

REGION C WATER PLANNING GROUP

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING JULY 12, 2004

The Region C Water Planning Group (RCWPG) met in an open meeting on Monday, July 12, 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.

Vice-Chairman Bob Johnson called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 P.M. Vice-Chairman Johnson advised that Jim Parks was not available to attend the meeting due to his dad's declining health. Vice-Chairman Johnson 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:

Brad Barnes	Elaine Petrus
Jerry Chapman	Paul Phillips
Roy Eaton	Marsh Rice
Maebell Brown (Alt. for Dale Fisseler)	Robert Scott
Bob Johnson	George Shannon
Joe Schneider (Alt. for Russell Laughlin)	Connie Standridge
G. K. Maenius	Danny Vance
Tim Fisher (Alt. for Howard Martin)	Mary Vogelson
Jim McCarter	Paul Zweiacker

Jim Parks was absent from the roll call and the meeting. Virginia Towles of the TWDB, Adam Whisenant of the TPWD, Jim Thompson of Region D, and David Brock of Region I were also in attendance. The registration lists signed by guests in attendance are attached.

Special guest Frank Espino of the TCEQ was recognized as being in attendance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 17, 2004

On a motion by George Shannon, and a second by Danny Vance, the minutes of the May 17, 2004, meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

III. ACTION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. Water Management Strategies

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

1. Desalination

Consultant Recommendation – Include desalination as a management strategy in order to utilize supplies from Lake Texoma and the Red River.

2. Aquifer Storage and Recovery

Consultant Recommendation – Studies of ASR should continue, and pilot projects should be implemented if the strategy appears promising.

Vice-Chairman Bob Johnson called on registered guest speaker Beth Johnson to present her comments; however, she passed on speaking on this item.

Danny Vance made a motion to recommend approval of the consultant's recommendations on the two water management strategies presented, which were Desalination and Aquifer Storage and Recovery. Jim McCarter seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the RCWPG.

B. Neighborhood Study

Brian McDonald discussed the summary memorandum on the Neighborhood Study, which was being considered for approval.

Vice-Chairman Johnson called on registered speaker Beth Johnson, and she presented her comments on the neighborhood study.

George Shannon made a motion to approve the summary memorandum on the Neighborhood Study as presented by the consultants. Jim McCarter seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the RCWPG.

C. Water Conservation Study

Brian McDonald presented information on the WUG and WWP water conservation surveys being considered for approval. Tim Fisher suggested clarification to the survey regarding being in addition to the TCEQ water management plan.

Vice-Chairman Bob Johnson called on registered guest speaker Beth Johnson to present her comments; however, she passed on speaking on this item.

George Shannon made a motion to approve the survey as presented with the recommendation suggested by RCWPG members. Paul Zweiacker seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the RCWPG.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Status of Request for Supplemental Funding

Tom Gooch advised that \$150,000 of supplemental funding had been approved by the TWDB; however, the availability of the supplemental funding would not be known until after the 2005 Legislative Session. Virginia Towles advised that the contract amendment regarding the supplemental funding was being hand-delivered on this date.

B. Current Water Supplies

Tom Gooch reviewed the response rates of the water supply surveys, the summary of survey responses, the draft memorandum on supply by source, currently available supply, a comparison to the 2001 Plan, and a chart with supply-demand comparison.

C. Water Management Strategies

Tom Gooch and Alan Plummer reviewed the following potentially feasible water management strategies:

1. Connection of Existing Supplies

The consultant's conclusion was to include connection of existing supplies as a major component of the Region C plan.

2. Water Conservation

The consultant's conclusion on this strategy was to apply RCWPG-approved screening methodology to list of 49 potential water conservation strategies compiled from the Task Force BMPs and the TWDB-sponsored study of water conservation, develop list of potentially feasible water conservation strategies and applicability, and evaluate potential water savings for each potentially feasible strategy and each WUG.

3. Water Reuse

The consultant's conclusion on this strategy was to incorporate water management strategies involving reuse as a major component of the long-term water supply for Region C, encourage planning and implementation of additional reuse projects, and monitor legislation and regulatory actions related to reuse.

4. New Surface Water Supplies

The consultant's conclusion on new surface water potentially feasible strategies include Black Cypress, Columbia (formerly Eastex), George Parkhouse I, Lower Bois d'Arc Creek, Marvin Nichols, Muenster,

Tehuacana, Ralph Hall, and increased use of other local supplies (where needed and available).

5. New Groundwater Supplies

The consultant's reviewed potentially feasible new groundwater supplies including Roberts County groundwater (Mesa Water), Central Texas Carrizo-Wilcox groundwater, additional wells for supplies already using groundwater, temporary overdrafting of groundwater supplies, reallocation of groundwater supplies, and numerous new wells.

6. Interbasin Transfers

The consultants study concluded to allow interbasin transfers as needed for water supply projects.

Tom Gooch requested that comments be submitted to his office by August 12, 2004, on the potentially feasible water management strategies reviewed on this date. These strategies will be considered for approval at the August RCWPG meeting.

D. List of Updated Plans

Tom Gooch reviewed the list of references to be included as an appendix to the 2006 Plan. He requested that any additional references be submitted to his office by August 12, 2004. The list of updated plans will be considered for approval at the August RCWPG meeting.

E. Update on Water Conservation and Reuse Tasks

Alan Plummer presented an update on the model water conservation and drought contingency plans. The model plans will be presented at the August RCWPG meeting.

F. Key Water Quality Parameters

Alan Plummer reviewed key water quality parameters.

G. Chapter 2 – Projected Population and Water Needs

Rick Shafer of Chiang, Patel & Yerby reviewed the draft report on Chapter 2 - Projected Population and Water Needs.

H. Agricultural Areas Possibly Impacted by Water Transfers

Tom Gooch reviewed agricultural areas possibly affected by water transfers.

I. Summary of Speaker Comments to RCWPG at May 17 RCWPG Meeting

The summary of speaker comments is posted on the RCWPG 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 August.

V. OTHER DISCUSSION

A. Updates from Chair

a. Water Conservation Task Force – A copy of a written report on the status of the Water Conservation Task Force was provided to the RCWPG members.

B. Report from Regional Liaisons

A report was provided by the following liaisons:

- Danny Vance, Region H

Other liaisons were not able to report since meetings had not occurred since last report.

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

C. Other Discussion

Maebell Brown advised that Dale Fisseler had been reassigned to the Fort Worth City Manager's office and that Frank Krum was acting Water Department Manager. It was clarified that only Dale or his designated alternate, Maebell Brown, could participate in the actions of the RCWPG.

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 4:15 P.M.

ROY EATON
Secretary