

REGION C WATER PLANNING GROUP
MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING
AUGUST 31, 2004

The Region C Water Planning Group (RCWPG) met in an open meeting on Tuesday, August 31, 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.

Chairman Jim Parks called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 P.M. Chairman Parks 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:

Jerry Chapman	Elaine Petrus
Roy Eaton	Paul Phillips
Maebell Brown (Alt. for Dale Fisseler)	Robert Scott
Charles Stringer (Alt. for Bob Johnson)	George Shannon
Joe Schneider (Alt. for Russell Laughlin)	Connie Standridge
Howard Martin	Warren Brewer (Alt. for Danny Vance)
Jim McCarter	Mary Vogelsson
Jim Parks	Paul Zweiacker

Brad Barnes, G. K. Maenius, and Marsh Rice were 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.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 12, 2004

The minutes of July 12, 2004, were approved by consensus.

III. ACTION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. Unique Stream Segments – Designation of Committee

Tom Gooch discussed unique stream segments.

Chairman Jim Parks called on registered speaker, David Nabors, and Mr. Nabors presented his comments on unique stream segments.

Chairman Parks recommended the following RCWPG members to serve on the Unique Stream Segments Committee:

Elaine Petrus
Mary Vogelsson
Paul Phillips, Chairman
Jerry Chapman

Paul Zweiacker

On a motion by George Shannon, second by Jim McCarter, the RCWPG voted unanimously to select the five members as recommended to serve on the Unique Stream Segments Committee. Tom Gooch, Adam Whisenant, and Virginia Towles will provide information to the Committee for review. The Committee will report their findings at a future RCWPG meeting.

B. Approval of Potentially Feasible Water Management Strategies

Tom Gooch reported that five categories of water management strategies were to be considered for designation of potentially feasible water management strategies. Several comments were received on these strategies, and Tom Gooch reviewed the changes made based on comments received. Memorandums reviewing each strategy were provided. The following categories of strategies are being considered:

- Reuse
- Water Conservation
- Connection of Existing Supplies
- Surface Water Resources
- Groundwater Resources

Interbasin transfer strategies were delayed for consideration to the October 2004 meeting.

Chairman Parks called on the following registered speakers to present their comments:

1. Max Shumake
2. Janice Bezanson
3. Beth Johnson
4. Margot Clarke
5. Mary Farmer
6. George Frost
7. Shirley Shumake
8. Van James
9. Tom Taylor
10. Leon Hurse
11. David Ryburn

George Shannon made the motion to approve the potential water management strategies for further study under the five categories as described by the consultants. Jim McCarter seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

C. Approval of Key Water Quality Parameters

Alan Plummer reviewed the recommended key water quality parameters. A memorandum was distributed electronically to the RCWPG members for review on this item. The consultants recommended deferring action on approval of the list of

recommended key water quality parameters to the next RCWPG meeting. Charlie Stringer requested that total organic carbon be added to the list.

Chairman Parks called on registered speaker, Janice Bezanson, and Ms. Bezanson provided comments on Key Water Quality Parameters.

D. Approval to Hold Public Meeting to Present Proposed Plan Amendment for NTMWD

Tom Gooch discussed the letter from NTMWD requesting an amendment to the 2001 Regional Water Plan to include the East Fork Reuse Project to augment Lake Lavon that was not specifically included in the 2001 Plan. Costs incurred for the proposed amendment would be incurred by NTMWD.

Chairman Parks called on registered speaker, Margot Clarke, and Ms. Clarke provided comments on the Proposed Plan Amendment.

Roy Eaton made the motion to start the process for the amendment requested by NTMWD and set a date for the public meeting. Jerry Chapman seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the RCWPG.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Status of Request for Supplemental Funding

Jim Parks advised that the TWDB contract had been amended in July 2004; however, Freese & Nichols' contract would not be amended until supplemental funding became available. Supplemental funding will be considered during the next Legislative Session.

B. Water User Group Updates

Tom Gooch updated the RCWPG on the Water User Groups. Turlington WSC has been removed from the list and its demands included in Freestone County Other totals. The Town of Bartonville, which is serving several water supply corporations, has asked to be removed from our mailing list, and this will be done.

C. Update on Comments Received on Information Presented at July 12 RCWPG Meeting

Tom Gooch provided an update on the comments received on information presented at the July 12, 2004, meeting. On the memorandum summarizing currently available supplies, Red River WAM supplies were updated, and Texoma was limited to permitted supplies. Also, the list of plans for the appendix was updated as well as Chapter 2 updated.

D. Feasible Water Management Strategies

Tom Gooch reviewed the following categories of potentially feasible water management strategies, which will be considered for approval at the next RCWPG meeting:

1. Interbasin Transfers
2. System Operation
3. Conjunctive Use (Ground and Surface Water)
4. Reallocation of Reservoir Storage
5. Brush Control
6. Precipitation Enhancement
7. Water Rights Cancellation

E. Draft Chapter 1, Description of the Region

Tom Gooch reviewed the description of the Region and requested comments from the RCWPG members.

F. Draft Comparison of Supply and Demand

Tom Gooch reviewed the draft comparison of supply and demand.

G. Currently Available Groundwater Supplies – Trinity/Woodbine GAM

Tom Gooch advised that the currently available groundwater supplies – Trinity/Woodbine GAM, would be available in September 2004.

H. Summary of Groundwater Conservation District Surveys

Tom Gooch reviewed the summary of Groundwater Conservation District Surveys.

I. Cost Methodology for Water Management Strategies

Tom Gooch reviewed the cost methodology for water management strategies. He requested that the RCWPG review and comment on this item by September 20, 2004. Virginia Towles will request that this item be included on the next Chairman's Conference Call agenda.

J. Update on Water Conservation and Reuse Tasks

Brian McDonald with Alan Plummer and Associates, Inc., gave an update on the water conservation plans. Models are being developed, and comments were requested. Models will be finalized and consultants will seek approval next year. Brian advised that the Water Conservation Surveys were mailed July 14, 2004, and follow-up phone calls are being made to those who have not responded.

K. Inter-Regional Coordination

Tom Gooch reviewed inter-regional coordination efforts ongoing with Regions I, D, G, H, B, and A.

L. Media Updates

Colby Walton presented a media update. He discussed the media briefing held prior

to today's meeting. Approximately 60 media outlets were invited. Colby reviewed proposed newsletter topics for the Fall 2004 newsletter.

M. Summary of Speaker Comments to RCWPG at July 12 RCWPG Meeting

The summary of speaker comments was posted on the Region C website for review.

N. Update on Overall Status and Next Steps

Tom Gooch reviewed upcoming tasks.

V. OTHER DISCUSSION

A. Updates from the Chair

1. Water Conservation Task Force

Jim Parks provided a written handout summarizing work being conducted by the Water Conservation Task Force.

B. Report from Regional Liaisons

A report was provided by the following liaisons:

- Mike Rickman, Region D
- Paul Zweiacker, Region G
- Connie Standridge, Region I

Liaisons from Region B and H were not able to report since meetings had not occurred since last report.

C. Confirm Date and Location of Next Meeting

The next meetings of the RCWPG will be held on Monday, October 4, 2004, and Monday, December 6, 2004, at 1:00 P.M. at TRA's Central Wastewater Treatment Plant.

D. Other Discussion

None

E. Acknowledgement of Guests/Comments

The following individuals provided general comments to the RCWPG:

1. David Nabors

2. Beth Johnson

The following individuals had registered to speak, but declined to comment:

1. Max Shumake
2. Janice Bezanson
3. George Frost
4. Red Birdsong

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting of the RCWPG adjourned at approximately 4:20 p.m.

ROY EATON
Secretary