

## REGION C WATER PLANNING GROUP

TO: REGION C WATER PLANNING GROUP

FROM: JO (JODY) M. PUCKETT, CHAIR

SUBJECT: JANUARY 26, 2015 PUBLIC MEETING

DATE: JANUARY 16, 2015

This memorandum will serve as a notice that the Region C Water Planning Group (RCWPG) is holding a public meeting at **1:00 P.M. on Monday, JANUARY 26, 2015**, at the **Trinity River Authority's Central Wastewater Treatment Plant<sup>1,2</sup>, 6500 W. Singleton Boulevard, Grand Prairie, Texas, 75212**. An agenda has been prepared for the meeting and is attached to this memorandum for your information. The following is a brief overview of the agenda items to be discussed:

### OPEN MEETING

- I. ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 27, 2014
- III. ACTION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- A. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 15-1 Thanking Jim Parks for Service to the RCWPG

The RCWPG will consider adoption of Resolution No. 15-1 thanking Jim Parks for his many years of service to the RCWPG, including his 12 years as Chair.

- B. Announcement of Vacancy for Jim Park's Position Representing Water Districts, Call for Nominations to Fill Vacancy, and Vote to Fill Vacancy

Mr. Parks submitted his notice of resignation December 31, 2014. In his resignation letter, Mr. Parks recommended his current alternate and successor at the North Texas Municipal Water District, Tom Kula, be elected as his replacement.

RCWPG Bylaws in Article VI. Voting Membership, Section 2, provide that after a vacancy occurs of a voting member, the RCWPG shall have an agenda item on the next available publicly posted meeting notice declaring the vacancy and considering nominations from the public and the

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<sup>1</sup> Persons with disabilities who plan to attend the Region C Water Planning Group meeting – and who may need auxiliary aids or services such as mobility assistance, interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing-impaired, readers, large print, or Braille – are requested to contact Lee Shaffer in the TRA Central Wastewater Treatment Plant at (972) 263-2251 at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

<sup>2</sup> The TRA Central Regional Wastewater Plant is a secured facility. Members of the public interested in attending this meeting must provide government-issued identification prior to entering the plant site. Please be sure extra time is allotted for this security check. No person will be allowed to enter the facility without proper identification. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

membership. If no nominations are forthcoming, the Chairman shall appoint a nominating committee to provide nominations at the next regular meeting of the RCWPG. Members' whose terms have expired shall continue to serve on the RCWPG until such time as the vacancy created by the expired term has been filled. Selection of any voting member must be approved by two-thirds of the voting members present at a properly posted meeting.

C. Consider Adoption of Errata #4 to *2011 Region C Water Plan*

The RCWPG will consider adoption of Errata #4 to *2011 Region C Water Plan*. This Errata was presented to the RCWPG at the October 27, 2014 RCWPG meeting. The Errata contains minor corrections to specific costs presented in the 2011 plan.

D. Consider action, as needed, related to TWDB's Final Resolution of the Interregional Conflict between Region C and Region D regarding the Marvin Nichols Reservoir Water Management Strategy.

On January 8, 2015, TWDB Board reached a final decision on the Interregional Conflict, ruling that the Marvin Nichols Reservoir should remain in the 2011 Region C Water Plan as a recommend strategy (See TWDB Order dated January 8, 2015). The *2011 Region C Water Plan* must be revised to reflect the conflict resolution. RCWPG must hold a public hearing to accept public comment on the Revision, and hold a subsequent Region C public meeting at which the RCWPG will consider Adoption of the Revised Plan. RCWPG must submit the Revised 2011 Plan to TWDB by March 20, 2015. RCWPG will consider setting a date for a public hearing and setting a date for a RCWPG public meeting to Adopt the Revised 2011 Plan. RCWPG may also take other action as necessary to comply with the TWDB Order.

E. Address from TWDB Board Member Kathleen Jackson

F. Consider Action regarding Groundwater Management Areas 8 and 12

Groundwater Management Areas 8 and 12 are currently in the process of developing Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) for their approved Groundwater Models. Once set, these DFC's will be used to calculate Managed Available Groundwater values that are required to be used in the 2021 Region C Water Plan. The RCWPG will consider approval of a letter addressed to GMA8 and GMA12 requesting that RCWPG be involved in setting the DFCs.

G. Consider Setting Date for Public Hearing on *2016 Initially Prepared Region C Water Plan*

Region C is required to hold a Public Hearing for the purpose of taking comments on the *2016 Initially Prepared Region C Water Plan* which will be submitted to the TWDB on May 1, 2015. The hearing is to be held after the Plan is submitted and has been made available to the public.

- H. Consider Authorizing Trinity River Authority to post Request for Qualifications for procurement of consultant to perform work on the 2021 Region C Water Plan

Regional Planning rules require that all RWPGs go through a procurement process at the beginning of each planning cycle to select consultants to perform contracted scope of work. This procurement process involves publishing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Consider approval of RFQ and TRA's posting of RFQ.

- I. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 15-2 Designating Trinity River Authority as Political Subdivision for the remainder of the 4th round of planning, effective January 26, 2015

At the October 27, 2014 RCWPG meeting, the RCWPG voted to designate Trinity River Authority as Political Subdivision beginning in the 5<sup>th</sup> round of planning. However, since that time NTMWD and TRA have agreed to make this transition effective immediately rather than at the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> round of planning.

- J. Consider Amending RCWPG By-Laws to reflect change in Political Subdivision effective January 26, 2015

- K. Consider Approval of Amendment #6 to the Contract with TWDB and Corresponding Contract Amendment with Consultants

Consider Approval of Amendment #6 between TWDB and NTWMD changing the Contracting Agent (Political Subdivision) from NTWMD to TRA, and Consider Authorizing NTWMD and TRA to execute said contract amendment on behalf of the RCWPG. Authorize TRA to execute corresponding contract amendment with Freese and Nichols.

- L. Consider Approval of Amendment #7 to the Contract with TWDB and Corresponding Contract Amendment with Consultants

Consider Approval of Amendment #7 to incorporate changes requested by TWDB for all Regional Planning Groups, including the deletion of a draft prioritization of 2016 Plan projects and change in submission date for the Final 2016 Regional Water Plan. Authorize TRA to execute corresponding contract amendment with Freese and Nichols.

- M. Consider Authorizing TRA to post public notice that TRA will be applying for 5<sup>th</sup> round Regional Water Planning funds on behalf of the RCWPG

This notice must be posted at least 30 days prior to TWDB Board action, which is anticipated to occur the second week of April.

- N. Consider Authorizing TRA to submit application for 5<sup>th</sup> Round Regional Planning Funds on behalf of the RCWPG

This application must be submitted by March 3, 2015.

- O. Consider Authorizing TRA to execute contract with TWDB for the 5<sup>th</sup> Round of Regional Planning on behalf of the RCWPG

This contract must be execute by August 1, 2015.

- P. Consider Approval of Use of Safe Yield for Dallas Supplies in the 2016 Region C Water Plan

The City of Dallas has requested a variance from the requirement of using firm yield to calculate supply availability in the 2016 Region C Water Plan.

- Q. Consider Support of the City of Bedford's requested Minor Amendment to the *2011 Region C Water Plan*

The City of Bedford is seeking RCWPG support of its efforts to seek a Minor Amendment to the *2011 Region C Water Plan*. A representative of Bedford will present information related to this request.

Items for RCWPG Consideration:

- Consider approval to support the City of Bedford's proposed Minor Amendment to the *2011 Region C Water Plan*.
- Consider authorization, contingent upon RCWPG support, for the Region C political subdivision to submit a Minor Amendment Determination Request to the TWDB Executive Administrator for the City of Bedford's proposed Minor Amendment.

- R. Consider Approval of March 2015 Newsletter

Consider approval of the March 2015 Newsletter or consider allowing approval to be performed via email by RCWPG at a later date. Article topics include: Update on Regional Planning Progress, Update on Interregional Conflict between Regions C and D, Regional drought conditions, New Planning Group member and officers, recognition of Jim Parks.

#### IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Schedule Update

Consultants will provide an update on the Regional Planning schedule.

- B. Support of Grant Applications for Region C water providers

The City of Arlington has requested a letter from Region C's Chair to the Bureau of Reclamation supporting Arlington's grant application for WaterSMART meters. The City of Mansfield has notified RCWPG (as required) regarding its filing of an application for Texas Water Development Board Flood Protection Planning Grant.

C. Regions H and L Amendments affecting the 2012 State Water Plan

Both Region H and Region L have amended their 2011 Regional Plans to include various water management strategies. The TWDB will be considering amendments to the 2012 State Water Plan as a result of these two regional plan amendments. All RCWPGs must be notified of this action. TWDB will consider action at its January 29, 2105 Board meeting.

D. Letter from Drought Preparedness Council

All regional planning groups received a letter from the Drought Preparedness Council offering assistance on any drought related issues and offering recommendations to be included in the 2016 Regional Plans. Consultants will include these recommendations in the plan.

E. Update on Region C Water Management Strategy - Lower Bois d'Arc Reservoir

Consultants will give a brief update on the current status of permitting and other information regarding the proposed Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir.

F. Potentially Feasible Water Management Strategies

It is required that the list of all Potentially Feasible Water Management Strategies be presented to the RCWPG. This list has been previously presented, but there have been additional potential strategies added to this list so an update will be given.

G. Progress on Tasks

Consultants will provide an update on status of work on all tasks.

V. OTHER DISCUSSION

A. Updates from the Chair

B. Report from Regional Liaisons

C. Report from Texas Water Development Board

D. Report from Texas Department of Agriculture

E. Report from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

F. Other Reports

G. Confirm Date and Location of Next Meeting – Possible dates include: March 16 and April 20, 2015, 1:00 P.M., TRA Central Wastewater Treatment Plant, 6500 W. Singleton Blvd, Grand Prairie, Texas.

H. Public Comments

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The following items are enclosed with this memorandum:

1. RCWPG Agenda – January 26, 2015
2. RCWPG Minutes – October 27, 2014

cc: Ms. Fiona Allen, Designated Alternate for Kevin Ward  
Ms. Marion Henderson, Designated Alternate for Robert Scott  
Mr. Tim Fisher, Designated Alternate for Howard Martin  
Judge Spanky Carter, Designated Alternate for G. K. Maenius  
Ms. Sharon Hayes, Designated Alternate for James Hotopp  
Mr. Joe Kana, Designated Alternate for Jim McCarter  
Ms. Mary Vogelsson, Designated Alternate for Dr. Thomas LaPoint  
Mr. Jim Oliver, Designated Alternate for Jack Stevens  
Mr. Tom Kula, Designated Alternate for Jim Parks  
Mr. Craig Schkade, Designated Alternate for Russell Laughlin  
Mr. Ron Sellman, Designated Alternate for Drew Satterwhite  
Mr. Denis Qualls, Designated Alternate for Jody Puckett  
Vacant, Designated Alternate for Bob Riley  
Mr. Andy Cronberg, Designated Alternate for Frank Crumb  
Mr. Tim Welch, Designated Alternate for Steve Mundt  
Mr. Dennis Donoho, Designated Alternate for Connie Standridge  
Mr. Gary Clayton, Designated Alternate for Tom Woodward  
Mr. David Rutledge, Designated Alternate for Gary Spicer  
Mr. Jay Barksdale, Designated Alternate for Bill Ceverha  
Mr. John Alford, Designated Alternate for David Bailey  
Vacant, Designated Alternate for Gary Douglas  
Mr. Thomas Smith, Designated Alternate for Harold Latham  
Ms. Connie Townsend, TWDB  
Mr. Darrell Dean, TDA  
Mr. Adam Whisenant, TPWD  
Mr. Curtis Campbell, Region B Representative  
Ms. Sharron Nabors, Region D Representative  
Mr. Walt Sears, Region D Administrator  
Mr. Joe Cooper, Region G Representative  
Mr. Mike Harbordt, Region I Representative  
Mr. Tom Gooch, Freese and Nichols, Inc.  
Mr. Jim Nichols, Freese and Nichols, Inc.  
Ms. Amy Kaarlela, Freese and Nichols, Inc.  
Mr. Chris Schmid, CP&Y, Inc.  
Mr. Alan Plummer, Alan Plummer & Associates, Inc.

Mr. Preston Dillard, Alan Plummer & Associates, Inc.  
Ms. Gail Cooksey, Cooksey Communications, Inc.  
Mr. Colby Walton, Cooksey Communications, Inc.