

**REGION C WATER PLANNING GROUP**  
MINUTES OF AN OPEN PUBLIC MEETING  
AUGUST 5, 2013

The Region C Water Planning Group (RCWPG) met in an open public meeting on Monday, August 5, 2013, 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.

I. ROLL CALL

Secretary Russell Laughlin conducted a roll call. The following members were in attendance:

David Bailey	Nick Sanders (Alt. for Steve Mundt)
Jay Barksdale (Alt. for Bill Ceverha)	Jim Parks
Jerry Chapman	Jody Puckett
Andy Cronberg (Alt. for Frank Crumb)	David Rutledge (Alt. for Gary Spicer)
Gary Douglas	Bob Scott
Thomas LaPoint	Connie Standridge
Harold Latham	Jack Stevens
Russell Laughlin	Kevin Ward
Tim Fisher (Alt. for Howard Martin)	Tom Woodward
Joe Kana (Alt. for Jim McCarter)	

Steve Berry, James Hotopp, and G. K. Maenius were absent from the meeting. Matt Nelson of the TWDB, Adam Whisenant of the TPWD, and Greg Magee of the TDA were also in attendance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 25, 2013

The minutes of the March 25, 2013, RCWPG meeting were approved by consensus.

III. PRESENTATION BY GUEST SPEAKER – STATE CLIMATOLOGIST, DR. JOHN NIELSEN-GAMMON

Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon, presented information regarding the current status of the drought in Texas and the drought outlook for the coming months. Dr. Nielsen-Gammon is a professor in the Department of Atmospheric Sciences at Texas A&M University.

IV. ACTION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- A. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 13-1 Appointing Representatives to Mediate on behalf of the Region C Water Planning Group to Resolve the Interregional Conflict between the 2011 Region D and Region C Regional Water Plans Concerning Marvin Nichols Reservoir

Jim Parks reviewed the TWDB letter dated July 24, 2013, regarding the Court ruling that the 2011 Region C and D plans contained conflicting recommendations. The Court determined that TWDB needed to resolve the conflict before approving the regional water plans. Resolution No. 13-1 appoints representatives to mediate on behalf of the Region C Water Planning Group to resolve the interregional conflict between the 2011 Region C and D Regional Water Plans concerning the Marvin Nichols Reservoir. Chairman Parks recommended appointing Jody Puckett, Russell Laughlin, and himself to mediate on behalf of Region C.

There were no speakers registered to speak on this item.

Upon a motion by Jerry Chapman and a second by Kevin Ward, the RCWPG voted unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 13-1 appointing the following representatives to mediate on behalf of the Region C Water Planning Group: Jody Puckett, Russell Laughlin, and Jim Parks.

- B. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 13-2 Authorizing Region C Water Planning Group Chairman to Participate on a Stakeholder Committee to Develop Prioritization Standards for the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) and State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas (SWIRFT) Provided Passage of Constitutional Amendment

Jim Parks reviewed the proposed adoption of Resolution No. 13-2. This action is result of the Texas Legislature HB4, SJR1, and HB1025 outlining the implementation process for future funding of water supply projections recommended in the State Water Plan. This may require the development of prioritization standards for the SWIFT and SWIRFT if the constitutional amendment proposed by the Senate Joint resolution passes on the November 5, 2013, voting ballot. If this amendment passes, the TWDB will create a stakeholder committee to develop these standards. The Regional Water Planning Groups must prioritize projects and submit drafts by June 1, 2014, and finalize by September 1, 2014. The TWDB will adopt rules relating to the allocation of funds for specific purposes and for prioritizing projects.

Matt Nelson, TWDB, reviewed the funding for State Water Plan projects in more detail. The 2013 Legislative session authorized \$2 billion to be withdrawn from the Economic Stabilization Fund and deposited into the State

Water Implementation Fund for Texas. He reviewed the prioritization process of the regional water plan projects.

Jim Parks reviewed the handouts included in the notebooks, which were the timeline; Resolution No. 13-2; TWCA Report to the House Natural Resources dated January 8, 2013; HB 4; TWDB SWIFT Implementation Timeline September 1, 2013, through March 1, 2015; HB 4, SJR1, and HB 1025 Implementation Deadlines. Chairman Parks requested that RCWPG provided their feedback to him by email.

There were no speakers registered to speak on this item.

Upon a motion by Jerry Chapman and a second by Thomas LaPoint, the RCWPG voted unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 13-2 authorizing the Region C Water Planning Group Chairman Jim Parks to participate on a Stakeholder Committee to develop prioritization standards for the SWIFT and SWIRFT provided passage of constitutional amendment.

#### C. Consider Approval of Population and Municipal Water Use Projections

Tom Gooch reviewed the TWDB Guidelines for population and water use projections. The TWDB requires the regional total to be maintained but allowed redistribution of population as appropriate. The RCWPG consultants recommended some population revisions based on WUG survey responses, direct contact with WUGs, meetings with WWP, water master plan information for individuals WUGs, and NCTCOG population estimates/projections. Mr. Gooch reviewed demand (GPCD) revisions recommended by the consultants, which included correcting the historical 2011 GPCD based on direct contact with WUGs and the alternative base GPCD utilizing the average of 2006, 2008, and 2011 and other method. Tom reviewed the list of WUGs where alternative GPCD calculations were utilized.

Dr. Ken Kramer spoke on behalf of the Lone Star Chapter of Sierra Club. He advised that the Sierra Club has concern over the three-year averaging, and they favor continuing to use 2011 as the base year projections for this round of planning.

On a motion by Russell Laughlin and a second by Tom Woodward, the RCWPG voted unanimously to approve the population and municipal water use projections as presented. If there are significant changes in the projections proposed by TWDB, this will be reviewed at a future RCWPG meeting.

Dr. Tom Woodward made a motion to allow the RCWPG officers to negotiate with the TWDB on the non-substantial changes to projections. The motion was seconded by Tim Fisher and unanimously approved by the RCWPG

Nick Sanders noted that Trophy Club population was 18% low.

D. Consider Approval of TWDB Required Values for Mining Water Use Projections in 3 Counties

Amy Kaarlela reviewed the TWDB required values for mining water use projections in three counties.

There were no speakers registered to speak on this item.

On a motion by Tim Fisher and a second by Kevin Ward, the RCWPG voted unanimously to approve the TWDB Required Values for Mining Water Use Projections in Collin, Grayson, and Rockwall Counties.

E. Consider Approval of Summer 2013 Newsletter

Colby Walton reviewed the proposed summer 2013 RCWPG newsletter. Mr. Walton advised that the newsletter will be included on the Region C website and sent out electronically. They currently have 550 e-mail addresses and are gathering more for the 1,600+ mailing list.

There were no speakers registered to speak on this item.

On a motion by Thomas LaPoint and a second by Kevin Ward, the RCWPG voted unanimously to approve the summer 2013 Newsletter.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Recent Administrative Law Judges' Recommendation Regarding Lake Ralph Hall Water Right

Tom Gooch reviewed the recent administrative law judge's recommendation that the TCEQ grant a water right with minor modifications to Upper Trinity Regional Water Authority for Lake Ralph Hall.

B. Recent Court Ruling Regarding Oklahoma Water Supply

Tom Gooch reviewed the recent Supreme Court ruling in favor of Oklahoma regarding the moratorium on transfer of water out of state.

C. Allocation of Current Supplies (Task 3)

Rachel Ickert reviewed the status of Task 3 – Allocation of Supplies, which includes an existing supply analysis; demand projections; determining operational, infrastructure, and contract constraints; and allocation of existing supplies considering constraints and WUG demands on WWPs.

D. Update on Water Management Strategies (Task 40)

Rachel Ickert presented an update on the Water Management Strategies, which will be considered for approval at the next RCWPG meeting.

E. Overall Project Status Update

Rachel Ickert gave an overview of the overall project status. The next suggested RCWPG meeting is December 2013.

F. Next Steps

Rachel Ickert reviewed the next steps which included the:

- Population and Demand Projections
- Currently Available Supplies
- Needs
- Potentially Feasible WMS
- WMS Evaluation
- Technical Memo due May 2014
- Initially Prepared Plan due May 2015

VI. OTHER DISCUSSION

A. Updates from the Chair

Jim Parks gave an update on the Trinity San Jacinto Bays and Estuaries Committee.

B. Report from Regional Liaisons

Brief reports were given by the following liaisons:

Region H – Kevin Ward

Region I – Connie Standridge

C. Report from Texas Water Development Board

Matt Nelson discussed the funds appropriated by the Texas Legislature. Amendments will be made in November 2013 to the funding contracts.

D. Report from Texas Department of Agriculture

N/A

E. Report from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Adam Whisenant discussed the finding of Zebra Mussels in Lake Lewisville and Lake Bridgeport. Previously, Zebra Mussels had been found in Lake Texoma and Lake Ray Roberts.

F. Other Reports

No other reports.

G. Confirm Date and Location of Next Meeting

The next RCWPG meeting was tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 2, 2013, at 1:00 P.M. at TRA Central Wastewater Treatment Plant.

H. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting of the RCWPG adjourned at approximately 3:16 P.M.

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RUSSELL LAUGHLIN, Secretary