

# REGION C WATER PLANNING GROUP

## MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING OCTOBER 6, 2003

The Region C Water Planning Group (RCWPG) met in an open meeting on Monday, October 6, 2003, at 1:30 P.M. The meeting was held at the Central Wastewater Treatment Plant of the Trinity River Authority 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 1:30 P.M. Chairman Parks asked that individuals interested in making comments sign up on the speaker registration sheet.

### I. ROLL CALL

Secretary Roy Eaton conducted a roll call. The following members were in attendance:

Brad Barnes	Elaine Petrus
Jimmy Doty (Alt. for Leroy Burch)	Paul Phillips
Jerry Chapman	Robert Scott
Roy Eaton	George Shannon
Dale Fisseler	Connie Standridge
Bob Johnson	Danny Vance
Tim Fisher (Alt. for Howard Martin)	Mary Vogelson
Jim Parks	Paul Zweacker

Jim McCarter, Marsh Rice, and Tom Vandergriff were absent from the roll call and the meeting. Kris Martinez of the TWDB, Adam Whisenant of the Texas Parks and Wildlife, E. W. Wesley of the Texas Department of Agriculture, David Brock of Region I, and Gary Jackson of Region D were also in attendance. The registration lists signed by guests in attendance are attached.

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 18, 2003

On a motion by George Shannon, seconded by Danny Vance, the minutes of the August 18, 2003, meeting were approved by consensus.

### III. ACTION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

#### A. Proposed Adjustments to Non-Municipal Region C Water Needs Projections

Tom Gooch reviewed the proposed adjustments to non-municipal water needs projections. George Shannon made a motion to approve the adjustments to non-municipal Region C Water needs projections. Danny Vance seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the RCWPG.

B. Supplemental Funding

Tom Gooch discussed a proposed request to the TWDB for supplemental funding for the following items:

- Additional Reuse Study
- Additional Water Conservation Study
- Coordination Task Force Consisting of Regions C and D
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The estimated cost of these items was \$200,000. It was requested that RCWPG members submit any other supplemental funding items to Tom Gooch, who will present further information at the December RCWPG meeting.

C. Discussion and Action on the Process of Filling Expired RCWPG Terms

Chairman Jim Parks advised that nine member's terms expire on November 1, 2003. He reviewed the procedure to fill the expired terms which is contained in the RCWPG Bylaws. It was requested that members whose terms were expiring contact Roy Eaton and advise as to whether or not they wish to continue to serve on the RCWPG. An action item will be posted on the next meeting to accept nominations and fill the expired terms.

Paul Phillips made a motion to amend the Bylaws to allow current members to continue to serve on the RCWPG until the vacancies created by the expired terms are filled. Mary Vogelson seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the RCWPG.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Tarrant Regional Water District Water Conservation and Reuse Program

Woody Frossard, Tarrant Regional Water District, presented information on TRWD's Water Conservation and Reuse Program.

B. Update on Neighborhood Study

Alan Plummer gave an update on the Neighborhood Study.

C. Update on Anna and Athens Amendments

Tom Gooch updated the RCWPG on Anna and Athens amendments. The TWDB approved the Anna amendment to the 2001 Region C Water Plan in August 2003, and Athens amendment will be considered in November 2003. The TWDB will vote on amending the 2002 State Water Plan to include the amendments in December 2003.

Mr. Gooch advised the RCWPG that a technical correction was being made to the Athens amendment to include a fish hatchery in Region I (not Region C).

D. Update on Carrizo-Wilcox GAMs

The consultants recommended that the RCWPG request the TWDB rerun both GAMs with availability of the Central GAM average year submitted as the actual demand. The results will then be reviewed to determine the impacts on spring discharges and groundwater levels.

E. Present Topics for Quarterly Newsletter

Gail Cooksey reviewed the Third Quarter newsletter, which has been mailed. Topics proposed for the Fourth Quarter newsletter included Water Conservation Task Force, Dallas Water Utilities Water Conservation Program, Water Conservation Tips, and steps to be taken in 2004 in the planning process. Other ideas should be submitted to Gail Cooksey.

F. Supply RCWPG Related Newspaper Articles to Planning Group

Current newspaper articles were provided to the RCWPG.

G. Summary of Speaker Comments at August 18<sup>th</sup> RCWPG Meeting

The summary of the speaker comments at the August 18, 2003, meeting was previously sent via e-mail to the members. The summary is located on Region C's website.

H. Update on Overall Status and Next Steps

Tom Gooch gave an update on the overall status and next steps which included the following:

- Consultants finalize non-municipal demand memo and submit to TWDB with cover letter from Chairman Parks
- Consultants draft letter for Chairman Parks signature describing supplemental work Region C would like to pursue should funding become available
- Continue work on Neighborhood Water Conservation Study
- Consultants draft letter from Chairman Parks signature explaining correct location of the fish hatchery with regards to the TWDB required tables
- Request TWDB rerun Carrizo-Wilcox GAMs to see impact of proposed demands
- Develop 4<sup>th</sup> quarter newsletter
- Complete initial analysis of currently available water supplies

V. OTHER DISCUSSION

A. Updates from the Chair

1. Water Conservation Task Force

Chairman Parks updated the RCWPG on the TWDB Water Conservation Task Force created by SB 1094. Mr. Parks was appointed to the Task Force, and the first meeting was held on September 28, 2003, and the next meeting will be held October 27, 2003.

2. Procedure for Requesting Additional Copies of Speaker Handouts

It was the consensus of the RCWPG to implement a procedure for requesting additional copies of speaker handouts. Requests must be in writing to Stephanie Griffin of Freese & Nichols. Paper copies will be provided at cost, and electronic copies will be provided at no cost. This procedure will be noted in an upcoming newsletter and placed on the RCWPG's website.

3. Appointments of Region C Representatives to Other Regions

Chairman Parks reviewed appointments made in May 1998 to other regions, which were as follows:

Region B – Jerry Chapman  
Region D – Howard Martin  
Region G – Paul Zweiacker  
Region H – Danny Vance  
Region I – Leroy Burch

It was the consensus of the Committee to consider these appointments at the December 2003 meeting. Those previously appointed were requested to contact Chairman Parks if they are no longer interested in serving in this capacity and as well as any other members interested in serving should also contact Chairman Parks.

B. Confirm Date and Location of Next Meeting

It was the consensus of the RCWPG to hold the next meeting on Monday, December 8, 2003, at 1:30 P.M. at TRA Central Wastewater Treatment Plant.

C. Other Discussion

The RCWPG discussed the September 23, 2003, letter from the Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW), offering technical assistance to the regional planning groups. Adam Whisenant spoke on behalf of the TPW. It was the consensus of the RCWPG that the consultants begin meeting with TPW and report back to the RCWPG on these meetings.

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Mary Vogelsson discussed the conference held on October 4, 2003, with the Sierra Club.

The RCWPG was reminded of the Sierra Club's presentation with Peter Glick scheduled for October 9, 2003.

Kris Martinez of the TWDB noted the Chairman's Conference Call was scheduled for October 8, 2003.

D. Acknowledgement of Guests/Comments

Billie Lindsey had registered to provide comments; however, declined to comment and indicated her questions had been previously answered.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further action, the meeting of the RCWPG adjourned at approximately 3:15 P.M.

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ROY EATON  
Secretary