in an open public meeting on Monday, December 2, 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

Jim Parks advised that RCWPG had been notified by Commissioner Todd Staples that Mr. Darrell Dean would now serve as RCWPG's primary contact for Texas Department of Agriculture. Gregg Magee will serve as his alternate.

Jim Parks welcomed Temple McKinnon of the TWDB, who was filling in for Matt Nelson.

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

David Bailey	Jim McCarter
Bill Ceverha	Steve Mundt
Jerry Chapman	Jim Parks
Andy Cronberg (Alt. for Frank Crumb)	Denis Qualls (Alt. for Jody Puckett)
Gary Douglas	Gary Spicer
James Hotopp	Connie Standridge
Thomas LaPoint	Jack Stevens
Harold Latham	Kevin Ward
Russell Laughlin	Tom Woodward
Howard Martin	

Steve Berry, G. K. Maenius, and Robert Scott were absent from the meeting. Temple McKinnon 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 – August 5, 2013

The minutes of the August 5, 2013, RCWPG meeting were approved by consensus.

III. ACTION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- A. Announcement of Vacancies for Steve Berry's Position Representing Environmental Interests and for Jerry Chapman's Position Representing Water District Interests, Call for Nominations to Fill Vacancies, and Vote to Fill Vacancies

Chairman Jim Parks announced the vacancies on the RCWPG due to the resignation of Steve Berry representing Environmental interests and Jerry Chapman representing Water District interests with terms expiring November 1, 2016. Mr. Parks advised that Steve Berry has nominated Bob Rylie, and reviewed Mr. Rylie's resume. He also advised that Jerry Chapman has nominated Drew Satterwhite, and reviewed Mr. Satterwhite's resume.

Chairman Jim Parks asked for nominations for these vacancies from the RCWPG members, and there were none. Mr. Parks asked for nominations from the public for these vacancies, and there were none.

There were no registered speakers for this item.

On a motion by Jim McCarter and a second by Jack Stevens, the RCWPG voted unanimously to cease nominations and elect Bob Rylie to represent Environmental interests and Drew Satterwhite to represent Water District interests and fill the unexpired vacant terms, which expire November 1, 2016.

- B. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 13-3 Thanking Steve Berry for his Service to the RCWPG and Adoption of Resolution No. 13-4 Thanking Jerry Chapman for his Service to the RCWPG

Chairman Jim Parks read Resolution No. 13-3 thanking Steve Berry for his service and Resolution No. 13-4 thanking Jerry Chapman for his service.

There were no registered speakers for this item.

On a motion by Denis Qualls and a second by Kevin Ward, the RCWPG voted unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 13-3 and 13-4. Chairman Parks presented Resolution No. 13-4 to Jerry Chapman.

- C. Announcement of Vacancies for Nine (9) Expired Terms Representing Public, Industries, Counties, Municipalities, Environmental, Electric Generating Utilities, Water Districts, Water Utilities, and River Authorities Interests, Call for Nominations to Fill Vacancies, and Vote to Fill Vacancies

Chairman Jim Parks announced vacancies of the following nine terms that expired November 1, 2013:

1. Bill Ceverha – Public
2. Russell Laughlin – Industries
3. G. K. Maenius – Counties
4. Howard Martin – Municipalities
5. Robert Scott – Environmental
6. Gary Spicer – Electric Generating Utilities
7. Jack Stevens – Water Districts
8. Connie Standridge – Water Utilities
9. Kevin Ward – River Authorities

All nine members have indicated their desire to continue serving on the RCWPG for the next five-year term expiring November 1, 2018.

Chairman Jim Parks asked for nominations for these vacancies from the RCWPG members, and there were none. Mr. Parks asked for nominations from the public for these vacancies, and there were none.

There were no registered speakers for this item.

Upon a motion by Jerry Chapman and a second by Jim McCarter, the RCWPG voted unanimously to cease nominations and elect the nine current members listed above to fill the terms expiring November 1, 2018.

- D. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 13-5 Appointing Executive Committee to Develop Slate of Officers for 2014

Chairman Jim Parks advised due to timing, he had sent an email to the RCWPG members on October 4, 2013, regarding appointment of the Executive Committee to develop the slate of officers for 2014. It was the consensus of the RCWPG that the Chairman appoint the Committee prior to this meeting to allow time for the Executive Committee to present their recommendation at this meeting.

With the consensus of the RCWPG, Chairman Jim Parks appointed an Executive Committee to develop the slate of officers for 2014 consisting of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and the two members-at-large, James Hotopp and Thomas LaPoint.

There were no registered speakers on this item.

Steve Mundt made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 13-5 appointing the Executive Committee to develop the slate of officers for 2014 and ratify

the action taken by Chairman Parks. The motion was seconded by Howard Martin, and the RCWPG voted unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Election of 2014 RCWPG Officers

James Hotopp spoke on behalf of the Executive Committee and informed the RCWPG that the recommended slate of officers for 2014 is Jim Parks as Chairman, Jody Puckett as Vice Chairman, and Russell Laughlin as Secretary.

There were no registered speakers on this item.

Upon a motion by Bill Ceverha and a second by Connie Standridge, the RCWPG voted unanimously to elect the slate of officers as recommended by the Executive Committee for 2014.

F. Consider Approval of Winter 2013 Newsletter

Colby Walton reviewed the Winter 2013 Newsletter. Feature articles included the following:

- Planning Group analyzes water supply, IDs Potentially Feasible Strategies
- Region C providers continue drought response

News briefs included the following:

- Voters approve historic water funding proposal
- State environmental agency approves Lake Ralph Hall permit
- Security measures added at site of planning group meetings
- Planning group elects officers and members

Recurring sections included the following:

- Next meeting information
- Planning group overview and roster

Mr. Walton advised that over 1,600 individuals receive printed copies of the newsletter and over 550 receive electronic copies, and a PDF will be available on Region C's website.

There were no speakers registered for this item.

On a motion by Thomas LaPoint and a second by Kevin Ward, the RCWPG voted unanimously to approve the Winter 2013 newsletter as presented.

#### IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

##### A. Schedule Update

Rachel Ickert presented a project schedule update.

##### B. Electricity Rates to be used in Cost Estimates for 2016 Plan

Rachel Ickert reviewed electricity rates to be used in cost estimates for 2016 Plan. The TWDB guidelines are \$0.09/kWhr and can be adjusted based on local and regional conditions. The RCWPG consultants surveyed rates from Dallas, NTMWD, TRWD, and UTRWD. Based on the survey results, the RCWPG consultant's recommended using \$0.07/Kwhr. Temple McKinnon recommended notifying the TWDB of this recommendation.

James Hotopp indicated his entity currently pays \$0.085/Kwhr and asked if the RCWPG should consider pricing of smaller water entities. Gary Spicer recommended utilizing \$0.09/kWhr. It was the consensus of the RCWPG to utilize the TWDB guidelines of \$0.09/Kwhr.

##### C. Management Supply Factor

Rachel Ickert reviewed the management supply factor, which requires a table of Management Supply Factors for each WUG and WWP to be included in the 2016 Region C Plan. The Management Supply Factor is defined as the total supply (including future strategies) divided by total demand and may be pre-determined by the RCWPG. The consultant's recommendation is 20% to 30% Management Supply Factor, to adjust for specific WWPs if requested, and to keep with WWPs where appropriate.

##### D. Proposition 6 and Prioritization of Projects in the 2011 Regional Water Plan

Temple McKinnon briefed the RCWPG on Proposition 6 and prioritization of projects in the 2011 Regional Water Plan. In the 2013 Legislative Session, \$2 billion was authorized to be withdrawn from the Economic Stabilization Fund and deposited in State Water Implementation Fund for Texas. The voters approved Proposition 6 in November. The fund will provide bond and credit enhancements to help make loans for State Water Plan projects more affordable.

Temple reviewed the work done to date on prioritization of State Water Plan projects and meetings held to date. Projects in each regional water plan will be prioritized using the Uniform Standards recently adopted by the HB 4 Stakeholders Committee. The regional prioritization is based on:

- Decade of need
- Feasibility, including availability of water rights
- Viability, including whether the project is a “comprehensive solution”
- Sustainability
- Cost effectiveness
- Serving a large population
- Serving a diverse urban and rural population
- Provide regionalization
- Meet high percentage of water needs
- Also consider local contributions, repayment capacity, emergency needs, ready to proceed, demonstrated or projected impact on conservation

The TWDB will consider approval of the uniform standards and allocate funds to RWGPs for prioritizing projects on December 5, 2013. The draft regional water plan prioritizations are due June 1, 2014, and final prioritizations are due September 1, 2014. The rules for disbursement of SWIFT operation loans from the fund will be finalized in March 2015. 20% of the loan funds are to target conservation and reuse projects, and 10% of loan funds are to target rural and irrigation conservation projects.

Jim Parks reviewed the Stakeholder Committee’s submittal to the TWDB on November 25, 2013.

E. Potentially Feasible Water Management Strategies

Rachel Ickert reviewed the potentially feasible water management strategies. A draft list was included in the RCWPG notebooks. The RCWPG will consider action on the strategies when the Initially Prepared Plan is submitted.

F. Update on Tasks 3, 4, and 10

Keeley Kirksey provided an update on Task 3 – Determining Currently Available Supplies, Task 4 – Water Management Strategies, and Task 10 – Public Participation.

G. Next Steps

Rachel Ickert provided an update on the next steps, which include determine needs, document potentially feasible water management strategies submit Technical Data to TWDB August 2014, WMS evaluation, and Initially Prepared Plan due May 2015.

V. OTHER DISCUSSION

A. Updates from the Chair

Jim Parks gave an update on the Region C and Region D mediation. On July 24, 2013, the TWDB notified Region C and Region D in writing that a Travis County District Court had determined there was a conflict between the Region C and Region D Water Plans and that the TWDB's approval of both plans had been reversed. The conflict is over the Marvin Nichols Reservoir strategy. SOAH will be mediating in an effort to resolve the conflict. Three representatives from Region C were appointed by RCWPG through Resolution 13-1 in August 2013. The representatives appointed were Jim Parks, Jody Puckett, and Russell Laughlin. The mediation will occur on December 16, 2013, in Tyler, Texas.

B. Report from Regional Liaisons

Brief reports were given by the following liaisons:

- Region B – Jerry Chapman did not attend last Region B meeting, but he provided a report from the last GMA8 meeting. With Jerry Chapman's retirement, Jack Stevens volunteered to become the regional liaison for Region B.
- Region D – Mike Rickman
- Region G – Bill Ceverha
- Region H – Kevin Ward
- Region I – Connie Standridge

C. Report from Texas Water Development Board

Temple McKinnon reviewed the new staff team structure at the TWDB.

D. Report from Texas Department of Agriculture

N/A

E. Report from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Adam Whisenant reported that TPWD and water providers, managers, researchers, are still continuing to monitor the Zebra Mussel issue. One new reservoir outside of Belton has been added to the list of reservoirs where Zebra Mussels have been located.

F. Other Reports

No other reports.

G. Confirm Date and Location of Next Meeting

The next RCWPG meeting was tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 28, 2014, at 1:00 P.M. at TRA Central Wastewater Treatment Plant, but may need to be moved up due to the prioritization process. Members will be contacted at a later date regarding any change to the tentative date.

H. Public Comments

Janice Bezanson, Executive Director, Texas Conservation Alliance, provided comments on water recycling.

Ken Kramer, Water Resources Chair, Lone Star Chapter of Sierra Club, provided comments on Management Supply Factor.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting of the RCWPG adjourned at approximately 3:40 P.M.

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RUSSELL LAUGHLIN, Secretary