

REGION C WATER PLANNING GROUP
MINUTES OF AN OPEN PUBLIC MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2014

The Region C Water Planning Group (RCWPG) met in an open public meeting on Monday, October 27, 2014, 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.

Chairman Parks called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 P.M. Chairman Parks welcomed guests and asked that those interested in speaking complete a speaker registration form.

Chairman Parks welcomed TWDB Board member Bech Bruun and his Chief of Staff, Laura Graber. Mr. Bruun thanked the RCWPG members for their participation in the regional water planning process. Mr. Bruun provided an update on HB4 and SWIFT. The TWDB Board will consider final rules at their upcoming Board meeting on November 6, 2014.

ROLL CALL

Melisa Fuller conducted a roll call. The following members were in attendance:

David Bailey	Jim Parks
Bill Ceverha	Denis Qualls (Alt. for Jody Puckett)
Andy Cronberg (Alt. for Frank Crumb)	Drew Satterwhite
Gary Douglass	Robert Scott
James Hotopp	Connie Standridge
Harold Latham	Jack Stevens
Tim Fisher (Alt. for Howard Martin)	Kevin Ward
Steve Mundt	Tom Woodward

Thomas LaPoint, Russell Laughlin, G. K. Maenius, Jim McCarter, Bob Rylie, and Gary Spicer were absent from the meeting. Connie Townsend of the TWDB, Adam Whisenant of the TPWD, Darrell Dean of the TDA, and David Nabors of the Region D Water Planning Group were also in attendance. The registration lists signed by guests in attendance are attached.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 18, 2014

The minutes of the August 18, 2014, RCWPG meeting were approved by consensus.

II. ACTION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- A. Receive Report from Nominating Committee for 2015 Slate of Officers;
Consider Election of 2015 RCWPG Officers

Kevin Ward provided a report from the Nominating Committee recommended the following slate of officers for 2015:

Jody Puckett – Chairman
Russell Laughlin – Vice Chairman
Kevin Ward – Secretary

There were no registered speakers on this item.

Chairman Parks asked for additional nominations and none were received. Nominations were closed.

Upon a motion by Jim Oliver and a second by Steve Mundt, the RCWPG voted unanimously to elect the following slate of officers for 2015 recommended by the Nominating Committee for 2015 as follows:

Jody Puckett – Chairman
Russell Laughlin – Vice Chairman
Kevin Ward – Secretary

- B. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 14-3 Designating Trinity River Authority as Political Subdivision and Administrative Agency to Act on Behalf of RCWPG

Chairman Jim Parks reviewed Resolution No. 14-3 designating Trinity River Authority (TRA) as the political subdivision and administrative agency to act on behalf of RCWPG. The resolution designated TRA as the political subdivision beginning with the 5th round of regional water planning, and designated North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) to continue to serve as the political subdivision for the completion of the 4th round of regional water planning. Resolution No. 14-3 designated TRA to begin serving as the Administrative Agent effective January 1, 2015.

There were no public comments received on this action item.

Upon a motion by Denis Qualls and a second by Bill Ceverha, the RCWPG voted unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 14-3.

C. Consider Amending RCWPG By-Law to Define Political Subdivision and Administrative Agency

Chairman Jim Parks reviewed the proposed amendments to the RCWPG Bylaws. The proposed amendments are to Article III. Administration and clearly defines Political Subdivision, Administrative Agent and Administrative Offices and reflects the changes adopted through Resolution No. 14-3 listed above.

There were no public comments received on this action item.

Upon a motion by James Hotopp and a second by Jim Oliver, the RCWPG voted unanimously to adopt the amendments to the Bylaws as proposed.

D. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 14-4 Appointing a RCWPG Sub-Group for the Purpose of Reviewing Task 8 Items, including Unique Stream Segments and Reservoir Sites and Legislative Recommendations

Chairman Jim Parks reviewed Resolution No. 14-4, which appoints a RCWPG Sub-Group for the purpose of reviewing Task 8 items, including Unique Stream Segments and Reservoir Sites and legislative recommendations.

The following Region C members were appointed to serve on this Sub-Group:

1. Adams Whisenant
2. Kevin Ward
3. Bill Ceverha
4. James Hotopp
5. Connie Standridge
6. Tom Woodward
7. Denis Qualls
8. Jim Parks
9. Jim Oliver

Tom Woodward will serve as Chairman.

There were no public comments on this action item.

On a motion by Bob Scott and a second by Denis Qualls, the RCWPG voted unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 14-4 appointing the Sub-Group as noted above.

- E. Receive Update on Interregional Conflict Resolution; Consider Approval of Submittal to TWDB Regarding the Interregional Conflict Resolution

Director Bech Bruun excused himself from the meeting and left the meeting.

Tom Gooch provided an update on the Interregional Conflict Resolution and reviewed the draft Analysis and Quantification of Impacts of Marvin Nichols. FNI utilized existing information and followed the TWDB regional planning guidelines.

Mr. Gooch reviewed the Analysis and Quantification of the impacts on agricultural resources including:

- Requirements
- Available Data
- Environmental Water Needs
- Wildlife Habitat
- Cultural Resources
- Bays, Estuaries, Arms of the Gulf of Mexico
- Threatened and Endangered species
- Impacts due to inundation of land potentially useful as agricultural resources
- Impacts due to inundation of prime farmland
- Impacts on timberland

Mr. Gooch reviewed some suggested revisions to the submitted draft as follows:

- Page 13, mention coordination with Indian tribes on archeological issues
- Page 15, clarify discussion
- Page 18, Table 6, add % other land cover

Kevin Ward suggested adding historic mitigation requirements from the USACE.

Chairman Parks discussed funding this effort in the future on other strategies. The cost would be prohibitive with the current funding. Clearer direction will be needed as to what is required for budgeting the next cycle of regional water planning.

Mr. Gooch recommended the RCWPG approve submittal to TWDB by the deadline of November 3, 2014, with the ability to make minor editorial corrections if needed.

There were no public comments on this item.

On a motion by Jim Oliver and a second by Bill Ceverha, the RCWPG voted unanimously to approve submittal to the TWDB the by November 3, 2014, with minor editorial corrections.

F. Consider Approval of Fall 2014 Newsletter

Colby Walter reviewed the draft 2014 newsletter. Upcoming articles included:

- Planning Group makes progress on 2016 Water Plan
- Update on Interregional Conflict
- Water Conservation and Reuse Remain a Top Priority
- Where the Rain Falls Really Matters
- New, Improved Groundwater Availability Model Nearly Ready for Launch
- The Changing Face of Texas Water Project Funding

The recurring section to be included are:

- Next meeting information
- Planning Group overview and roster

There were no registered speakers on this item.

On a motion by Tom Woodward and a second by Kevin Ward, the RCWPG voted unanimously to approve the Fall 2014 newsletter as submitted.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Schedule Update

Amy Kaarlela presented a project schedule update including the following key items for 2014/2015:

- Task 12 – Submittal of 2011 Prioritization was made September 1
- December 2015 – the final plans are now due December 1, 2015
- Task 13 – Draft 2016 Prioritization requirement has been deleted
- Potential 2015 meetings – January, April, possibly September, and November
- Public Hearing for IPP – summer 2015
- 2014 Deadline/Deliverables

- November 3 – Submittal to TWDB related to Interregional Conflict Resolution
- 2015 Milestones
 - Public hearing for Interregional Conflict
 - April 2 – DB 17 strategy module available
 - May 1 – Initially Prepared Plan
 - May-August – TWDB Comment Period on IPP
 - Summer – Public Comment Period on IPP
 - Summer – DB17 entry
 - Fall – Revise plan per comments (if needed)
 - December 1 – Final Plan and Final 2016 Prioritization
- 2015 Meetings
 - January
 - April – Approve IPP
 - Summer – Public Hearing on IPP (not regular RCWPG meeting)
 - Early Fall – Address Comments on IPP
 - November – Approve Final Plan and Final 2016 Prioritization

B. Upcoming Contract Amendments

Amy Kaarlela reviewed upcoming contract amendments required by TWDB as follows:

- All Regions performing amendments
- Eliminate requirement for 2016 Draft Prioritization of projects
- Minor “clean-up” regarding timing of hearings and IPP submittals
- Allow budget to be shifted between Task 12 and 13 (2011 and 2016 Prioritization)
- Extend deadline for final plans from November 1 to December 1, 2015

The proposed contract amendments will be considered at the next RCWPG meeting.

C. Errata #4 to 2011 Region C Water Plan

Amy Kaarlela reviewed the Errata #4 to the 2011 Region C Water Plan, which was drafted in February 2013 and included:

- Corrected cost for Ralph Hall in two places
- Other minor corrections to costs
- No change in strategies
- Tabled due to lack of “approved” Region C Plan (per TWDB)

- Referenced in 2011 Prioritization recently submitted
- Region C to consider approval at next meeting
- TWDB cannot approve this Errata until full 2011 Region C Water Plan is amended and/or reapproved

D. Present Chapter 3, Currently Available Water Supply

Keeley Kirksey reviewed Chapter 3, Currently Available Water Supply. Ms. Kirksey reviewed the reasons for changes in available supplies in Region C as follows:

- Changes in WAMS
- Extended Lake Chapman hydrology
- TRWD using safe rather than firm yield
- DWU using managed yield rather than firm yield (not yet incorporated into previous table)
- Groundwater (2,300 ac-ft/yr increase in 2070)
 - Decreased availability in Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer
 - Increased availability in Queen, Nacatoch, and minor aquifers
- Water Rights
 - GTUA – Texoma
- Reuse (35,350 ac-ft/yr increase in 2060)
 - Increased reuse
 - New Permits
- Expansion of Fort Worth's Village Creek Reclaimed Water Delivery System
- TRWD Richland-Chambers Reservoir Reuse Project
- Dallas Indirect Reuse

E. Present portions of Chapter 5 and related Appendix outlining Water Conservation Recommendations

Preston Dillard presented portions of Chapter 5 and related Appendix outlining Water Conservation recommendations as follows:

- Conservation developments since the 2011 plan
- Region C water conservation progress
- Region C Water reuse developments since 2011 plan
- Ongoing conservation concerns
- 2007-2011 Residential GPCD Comparison
- 2012 municipal water use/total water use
- 2012 municipal water use/statewide municipal water use
- Recommended municipal water conservation package and changes from 2011 plan

- Recommended non-municipal water conservation strategies
 - Low flow plumbing fixture rules
 - Efficient new residential clothes washer standards
 - Efficient new residential dishwasher
 - Enhanced public and school education
 - Price elasticity/rate structure impacts
 - Enhanced water loss control program
 - Time-of-day irrigation restriction
 - Water waste prohibition
 - Reuse of treated wastewater effluent
 - Manufacturing general rebate
 - Golf course conservation
- Criteria for recommended water conservation strategies
- Water demand projections and water conservation
- Region C municipal demand and supply projections
- Region C municipal GPCD projections

In summary, Mr. Dillard reported the following:

- Implemented conservation strategies have contributed to reductions in per capita water demand throughout the Region
- Water Conservation and reuse continue to play a large role in future water management strategies for Region C
- Recommended water conservation and reuse is projected to achieve (and surpass) the voluntary WCAC target of 140 GPCD

F. Present Work on Task 7, Drought Response Information

Amy Kaarlela reviewed Task 7, which is a new requirement in this round of planning. Task 7 includes:

- 7.1 Description of Current Drought Preparation
 - Collecting/analyzing Drought Contingency Plans
- 7.2 Drought of Record (Description)
- 7.3 Emergency Interconnect
 - Collecting info
 - Contacting water supplies
 - Subgroup to meet – March-April 2015 to approve
- 7.4 RCWPG recommendations for drought triggers and actions
 - # of stages
 - Water reduction goals
- 7.5 Emergency Response
 - High-level review, “180 days” list, “universe of options”
 - Evaluate WUGs

- <7,500 population and only one source of supply
- All county-other WUGS
- 7.6 Other Drought-Related considerations and RCWPG recommendations
- 7.7 Model Drought Contingency Plan
 - 3 stages to match most major WWPs current plans
 - Draft prepared
 - Model will be available electronically to WUGs

G. Supplemental Wells

Tom Gooch presented information on supplemental wells including the following:

- “Supplemental Wells” – replacement of aging wells
- Not included in 2001 Region C Plan
- Subsequently, a Region C WUG denied TWDB financing for replacement well because it was not in 2001 Region C Plan
- Included in 2006 and 2011 Region C Plans

H. 5th Cycle of Regional Water Planning (2021 Regional Plans)

Amy Kaarlela reviewed the upcoming 5th cycle of regional water planning. She advised that the initial contracts for the 5th cycle of regional planning must be executed by August 31, 2014; RWPG’s need to re-procure technical consultants; and the threshold may be lowered for the size of WUGs – higher number of WUGs – better plan for rural entities.

I. Update on Remaining Tasks and Next Steps

Amy Kaarlela reviewed the next steps including:

- Submittal of Interregional Conflict document by November 3
- Other interregional conflict resolution items
- Strategy evaluation (now through Spring 2015)
- Two RCWPG meetings until IPP due (January and April 2015)

Amy Kaarlela reviewed the remaining tasks including:

- Task 4 – Strategy evaluation and recommendations
- Task 6 – Impacts of Regional Water Plan
- Task 7 – Drought response
- Task 8 – Unique Streams/Reservoirs and Legislative recommendations
- Task 11 – Implementation and comparison to previous plans

Amy also advised of recent communications from the TWDB as follows:

- October 8 – Received TWDB letter acknowledging receipt of final prioritization of projects from 2011 Region C Plan
- October 15 – All regions received TWDB letter notifying RWPGs that TWDB will considering amendment 2012 State Water Plan to include a seawater desalination strategy for Region N.

IV. OTHER DISCUSSION

A. Updates from the Chair

N/A

B. Report from Regional Liaisons

Brief reports were given by the following liaisons:

- Region B – No report
- Region D – No report
- Region G – No report
- Region H – Kevin Ward reported Region H has not met since our last meeting
- Region I – Last meeting August 7. Adopted 2011 prioritization projects, ratified 4C, updated from APAI. Have not set next meeting.

C. Report from Texas Water Development Board

Connie Townsend mentioned that HB4 Stakeholder meeting will be January 13-14, 2014, in Austin to revisit the uniform standards.

D. Report from Texas Department of Agriculture

No report.

E. Report from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Adam Whisenant mentioned that zebra mussels have spread to Lake Waco. TPWD are working with the boating community to clean, drain, and dry boats.

F. Other Reports

It was mentioned that Jim Parks will be honored at the next RCWPG meeting for his service as Chairman.

G. Confirm Date and Location of Next Meeting

The next RCWPG meeting was tentatively scheduled for Monday, January 26, 2015, at 1:00 P.M. at TRA Central Wastewater Treatment Plant.

H. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting of the RCWPG adjourned at approximately 3:31 P.M.

JIM PARKS, Chairman

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