



Region C Water Planning Group

September 28, 2015





ACTION ITEMS





A. Announcement of vacancy for Frank Crumb's position representing municipalities, call for nominations to fill vacancy, and vote to fill vacancy

Jody Puckett
Region C Chair



Election

- Frank resigned April 21, 2015
- Announce Vacancy for “Municipalities” Interest Group
- Frank recommends John Carman
- Other nominations

- Vote to fill Vacancy



B. Announcement of vacancy for Thomas La Point's position representing the public, call for nominations to fill vacancy, and vote to fill vacancy

Jody Puckett
Region C Chair



Election

- Thomas La Point resigned April 8, 2015
- Announce Vacancy for “Public” Interest Group
- Current alternate John Lingenfelder
- Other nominations

- Vote to fill Vacancy



C. Discuss comments received on Initially Prepared Plan; Consider approval/adoption of changes to be made

Jody Puckett, Region C Chair
Tom Gooch, Freese & Nichols



Comments

- Public Hearing
- 2 State Agencies
- 6 WWPs
- 3 organizations
- 1 media outlet
- 1 individual submitted a report
- Emails
 - 16 persons with unique email messages
 - 1 message received from 283 persons

Comments-Letter or Report format

Name	Representing
Jeff Walker	Texas Water Development Board
Ross Melinchuck	Texas Parks and Wildlife
Oran Caudle	self
David Foster & Rita Beving	Clean Water Fund
Denis W. Qualls, P.E.	Dallas Water Utilities
Jo M. (Jody) Puckett, P.E.	Dallas Water Utilities
Kara Shuror	City of Fort Worth
Rachel Baker Ford	Garland Democratic Voice
Ken Kramer	Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club
Wayne Owen	Tarrant Regional Water District
Janice Bezanson	Texas Conservation Alliance
Monty D. Shank	Upper Neches River Municipal Water Authority
Larry Patterson	Upper Trinity Regional Water District

Comments-e-mail format

Name	Subject Line
Sharon Manicom	Water Conservation
Curtis and Jane Hoffman	from Curtis and Jane Hoffman Dallas TX
Judy Jones	PROPER WATER CONSERVATION
Margaret and Clay Elkins	Regional Reservoirs Not a good option
Pavlos and Deborah Papathanasiou	water recycling project that we all want tohe
Judy and Tristan Hunt	Water Conservation
Susan Chazanow	Region C Water Plan
Patty Canavan	Reservoirs
Carol Reeder	Water Conservation
John & Sandra Dickey	Water planning
Jane Shaw Taylor	water recycling
Mike Shelby and Susan Bishop	New reservoirs North Texas
Anne Redelfs	Region C water
Becky Bornhorst	Region C comments
League of Women Voters of Dallas (Susybelle Gosslee)	Testimony from League of Women Voters of Dallas on Region C Water Plan
Sharon Richey	Region C Water - What's needed: Additional conservation, and additional education to get the job done
283 Individuals	Comments on the 2016 Region C Initially Prepared Plan (IPP)

TWDB Comments

- Document that TWDB rules were followed
- Add more detail in appropriate chapters (from other places within Plan)
- Tie quantitative data ranges to strategy ranking
 - Develop range of acreages and other quantitative elements associated with the 0-5 (low/medium/high) ranking
 - Include more data from App P into Chapter 5B
- Include add'l quantitative data if available
- Misc cost estimate comments

Parks & Wildlife (TPWD)

Comments

- Add more detail in appropriate chapters (from other places within Plan)
- Clarify/Add to list of Threatened and Endangered Species
- DFC's should consider protection of springs or GW/surface water interaction

Parks & Wildlife (TPWD)

Comments (Cont.)

- Include add'l quantitative data if available
 - Linear stream distances impacted
 - Lower Bois d'Arc environmental flows
 - Marvin Nichols (smaller footprint)
 - Add'l info on raising of Wright Patman
- Update information on Zebra Mussel presence (as of July 2015)

General Comments

- More conservation & more efficient use of water
 - Achieve state goal of 140 gpcd;
 - Better enforcement of restrictions;
 - Reduce water losses (to 10% like Region H);
 - Drought contingency plans;
 - Perceived low percentage of WUGs implementing conservation.
- More reuse/water recycling
- No new reservoirs

General Comments (Cont.)

- Stop further urbanization
- Utilize ASR (Aquifer Storage and Recovery)
- Utilize Lake O' the Pines; comments assert that 89,600 af/y is available.
- Ban/curtail oil fracking due to high water use
- Plan does not recognize or study the impacts of climate change

Changes to Plan

- Address TWDB & TPWD comments
- Address other misc. comments where they are specific (clarify or correct data)
- No changes to major Strategies
 - Exception may be change in Sulphur Basin Strategy based on outcome of interregional conflict resolution

RCWPG Action

- Consider approval/adoption of the proposed changes and any other changes deemed necessary



D. Consider action related to TWDB's finding of an interregional conflict between 2016 Region C and Region D Initially Prepared Plans

Jody Puckett, Region C Chair



2016 Interregional Conflict

- Separate from 2011 Interregional Conflict
- July 21 - Region D letter asserting conflict
- Aug 8 - TWDB Memo
 - Each Region to submit a brief
 - Chairs to address TWDB on Sept 9
- Sept 9 – TWDB finds conflict does exist
 - Directs Regions to begin mediation by Oct 5
 - Directs Regions to designate representatives for mediation by Sept 30

2016 Interregional Conflict

- RCWPG Action needed:
 - Designate representatives for mediation
 - Potentially authorize consultants to make changes to Region C Plan if needed
 - Other



E. Consider designating Sulphur River Basin Authority as a Wholesale Water Provider

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Tom Gooch, Freese and Nichols



WWP Designation

- **Definition of Wholesale Water Provider**

(TAC Title 31, Parr 10, Ch 357, 357.10(30))

Any person or entity, including river authorities and irrigation districts, that has contracts to sell more than 1,000 acre-feet of water wholesale in any one year during the five years immediately preceding the adoption of the last regional water plan. The regional water planning groups shall include as wholesale water providers other persons and entities that enter or that the regional water planning group expects or recommends to enter contracts to sell more than 1,000 acre-feet of water wholesale during the period covered by the plan.

WWP Designation

- Letter from Sulphur River Basin Authority to TWDB dated Sept 1, 2015
- SRBA requesting to be designated as a WWP
- Regions have ability to designate their own WWPs.

- Action: Consider designating SRBA as a WWP



F. Consider appointing Nominating Committee for slate of officers for 2016

Jody Puckett, Region C Chair





G. Consider selection of consultant for fifth cycle of regional planning

Jody Puckett
Region C Chair





H. Consider authorization for TRA to contract with consultant for fifth cycle of regional planning

Jody Puckett
Region C Chair





I. Consider authorizing Chair and/or TRA to seek reimbursement for out-of-scope work performed by consultant related to Quantitative Analysis of Marvin Nichols Reservoir and 2011 interregional conflict resolution. Authorize amendments to all contracts as necessary

Jody Puckett
Region C Chair



Reimbursement of work

- Aug 2014 – TWDB orders quantitative analysis of impacts of Marvin Nichols
 - Part of 2011 Interregional Conflict Resolution
 - Not included in scope of 4th cycle (2016 Plan)
- Oct 2014 – Freese and Nichols produced detailed report without compensation (\$30K)
- Unused budget in current Task 12 (2011 Prioritization) (~\$25K)
- Request TWDB allow Task 12 unused funds to pay FNI for work done

Reimbursement of work

- RCWPG Action:
 - Consider authorizing Chair and/or TRA to formally request that TWDB allow unused Task 12 funds to be used to reimburse consultant for this work ordered by TWDB
 - Consider authorizing TRA to amend contracts necessary to allow this reimbursement.



DISCUSSION ITEMS





A. Public Hearing Update

Tom Gooch
Freese and Nichols, Inc.



Public Hearing

- Held June 24, 2015, Arlington
- All public notice requirements met
- Overview of plan presented
- Ten public speakers
 - David Foster, Clean Water Fund
 - Rita Beving, Clean Water Fund
 - Helen Bush
 - Janice Bezanson, Texas Conservation Alliance
 - Wayne Owen, Tarrant Regional WD
 - Larry Patterson, Upper Trinity Regional WD
 - Julia Burgen
 - Rachel Baker Ford, Garland Democratic Voice
 - Bob Fusinato
 - Carol Spruiell, Texas Conservation Alliance



B. Remaining Tasks – Schedule

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Freese and Nichols, Inc.



Remaining Tasks

- Make changes to Plan based on comments
- Misc. DB17 “clean up”
- Develop reports not generated by DB17
- Prioritization of 2016 strategies (for SWIFT funding)
- Infrastructure Financing Report
- Socio-Economic Analysis
- Finalize Plan
- Final Newsletter of 4th cycle

Schedule

- Now thru October - Update Plan
- Oct 5 – Begin Mediation (interregional conflict)
- Mid-Oct – Prioritization subcommittee to meet
- Nov 2 – Post Final Plan on Region C website
- Nov 9 – RCWPG meeting, consider approval of Final Plan
- By Dec 1 – Submit Final Plan to TWDB, then distribute to libraries/clerks
- Dec – Final newsletter of 4th cycle



C. Prioritization

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Prioritization

- 576 Projects in 2016 Plan
 - 300+ Conservation
 - 20+ Reuse projects
 - 50+ Water Treatment Plants/Expansions
 - 5 Reservoirs
 - Multiple Pipelines
 - Other Misc

Prioritization

- Similar to 2011 Prioritization process
- TWDB template w/ questions and scoring
- RCWPG developed methodology for 2011 Prioritization; use similar
- Consultant currently scoring projects
- Subcommittee to meet mid-Oct
- Finalize



D. Infrastructure Financing Report

Tom Gooch
Freese and Nichols, Inc.



IFR

- IFR Surveys generated by TWDB
- Intent – gather info on what projects will need TWDB funding
- Consultants mailed 286 survey
 - WUGs
 - WWPs
 - County judges, others
- Received 30 responses (accounting for >40% of capital costs in the Plan)
- Responses input into TWDB spreadsheet
- Write Chapter 9 text



E. Socio-Economic Analysis

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Freese and Nichols, Inc.



Socio-Economic Analysis

- Analysis quantifies (\$) impact of not meeting water needs
- TWDB will perform
- Based on information in DB17
- DB17 data verified accurate by consultants
- TWDB will run analysis early Oct



F. December Newsletter

Colby Walton
Cooksey Communications



Proposed Newsletter Content

- **Articles**

- Overview of 2016 Plan, including:
 - Who is the Region C Water Planning Group?
 - What is Region C's Geographic Area?
 - How Does Regional Water Planning Work?
 - Why is Regional Water Planning Important?
 - What was the Public Input Process?
 - What are the Plan's Recommended Strategies?
 - How Important are Conservation and Reuse?
 - Which Major, Feasible Strategies Were Not Recommended, and Why?
 - How Can I Obtain a Copy of the Plan?
 - What Happens Next?

Proposed Newsletter Content

- **Articles, continued**
 - Glossary of Region C Water Planning Terms
 - Update on New Members, Officer Elections
 - Planning Group Roster

Development & Approval Process

- **October:** Articles drafted, sent to consultants and officers for review
- **November:** Initial layout prepared by printer and presented to Planning Group
- **Early December:** Final newsletter produced and distributed via mail, e-mail



Other Discussion

- A. Updates from the Chair
- B. Report from Regional Liaisons
- C. Report from Texas Water Development Board





Other Discussion

- D. Report from Texas Department of Agriculture
- E. Report from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- F. Other Reports





Other Discussion

- G. Confirm Date and Location of Next Meeting
- H. Public Comments





Adjournment





Thank you for attending.

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