

REGION C WATER PLANNING GROUP
MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING
MARCH 15, 2005

The Region C Water Planning Group (RCWPG) met in an open meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2005, 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 1:10 P.M. Vice-Chairman Johnson asked that individuals interested in making comments sign up on a speaker registration form. He also noted that those people who came to speak on the proposed Lake Ralph Hall could make comments during the general comment portion at the end of the meeting. Lake Ralph Hall was not an action item for today's meeting.

I. ROLL CALL

Secretary Paul Zweiacker conducted a roll call. The following members were in attendance:

Jerry Chapman	Elaine Petrus
Roy Eaton	Paul Phillips
Maebell Brown (alt. for Dale Fisseler)	Marsh Rice
Bob Johnson	Robert Scott
Russell Laughlin	George Shannon
Jim McCarter	Danny Vance
Howard Martin	Paul Zweiacker

Brad Barnes, G. K. Maenius, Jim Parks, Connie Standridge, and Mary Vogelsson were absent from the roll call and the meeting. Virginia Towles of the TWDB, Adam Whisenant of the TPWD, E. W. Wesley of TDA, and Linda Price (alternate for Jim Thompson) of Region D were also in attendance. The registration lists signed by guests in attendance are attached.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 13, 2005

The minutes of the January 13, 2005, meeting were approved by consensus.

III. ACTION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. Available Supplies to WWPs/WUGs

Tom Gooch reviewed the adjustments that had been made to the allocation of existing supplies.

Beth Johnson had requested to speak on this item. However, she chose not to speak at this time.

George Shannon made the motion to approve the adjustments to the distribution of currently available supplies to submit to the Texas Water Development Board. The motion was seconded. The RCWPG approved the motion unanimously.

B. Additional Potentially Feasible Water Management Strategy

Vice-Chairman Bob Johnson excused himself as chair due to a conflict of interest. Secretary Paul Zweiacker presided over the meeting for this item.

Tom Gooch presented information that Dallas Water Utilities submitted to the Region C Water Planning Group requesting that the proposed Lake Fastrill be added to the list of potentially feasible strategies to be studied in more depth.

Secretary Zweiacker called on the following speaker to provide public comments:

1. Beth Johnson

Roy Eaton made the motion to approve the addition of the proposed Lake Fastrill to the list of potentially feasible strategies to be studied in more detail. Marsh Rice seconded the motion.

Robert Scott asked to see a map showing the location of the proposed reservoir site. A map was not available. The approximate location of the proposed site was estimated to be 10 miles east of Slocum.

The Region C Water Planning Group approved the motion. Robert Scott spoke with Secretary Zweiacker immediately following the item and asked that the records reflect that he intended to vote "no" on the motion.

Vice-Chairman Bob Johnson resumed his position as chair and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

C. Additional Wholesale Water Providers

Tom Gooch reviewed the Texas Water Development Board's definition of a wholesale water provider. Mr. Gooch explained that according to this definition, Walnut Creek SUD, Mustang SUD, and Gainesville should be added as wholesale water providers in Region C. Mr. Gooch also noted that additional entities may need to be added to the list of wholesale water providers as the water management strategies are determined.

No one from the public signed up to provide comments on this topic.

Jerry Chapman made the motion to approve the three entities as wholesale water providers in Region C. George Shannon seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

D. Infrastructure Financing Survey

Tom Gooch reviewed the infrastructure financing survey, including questions related to proposed water management strategies. The cover letter and survey questions were provided in advance of the meeting.

No one signed up to speak on this topic.

Jim McCarter made the motion to approve the infrastructure financing survey to be sent to the water user groups and wholesale water providers with shortages. Paul Phillips seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Water Conservation

Brian McDonald reviewed the four model water conservation plans. The model plans will be included as appendices in the plan.

Brian McDonald reviewed the potentially feasible water conservation best management practices (BMPs) developed by the Senate Bill 1094 Task Force. Mr. McDonald explained which conservation strategies were being considered appropriate for Region C as a whole.

B. Summary of Water Needs

Tom Gooch reviewed the summary of water needs resulting from the analysis of currently available supply to projected water demands.

C. Feasible Water Management Strategies

Tom Gooch reviewed the information regarding potentially feasible water management strategies. Mr. Gooch presented information on the potentially feasible regional water supplies, including cost and environmental impacts. Mr. Gooch presented a county-by-county summary of proposed water management strategies to meet the water shortages. He also presented information on potentially feasible water management strategies for some of the wholesale water providers – Corsicana, Weatherford, Tarrant Regional Water District, and North Texas Municipal Water District, Cedar Hill, Forney, Fort Worth, Garland, North Richland Hills, Rockwall, Terrell, Dallas County Park Cities MUD, Lake Cities MUA, Mustang SUD, Parker County Utility District #1, Sabine River Authority, Sulphur River Water District, Upper Neches Municipal Water Authority, and Wise County WSD.

D. Report from the Unique Stream Segments Committee

Paul Phillips reviewed the committee's findings and recommendations regarding unique stream segments. Dr. Phillips reviewed the stream segments that the committee was recommending and explained why other segments were not being recommended.

E. Report from the Policy Topics Committee

Tom Gooch reviewed the recommendations of the Policy Topics Committee.

F. Communications

Gail Cooksey thanked the public for their attendance at today's meeting and encouraged them to participate in future meetings. Ms. Cooksey presented topics for the upcoming newsletter that is planned to be published in May. Ms. Cooksey also presented information on recent and upcoming media-related activities.

G. Update on Overall Status and Next Steps

Tom Gooch reviewed the overall status and next steps.

V. OTHER DISCUSSION

A. Updates from the Chair

Bob Johnson informed the group that Jim Parks was absent because of the meeting being held at the Texas Water Development Board regarding the North Texas Municipal Water District's amendment to the 2001 *Region C Water Plan*.

B. Report from Regional Liaisons

A report was provided by the following liaisons:

- Jerry Chapman, Region B
- Virginia Towles, Region D
- Paul Zweiacker, Region G
- Danny Vance, Region H

C. Report from TWDB

Virginia Towles presented the following information:

- The Texas Water Development Board was meeting today to discuss the amendment to the Region C plan. If the amendment to the Region C plan is approved by the TWDB, then the TWDB will hold a public hearing to amend the state water plan.
- A summary of the regional chair meeting held in January will be available soon.

D. Confirm Date and Location of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the RCWPG will be held on Monday, April 25, 2005, at 1:00 P.M. The location is to be determined.

E. Other Discussion

None

F. Acknowledgement of Guests/Comments

The following individuals provided comments to the RCWPG:

1. Sandy Cash
2. Leon Hurse
3. David Brune
4. Beth Johnson
5. Vic Burgess
6. David Nabors
7. Jack Stufflebaum
8. Van James
9. Jeff Tasker
10. Jim Cook
11. Mary Horn
12. Patsy Mizear
13. Laurie Long

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting of the RCWPG adjourned at approximately 3:45 p.m.

PAUL ZWEIACKER
Secretary