

# REGION C WATER PLANNING GROUP

## MINUTES OF AN OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

SEPTEMBER 28, 2009

The Region C Water Planning Group (RCWPG) met in an open public meeting on Monday, September 28, 2009, 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.

Chairman Jim 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 or alternates were in attendance:

Steve Berry	Jim Parks
Bill Ceverha	Paul Phillips
Jerry Chapman	Charlie Stringer (Alt. for Jody Puckett)
Frank Crumb	Robert Scott
Russell Laughlin	Connie Standridge
Bill Lewis	Gary Spicer
Tim Fisher (Alt. for Howard Martin)	Danny Vance
Jim McCarter	Dr. Tom Woodward

G. K. Maenius, Jack Stevens, and Mary Vogelsson were absent from the meeting. David Meeseey of the TWDB, Adam Whisenant of the TPWD, and E. W. Wesley of the TDA were also in attendance.

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 8, 2009

On a motion by Danny Vance and a second by Jim McCarter, the minutes of the June 8, 2009, RCWPG meeting were unanimously approved.

### III. ACTION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

#### A. Adoption of Resolution No. 09-01 in Recognition of Marsh Rice's Contributions

Jim Parks read Resolution No. 09-01 recognizing Marsh Rice's contributions to the RCWPG. There were no speakers registered to provide comments on this item. Resolution No. 09-01 was adopted by consensus of the RCWPG. Bill Ceverha accepted the resolution on behalf of Marsh's family.

#### B. Approval of Population and Demand Projections

Tom Gooch reviewed the public notice process for the population and demand projections. Public comments will be accepted for 14 days following the meeting. Tom reviewed the projections as well as two minor changes to the Town of Ponder and City of Grand Prairie. There were no speakers registered to provide comments on this

item. On a motion by Jim McCarter and a second by Jerry Chapman, the RCWPG unanimously approved the Population and Demand Projections as presented.

C. Approval of Water Conservation Practices

Alan Plummer advised the RCWPG of the upcoming Water Conservation Symposium being held on November 10, 2009, at the Arlington Convention Center. Alan reviewed the definitions of the Water Conservation Strategies and the proposed changes from the *2006 Region C Water Plan*. He reviewed the recommended strategies. There were no speakers registered to provide comments on this item. On a motion by Danny Vance and a second by Jim McCarter, the RCWPG unanimously approved the Water Conservation Strategies as presented.

D. Approval of Region C Support for Three Entities to Pursue Minor Amendments to the *2006 Region C Water Plan*

Tom Gooch reviewed three minor amendments being proposed to the *2006 Region C Water Plan*. Those amendments included the following:

- City of Grand Prairie – Relocation and upsizing of a water supply line
- City of Crandall – Connection to a new water suppliers
- North Texas Municipal Water District – Additional pump station to deliver raw water form Chapman Lake

There were no speakers registered to provide comments on this item. On a motion by Jim McCarter and a second by Danny Vance, the RCWPG voted unanimously to support pursuing these amendments to the *2006 Region C Water Plan*.

E. Approval of Designation of Ecologically Unique Stream Segments Workgroup

Alan Plummer reviewed designation of ecologically unique stream segments and a proposal to recommend formation of a Unique Stream Segments Workgroup. Adam Whisenant commented on this item. One public speaker was registered and spoke to this item, which was Red Birdsong. Robert Scott made the motion that Region C take a leadership role on the Unique Stream Segments issue by calling for the formation of a working group comprised of representatives of TWDB, TPWD, TCEQ, and the sixteen regions to bring clarity, purpose, and direction to the legislative mandate to “identify, river and stream segments of unique ecological value.” Bill Ceverha seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the RCWPG.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Overall Project Schedule

Tom Gooch reviewed the overall project schedule and upcoming meetings.

B. Update on Existing Supplies

Rachel Ickert gave an update on existing water supplies including reuse, groundwater, and surface water.

C. Task 4

Amy Kaarlela gave an update on Task 4 Special Studies including Saline Water Study, Cooke-Grayson County Study, Fannin County Study, Freestone County Study, Navarro County Study, and Kaufman County Study. She also reviewed new and changed potentially feasible Water Management Strategies for various entities.

D. Public Participation Updates

Colby Walton informed the RCWPG of the upcoming H2O4 Texas – The Water Event being held November 16-17, 2009, at the Omni Hotel in Fort Worth. Colby reviewed the Media Briefing held September 10 in Dallas. He also reviewed the proposed Fall 2009 RCWPG Newsletter and the 2010 Region Water Summit.

E. Review Environmental Flows Process

This item was not discussed due to timing and will be discussed at the next meeting in September 2009.

F. Update on Overall Status and Next Steps

Tom Gooch gave a brief update on upcoming tasks.

G. Presentation on Vision North Texas

Karen Walz presented information on Vision North Texas.

V. OTHER DISCUSSION

A. Updates from the Chair

1. Update on Study Commission on Region C Water Supply

Jim Parks gave an update on the Study Commission on Region C Water Supply.

2. Update on Water Conservation Advisory Council

Jim Parks gave an update on the Water Conservation Advisory Council.

B. Report from Regional Liaisons

Reports were given by the following liaisons/representatives:

- Region B – Jerry Chapman
- Region D – Mike Rickman
- Region G – Connie Standridge
- Region H – Danny Vance
- Region I – Bobby Praytor

C. Report from GMA 8 Liaisons

Connie Standridge advised there have been no meetings of the GMA 8.

D. Report on the Trinity and San Jacinto Rivers and Galveston Bay Stakeholders Committee

Danny Vance gave a report on the Trinity and San Jacinto Rivers and Galveston Bay Stakeholders Committee.

E. Report on the Sabine and Neches Rivers and Sabine Lake Bay Basin and Bay Area

Charlie Stringer gave an update on the Sabine-Neches-Sabine Lake Bay Basin and Bay Stakeholders Committee.

F. Report from Texas Water Development Board

David Meesey provided a report from the TWDB.

G. Report from Texas Department of Agriculture

There was no report from the TDA.

H. Report from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Adam Whisenant expressed appreciation for RCWPG's efforts regarding Designation of Unique Stream Segments.

I. Confirm Date and Location of Next Meeting

The dates of the next meetings were confirmed for Monday, November 9, 2009, and Monday, January 11, 2010, both at 1:00 P.M. at TRA Central Wastewater Treatment Plant.

J. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting of the RCWPG adjourned at approximately 4:15 P.M.

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RUSSELL LAUGHLIN  
Secretary