

REGION C WATER PLANNING GROUP
MINUTES OF AN OPEN PUBLIC MEETING
November 9, 2015

The Region C Water Planning Group (RCWPG) met in an open public meeting on Monday, November 9, 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.

Chair Puckett called the Region C Regional Planning Group meeting to order at approximately 1:00 P.M. and welcomed guests.

I. ROLL CALL

Kevin Ward conducted a roll call. The following members were in attendance:

David Bailey	Steve Mundt
John Carman	Jody Puckett
Spanky Carter (Alt. for G.K. Maenius)	Bob Riley
Bill Ceverha	Drew Satterwhite
Gary Douglas	Robert Scott
Tim Fisher (Alt. for Howard Martin)	Gary Spicer
Tom Kula	Rick Shaffer (Alt. for James Hotopp)
Harold Latham	Connie Standridge
Russell Laughlin	Jack Stevens
John Lingenfelder	Kevin Ward
Jim McCarter	Tom Woodward

Connie Townsend of the TWDB, Adam Whisenant of the TPWD, and Darrell Dean, TDA, were present. The registration lists signed by guests in attendance are attached.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 28, 2015

The minutes of the September 28, 2015, RCWPG meeting were approved by consensus upon a motion by John Carman and a second by Jack Stevens.

III. ACTION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- A. Receive report from nominating committee for 2016 slate of officers; consider election of 2016 RCWPG officers

The RCWPG Executive Committee held a meeting on October 23, 2015 to develop a proposed slate of officers. Steve Mundt reported that the current officers had agreed to serve another term. Those officers are: Jody Puckett, Chair; Russell Laughlin, Vice-Chair; and Kevin Ward, Secretary.

Chair Puckett asked if there were any nominations from the floor but there were none. Upon a motion by Bill Ceverha and a second by John Carman, the RCWPG voted unanimously to re-elect the current officers to serve for the year 2016.

- B. Consider action related to the Region C/Region D 2016 interregional conflict mediation and resolution.

Chair Puckett briefed the board on the actions warranted in connection with the meeting of Regions C and D representatives concerning the 2016 Interregional Conflict. This meeting occurred after the TWDB ruled on September 9, 2015, that a conflict does exist between Regions C and D on their 2016 Initially Prepared Plans. The Mediated Settlement is as follows:

- Marvin Nichols in plan but deferred to 2070
- Region C support Region D effort to obtain funding to study alternatives to Marvin Nichols for 2021 Plans
- Region C adopt resolution that water suppliers should not submit water right applications for new reservoirs located in Region D
- Region D not challenge Marvin Nichols as unique reservoir site

Chair Puckett added that the mediated settlement solves conflict complaints for this planning cycle as related to the 2016 Water Plan. Chair Puckett advised that the TWDB is reviewing new rules for conflict resolution. Connie Townsend, TWDB, stated that the TWDB will meet on November 10, 2015, to adopt and publish rules for conflict resolution.

Bill Ceverha asked if an attorney had reviewed these resolutions. Chair Puckett responded that a Dallas attorney reviewed this settlement to see if any precedents were set from this conflict resolution.

There were no public comments on this action item.

Upon a motion by Gary Spicer and a second by Steve Mundt, the RCWPG voted by a majority to adopt Resolution No. 15-3 ratifying the mediated settlement agreement reached by the Region C and Region D representatives on October 5, 2015; and to adopt Resolution No. 15-4 recommending that water suppliers in Region C not submit any water rights applications for new reservoirs that would be located in Region D through the end of the fifth cycle of regional water planning (2021 Plans). Bill Ceverha voted nay.

- C. Consider approval of final prioritization of projects in the *2016 Region C Water Plan* to be submitted to Texas Water Development Board by December 1, 2015.

Tom Gooch, Freese & Nichols, explained the process for prioritization of the projects in the 2016 Water Plan for the purpose of SWIFT funding. The methodology included:

- Projects from 2016 Water Plan, as entered by consultants in TWDB database (DB17)
- TWDB provided template
- Same scoring standard as in 2011
- Consultants updated memo to TWDB on methodology
- Consultants developed answers to 13 questions for 550+ projects
 - Approx. 300 Conservation projects
 - Approx. 250 Infrastructure projects
- Subcommittee met October 12, 2015

The consultants' general observations are as follows:

- Strategies in earlier years ranked high
- Strategies in later years ranked lower
- Conservation strategies ranked high
- Grouping projects was helpful

Tim Fisher asked if reuse projects are considered conservation projects. Tom Gooch replied that they are not and therefore not listed.

There were no public comments on this action item.

Upon a motion by Rick Shaffer and a second by Connie Standridge, the RCWPG voted unanimously to approve the final prioritization of projects in the *2016 Region C Water Plan*.

- D. Consider approval and adoption of the final *2016 Region C Water Plan*.

Tom Gooch, Freese & Nichols, discussed the changes from the 2016 IPP and the final 2016 Water Plan to be submitted to the TWDB by December 1, 2015. These changes include:

- Responses to state agency comments
- Responses to other comments as needed
- Updating Sulphur Supplies Strategy per Interregional Conflict Mediation Settlement

- Marvin Nichols portion of Sulphur Supplies deferred to 2070
- Added Interim 2060 strategy for Tarrant Regional to avoid unmet need; moved North Texas MWD strategy from 2070 to 2060 to avoid unmet need
- Added Section 10.6 on Interregional Conflict
- Clarified difference between recommended and alternative configurations of Marvin Nichols Reservoir
- Added Sulphur River Basin Authority as WWP
- Various editorial changes
- Added TWDB tables from database (DB17)
- Volume of 2 future reuse projects adjusted
- Added Socio-Economic Analysis by TWDB
 - Estimates effects if no additional supplies developed
 - 2070 yearly lost income \$34.6B
 - 2070 lost jobs 373,000
- Added Infrastructure Funding chapter
 - \$11.5 B anticipated requested from TWDB
 - 2 additional surveys received, adding \$3.4B
- Revision of some cost estimates
 - Total cost \$21.7B > \$23.8B

Tom Kula asked if the recent population increases in Collin County of 50 per cent or more were included. Tom Gooch said that the 2013 Collin County Commissioners have revised population estimates and that a comment in the 2016 Region C Water Plan was included in Chapters 2 and 5B.

There were no public comments on this action item.

Upon a motion by Gary Spicer and a second by Bill Ceverha, the RCWPG voted unanimously to approve and adopt the *2016 Region C Water Plan*; and to authorize the Trinity River Authority to submit the final plan to TWDB by the December 1, 2015, deadline, including: 2016 recommended water management strategies project prioritization list, all electronic data files, and final complete Geographic Information System (GIS) data package.

E. Consider approval of December 2015 newsletter

Colby Walton, Cooksey Communications, discussed the December 2015 Newsletter. This final newsletter of the fourth cycle will give a summary of the final *2016 Region C Water Plan*. Mr. Walton stated that this newsletter can be used as a resource document for Fifth Cycle planning. He requested comments be sent to him within two weeks.

Upon a motion by Chair Puckett and a second by Kevin Ward, the RCWPG voted unanimously to approve the December 2015 newsletter.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Fifth Cycle of Planning

Tom Gooch stated that the products of this planning cycle will be the 2021 Regional Plans and the 2022 State Water Plan. This 5 year cycle will run from 2016 to 2020. Freese and Nichols and the Trinity River Authority have executed the initial contracts for Tasks 2 and 10. Work on Task 2 Population Projections is estimated to begin in the summer of 2017 (when TWDB draft projections are available).

V. OTHER DISCUSSION

A. Updates from the Chair - None

B. Report from Regional Liaisons - None

C. Report from Texas Water Development Board

Connie Townsend gave comments on:

- Socioeconomic Analysis
- 2021 Schedule
- TWDB Actions

D. Report from Texas Department of Agriculture - None

E. Report from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department - None

F. Other Reports - None

G. Confirm Date and Location of Next Meeting – TBD. Chair Puckett noted possibility of next Region C first quarter meeting being conducted as a Webinar meeting.

H. Public Comments - None

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting of the RCWPG adjourned at approximately 2:30 P.M.

JODY PUCKETT, Chair