

REGION C WATER PLANNING GROUP
MINUTES OF AN OPEN PUBLIC MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 2011

The Region C Water Planning Group (RCWPG) met in an open public meeting on Tuesday, October 25, 2011, 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

Vice Chairman Jody Puckett conducted a roll call. The following members or alternates were in attendance:

Bill Ceverha	James Hotopp (Alt. for Paul Phillips)
Jerry Chapman	Jody Puckett
Andy Cronberg (for Frank Crumb)	Jim Oliver (Alt. for Jack Stevens)
Russell Laughlin	Connie Standridge
Bill Lewis	Gary Spicer
Tim Fisher (Alt. for Howard Martin)	Danny Vance
Jim McCarter	Mary Vogelsson
Jim Parks	Tom Woodward

Steve Berry, G. K. Maenius, and Robert Scott were absent from the meeting. Angela Kennedy of the TWDB, Adam Whisenant of TPWD, Gregg Magee of the TDA, and Sharron Nabors of Region D were also in attendance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 21, 2011

Upon a motion by Danny Vance and a second by Jim McCarter, the RCWPG unanimously approved the minutes of the March 21, 2011, RCWPG meeting.

III. ACTION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. Consider Approval of Fall Newsletter

Jim Parks discussed funding for the RCWPG newsletter. Since TWDB funding is not available for the newsletter, it was agreed to fund a quarterly newsletter through the administrative fund. Five entities previously provided administrative funding for the second cycle of water planning with a balance remaining in that fund. The entities that previously provided funding are DWU, TRWA, TRA, NTMWD, and TXU, and they all agreed to utilize these funds for the quarterly newsletter.

Colby Walton reviewed the proposed newsletter and the production and distribution schedule. There were no speakers registered to comment on this

item. On a motion by Bill Ceverha and a second by Danny Vance, the RCWPG unanimously approved the newsletter as presented.

B. Consider Approval of Methodology for Evaluating Water Management Strategies

Tom Gooch advised that regional planning rules require consultants to make presentation on categories of Water Management Strategies (WMSs) and that the regional planning group must approve the WMSs evaluation criteria. Mr. Gooch presented information on categories of WMSs and proposed criteria for evaluating WMSs in this round of planning. The WMSs categories, evaluation criteria, and the consultants recommendations were reviewed for the following WMSs:

- Water Conservation
- Drought Management Measures
- Wastewater Reuse
- Interbasin Transfers (IBT)
- Expanded Use of Existing Supplies
- New Supply Development

There were no speakers registered to comment on this item. On a motion by Danny Vance and a second by Bill Lewis, the RCWPG unanimously approved the methodology for evaluating water management strategies as presented.

C. Consider Approval of 2011 Water Use Data as Basis for "Dry Year" Projections

Tom Gooch advised that future water projections are based on population and historical "dry year" per capita water use. The last plan used year 2000 as base year for historical per capita water use; however, TWDB guidelines for this round of planning require using Year 2006 or 2009, but Mr. Gooch indicated Year 2011 was a much better indicator of dry year conditions for many suppliers. He recommended the RCWPG use the data as available and appropriate on a case-by-case basis. There were no speakers registered to comment on this item. On a motion by Danny Vance and a second by Gary Spicer, the RCWPG unanimously approved utilizing 2011 water use data as basis for "dry year" projections.

D. Consider Approval of Proposed Scope for Task 4D in Phase 1

Rachel Ickert reviewed the proposed scope for Task 4D in Phase 1. There were no speakers registered to comment on this item. On a motion by Danny Vance and a second by Connie Standridge, the RCWPG voted unanimously to approve the proposed scope for Task 4D in Phase 1 as presented and to ask the TWDB to release funds for this Task.

E. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 11-1 Thanking Mr. E. W. Wesley (Texas Department of Agriculture) for Service to the RCWPG

Chairman Jim Parks read Resolution No. 11-1 thanking Mr. E. W. Wesley of the Texas Department of Agriculture for his service to the RCWPG and presented the resolution to Mr. Wesley. There were no speakers registered to comment on this item. On a motion by Danny Vance and a second by Mary Vogelsson, the RCWPG unanimously adopted Resolution No. 11-1. Chairman Parks also welcomed Gregg Magee, who is now representing the TDA on the RCWPG.

- F. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 11-2 Appointing Executive Committee to Develop Slate of Officers for 2012

Chairman Jim Parks recommended appointing Mary Vogelsson and Howard Martin to serve as the members-at-large on the Nominating Committee along with the current officers to develop the 2012 slate of officers. 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 adopted Resolution No. 11-2 appointing an Executive Committee to develop the slate of officers for 2012 consisting of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Mary Vogelsson, and Howard Martin.

- G. Consider Amending Region C Bylaws to Add Voting Members Representing Groundwater Management Areas 8, 11, and 12

Chairman Jim Parks discussed the need to amend the RCWPG Bylaws to add voting members representing Groundwater Management Areas 8, 11, and 12. There were no speakers registered to comment on this item. On a motion by Tim Fisher and a second by Jerry Chapman, the RCWPG unanimously adopted the amended Bylaws.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Status of Contracting and Funding

Rachel Ickert reviewed the status of the contracts and funding for the Fourth Cycle of regional water planning.

- B. Report on Public Meeting for Comments on Fourth Cycle of Region C

Rachel Ickert reviewed the public meeting held on April 25, 2012. Attendance at the meeting included five planning group members, two state agency representatives, four consultants, and two guests. Chairman Jim Parks reviewed the Scope of Work for the Fourth Cycle, and the public were given an opportunity to comment. No comments were received at the public meeting. The deadline for written comments was extended to May 31, 2011, but no written comments were received.

- C. Overview of Fourth Cycle of Region C Water Planning

Rachel Ickert reviewed the Fourth Cycle and schedule.

D. Expiring Terms of Ten Region C Water Planning Group Members

Chairman Jim Parks advised that ten RCWPG members' terms were expiring November 2011 including the following:

1. Steve Berry – Environmental
2. Jerry Chapman – Water Districts
3. Frank Crumb – Municipalities
4. Bill Lewis – Small Business
5. Jim McCarter – Water Utilities
6. Jim Parks – Water Districts
7. Paul Phillips – Municipalities
8. Jody Puckett – Municipalities
9. Mary Vogelson – Public
10. Tom Woodward – Agriculture

Seven of these members would like to be considered for reappointment; however, Bill Lewis, Paul Phillips, and Mary Vogelson would not like to seek reelection. Paul Phillips has recommended considering his alternate, James Hotopp, and Mary Vogelson has recommended considering her alternate, Tom LaPoint. Bill Lewis will make a recommendation also. It was requested that resumes be submitted to Russell Laughlin by January 31, 2012.

E. TWDB Updates

Angela Kennedy provided an update from the TWDB. Rule revisions are being considered and comments are being solicited.

F. Current Drought Status

Tom Gooch gave an update on the current drought status indicating Texas has experienced its most severe one-year drought on record. Mr. Gooch reviewed the current lake elevations, current drought impacts, actions due to the drought, drought outlook, and the rainfall outlook.

G. Save Texas Water, Blue Legacy Award in Agriculture

Rachel Ickert presented information on the Save Texas Water, Blue Legacy Award in Agriculture. Nominations are due November 2, 2011.

H. Water Management Strategies Implemented Since 2011 Region C Water Plan

Rachel Ickert reviewed the water management strategies projects implemented since 2011 Region C Water Plan.

I. Bills from 82nd Legislature Related to Region C

Rachel Ickert reviewed HB 2694, SJR 4, and SB 181 from the 82nd Legislature related to Region C.

J. Next Steps

Rachel Ickert reviewed the next steps for the RCWPG including Task 2, Task 3, and Task 4.

V. OTHER DISCUSSION

A. Updates from the Chair

Jim Parks reviewed legislation preparation for the 83rd Legislative Session.

B. Report from Regional Liaisons

Reports were given by the following liaisons/representatives:

- Region B – Jerry Chapman
- Region D – Sharron Nabors
- Region G – Bill Ceverha
- Region H – Danny Vance
- Region I – Connie Standridge

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

Danny Vance gave an update on the Trinity and San Jacinto Rivers and Galveston Bay Stakeholders Committee.

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

Jody Puckett gave an update on the Sabine and Neches Rivers and Sabine Lake Bay Basin and Bay Area Committee.

E. Report from Texas Water Development Board

Angela Kennedy reported that the draft 2012 State Water Plan was available on the TWDB's website for comment.

F. Report from Texas Department of Agriculture

Gregg Magee had no comments.

G. Report from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Adam Whisenant provided comments on the effects of the drought on fish and wildlife. Mr. Whisenant advised that the TPWD was submitting comments today on the 2012 State Water Plan including their position on new reservoir development, in particular Marvin Nichols. He commented on the efforts achieved in water conservation and asked the RCWPG to consider changes in modeling hydrology in WMSs.

H. Confirm Date and Location of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was tentatively set for February 13, 2012.

I. Public Comments

There we no public comments.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting of the RCWPG adjourned at approximately 3:50 P.M.

RUSSELL LAUGHLIN
Secretary