

# REGION C WATER PLANNING GROUP

## BYLAWS

ADOPTED APRIL 14, 1998  
AMENDED DECEMBER 4, 2000  
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### ARTICLE I. ORGANIZATION

The official name of this organization shall be "Region C Water Planning Group" hereafter referred to as "RCWPG." The RCWPG was certified as representative of the Region C Area by the Initial Planning Body and the Texas Water Development Board on March 31, 1998.

### ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the RCWPG shall be to provide comprehensive regional water planning for Region C, and to carry out the related responsibilities placed on Regional Water Planning Groups by state law, the Texas Water Code, and ~~the TWDB~~ Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Rules and Guidelines.

### ARTICLE III. ADMINISTRATION

#### *Section 1. Political Subdivision*

Title 31, Texas Administrative Code Section 357.12(a)(4) requires ~~Regional Water Planning Group~~ each regional water planning group (RWPG) to designate a ~~political subdivision~~ "Political Subdivision" as ~~the administrative representative and agent~~ of the RWPG ~~eligible to apply for financial assistance for scope of work and Regional Water Plan development.~~ The Political Subdivision is responsible for ~~applying for, and contracting for Regional Water Plan funds~~ must be capable of, securing planning funding from ~~the Texas Water Development Board~~ TWDB, and contracting with consultants to produce the regional water plans.

The Political Subdivision designated to act on behalf of the RCWPG shall be named by the RCWPG by consensus or with not less than two-thirds ~~(2/3)~~ favorable vote of the members present at a properly posted meeting with the item posted in accordance with the ~~RCWPG~~ TWDB rules. Title 31, Texas Administrative Code Section 355.91(b) also requires ~~Regional Water Planning Groups~~ RWPGs to provide a written Political Subdivision designation to the Executive Administrator of the Texas Water Development

Board naming the Political Subdivision that is authorized to apply for grant funds on behalf of the RCWPG.

By adoption of RCWPG Resolution No. ~~98-115-2~~, in a regular meeting of the RCWPG on ~~April 14, 1998~~ January 26, 2015, the RCWPG designated ~~North the Trinity River Authority of Texas Municipal Water District~~ as the Political Subdivision to act on its behalf ~~of the RCWPG, and the Executive Director of the~~ (replacing the North Texas Municipal Water District ~~has served as)~~ effective January 26, 2015, and designating the General Manager of the Trinity River Authority of Texas as the contract signatory for the Political Subdivision. Resolution No. 15-2 superseded the previous Resolution No. 14-3 to the extent it was inconsistent with Resolution No. 15-2.

~~By adoption of RCWPG Resolution No. 14-3 in a regular meeting of the RCWPG on October 27, 2014, the RCWPG designated Trinity River Authority as the Political Subdivision to act on behalf of the RCWPG (replacing the North Texas Municipal Water District) beginning with the fifth cycle of regional planning (which will produce the 2021 Region C Water Plan), and the General Manager of the Trinity River Authority was designated as contract signatory for the Political Subdivision. The North Texas Municipal Water District will maintain its obligation as Political Subdivision for the purpose of the fourth cycle of regional planning until the fourth cycle contract expires on March 31, 2016.~~

~~By adoption of RCWPG Resolution No. 15-2 in a regular meeting of the RCWPG on January 26, 2015, the RCWPG designated Trinity River Authority as the Political Subdivision to act on behalf of the RCWPG (replacing the North Texas Municipal Water District) effective January 26, 2015 (rather than the end of the fourth cycle), and the General Manager of the Trinity River Authority was designated as contract signatory for the Political Subdivision. Resolution 15-2 supersedes the previous Resolution 14-3 to the extent Resolution 14-3 is inconsistent any items contained in Resolution ~~15-2~~.~~

## *Section 2. Administrative Agent and Administrative Officer*

The principal Administrative Agent is defined by the RCWPG as the office of a political subdivision that conducts administrative duties on behalf of the RCWPG. The duties of the Administrative Agent include: posting of notices for meetings, performing required mail-outs, scheduling of facilities for meetings, receiving mail and ~~or~~ required submittals (paper or electronic) on behalf of the RCWPG, providing a staff member to act as the Administrative Officer for purposes of the Texas Open Records Act, and ~~the like~~ other duties as required.

The Administrative Agent and Administrative Officer designated to act on behalf of the RCWPG shall be named by the RCWPG by consensus or with not less than two-thirds ~~(2/3)~~ favorable vote of the members present at a properly posted meeting with the item posted in accordance with the RCWPG rules.

~~By adoption of Resolution No. 98-1 in a regular meeting of the RCWPG on April 14, 1998, the North Texas Municipal Water District was designated as the Administrative Agent for the RCWPG, and the Executive Director/General Manager of the North Texas Municipal Water District has served as Region C's Administrative Officer.~~

~~By adoption of Resolution No. 14-3 in a regular meeting of the RCWPG on October 27, 2014, the Trinity River Authority was designated as the Administrative Agent for the RCWPG (replacing the North Texas Municipal Water District) effective January 1, 2015, and the General Manager of the Trinity River Authority was designated as Region C's Administrative Officer.~~

## ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

### Section 1. Composition

The RCWPG shall elect from ~~theits~~ voting membership a Chair~~man~~, Vice-Chair~~man~~, and Secretary for ~~one~~five-year terms with no limit on the terms a member may serve in any position, except as their membership shall otherwise be limited herein. Elections shall take place during the first meeting of each five-year planning cycle, and officers serving at the time of the adoption of this requirement shall continue in office until the beginning of the next regional planning cycle. No two voting members representing the same interest group shall serve as officers at the same time. The officers shall be elected by ~~a~~two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present at a properly posted meeting. ~~Officers shall be elected as soon as possible after~~ Upon the approval~~resignation or removal of an officer,~~ the ~~Bylaws with~~Nominating Committee shall make recommendations to the officers serving until January 2000 after which time officers will serveRCWPG at its next scheduled meeting for one year on a calendar year basis.~~the officer's replacement.~~

### Section 2. Duties

1. Chair. The duties of Chair shall be the Chairman shall be to perform the duties as executive officer of the RCWPG and to. The Chair will preside at all meetings of the RCWPG and perform all duties specified in these bylaws. If the Chair is unable to carry out his-~~or~~-her duties, the Vice-Chair shall assume the duties of the Chair. ~~The~~
2. Vice Chair. The Vice Chair shall assist the Chair in the discharge of their duties and, in the absence of the Chair, shall assume the Chair's full responsibilities and duties. In the event the Chair is unable to carry out their duties, the Vice Chair shall serve as Chair until the RCWPG elects a new Chair under Section 1 of this Article. The Vice Chair shall perform other duties as assigned by the Chair or these bylaws.
- 1.3. Secretary will work. The Secretary shall maintain the minutes of meetings and take attendance at the RCWPG Meetings. The minutes and attendance shall be kept as part of the RCWPG's official records. The Secretary, in cooperation with the Administrator to Administrative Agent, shall ensure that all notices are properly posted and that adequate minutes of all meetings as provided in the bylaws, as required by law, such law including but not being limited to the Texas Open Meetings Act. The Secretary shall perform other duties as assigned by the Chair or these bylaws. If the Chair and Vice Chair are prepared and submitted unable to the RCWPG for approval. carry out their respective duties, the Secretary shall assume the duties of the ChairmanChair, unless the Secretary is absent in which case the Executive Committee will select a Chair from the members at any properly posted

~~meeting in the absence~~large of the ~~Chairman and Vice Chairman~~Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

An Executive Committee may be appointed by the RCWPG. The Executive Committee would be composed of the Chair~~man~~, Vice-~~Chairman~~, Secretary, and two other voting members~~at large~~. No two voting members representing the same interest group shall serve on the Executive Committee at the same time. ~~The Executive Committee would~~may perform all duties as requested in a written resolution approved by two-thirds (~~2/3~~) of the voting members present ~~at a properly posted meeting~~.

## ARTICLE VI. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A Nominating Committee may be appointed by the RCWPG to serve the purposes set forth in these bylaws, and may be composed of any odd numbers of voting members of the RCWPG. The membership of the Nominating Committee shall be approved by two-thirds of the voting members present at a properly posted meeting; however, members of the Executive Committee shall not be eligible to simultaneously serve on a Nominating Committee.

## ARTICLE VII. VOTING MEMBERSHIP

### *Section 1. Composition*

The RCWPG~~as certified~~ is composed of ~~twenty-two (22)~~ members representing ~~twelve (12) special~~ interest classifications in accordance with ~~the TWDB~~TWDB's Rules and as shown below. The terms of all initial voting members ~~shall expire~~expired November 1, 2001. Upon the expiration of ~~those~~ initial terms, all voting members ~~shall draw~~drew lots for additional terms of five (~~5~~) years or two (~~2~~) years such that half the voting members terms shall expire in two additional years and the other half in five (~~5~~) additional years. Thereafter, all terms are for five (~~5~~) years. On the expiration of terms, vacancies ~~would be~~are declared in the appropriate classifications with nominations and selection to fill the vacancies in accordance with Section ~~23~~ of this Article ~~VI of these Bylaws~~.

Voting members serve for five-year staggered terms and are eligible to serve two full consecutive terms beginning on the effective date of these bylaws. Current sitting members as of the date of the adoption of these Bylaws may serve an additional two full consecutive terms. After a member has served two consecutive terms, they will be deemed to have resigned as of the date of the election of their replacement. A member who has resigned after two consecutive terms is eligible for reelection to to additional non-consecutive terms. Outgoing voting members shall be given the opportunity to participate in the selection process for their successors and shall serve until their successors take office.

Interest Classification	Number of Members on RCWPG
Agriculture	1
Counties	1
Electric Generating Utilities	1

Environment	2
Groundwater Management Areas	3*
Industry	1
Municipalities	4
Public	2
River Authority	1
Small Business	1
Water Districts	3
Water Utilities	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>

\*One member from each of the three Groundwater Management Areas (GMAs) located in Region C.

*Section 2. Conditions of Membership*

To be eligible for voting membership on the RCWPG, a person must represent the interest for which a member is sought, be willing to participate in the regional water planning process and abide by these Bylaws. A person retired from a represented interest cannot continue to serve as a voting member for said interest.

*Section 3. Selection of Members*

~~After a vacancy occurs~~Upon the resignation, removal or ineligibility of a voting member ~~to continue in service,~~ the RCWPG shall ~~have an agenda item on the next available publicly posted meeting notice declaring the vacancy and considering~~solicit nominations ~~from thefor a successor during an open public and the membership. If no nominations are forthcoming, the Chairman shall appoint a nominating committee to provide nominations at the next regular meeting of the RCWPG. Members' terms whose have expired shall continue to serve on the RCWPG until such time the vacancy created by the expired term has been filled. Selection of any voting member must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members present at a properly posted meeting. This rule shall apply to all members except those who represent Groundwater Management Areas.~~

~~Section 3. Additional Members~~

~~The voting~~ Members of the RCWPG may ~~from time to time elect additional~~also submit nominations to the Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee shall receive and process nominations and shall recommend a nominee to the voting membership as a whole, giving strong consideration to a consensus nominee from those individuals and entities that collectively represent that interest. The Nominating Committee shall not be bound by the nominations received and may consider any person who meets the conditions of membership as a nominee. The voting membership as a whole shall not be bound by the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and may consider any person who meets the conditions of membership as a nominee,including those offered by the public.

An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the total voting membership of the RCWPG shall be required to appoint a nominee as a new voting member. If voting fails to select a new voting member after no more than three votes regarding that nominee, the voting members shall consider other nominations until a new member can be selected by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the total voting membership.

In addition to selecting new voting members present at a properly posted meeting agree that a special interest category needs additional to fill vacancies caused by removal, the voting members may add members to ensure adequate representation or that representation is necessary of the interests comprising the RCWPG by generally utilizing the selection process set forth in this section. If such a new member is added, that member shall serve for the remainder of that regional water planning cycle, and be eligible to serve two full consecutive terms thereafter.

In both the consideration of nominees and the selection of new voting members, the Nominating Committee and other voting members shall strive to achieve a representative geographic diversity of membership.

Outgoing voting members who are in good-standing with the RCWPG shall be given the opportunity to participate in the selection process for their successors and shall serve until their successors take office. A member is considered to be in good standing unless and until they are removed from an additional special interest category in the region. office under Section 6 of this Article.

#### *Section 4. Attendance*

All voting members shall make a good faith effort to attend all RCWPG meetings. Three consecutive unexcused absences or absence from at least half of the sum of all the meetings held in any one calendar year shall serve as grounds for removal. The Chair~~man~~ shall excuse an absence if it is made known to the Chair~~man~~ prior to the beginning of the meeting that the absence is due to personal illness, family emergency, jury or military duty, other responsible duties that appear in the judgment of the Chair~~man~~ to be reasonable or if a designated alternate attends the meeting in place of the member.

#### *Section 5. Designated Alternates*

Each member shall designate an alternate to represent them when the member is unable to attend a meeting. ~~Alternate should be designated~~Each member must notify the Chair in writing ~~to the Chairman~~(e-mail acceptable) of the name and address of the member's designated alternate at least 48 hours prior to the first meeting or hearing at which the designated alternate will appear on behalf of the member. ~~The Chairman~~If the member fails to provide such notice, the Chair may bar the participation of the designated alternate for voting purposes at the meeting or hearing. The Chair shall not recognize the designation of more than one ~~(1)~~ alternate per member at any given time nor recognize more than two ~~(2)~~ alternate designations per member per calendar year. The designated alternate shall

have the same voting privileges and duties as the member except that an alternate may not serve as an officer.

In the event a voting member either resigns or is removed from office, their last designated alternate shall serve in said members place until such time as an election may be held to fill the vacancy, said election to be held at the next regular RCWPG meeting.

#### *Section 6. Removal of Voting Member*

Grounds for removal of voting members shall be:

- a) Engaging in excessive unexcused absenteeism as defined under Section 4 of this Article;
- b) Death;
- ~~1) Resignation;~~
- ~~2) Failure to abide by the code of conduct provisions set forth under Article X;~~
- c) ~~Appointment of a successor by the voting members upon expiration of the member's term XI;~~
- d) Change in status so that the member no longer represents the interest he or she was selected to represent and does not resign upon request of the Chair;
- e) Falsifying documents;
- f) Any other serious violation of these bylaws as may be determined by the voting members;
- g) The voting member's designated alternate engages in any acts described in subdivisions ~~(4), (7d), (g)~~, or ~~(8h)~~ of this subsection; or;
- h) Conduct which hinders the regional planning efforts of RCWPG.

The Chair~~man~~ or any three ~~(3)~~ voting members may bring a chargean allegation against another voting member for violation of these bylaws. The Chair~~man~~, upon receiving the information, will request in writing the accused member to respond to the charges. The matter would then be referred to the RCWPG at a regular meeting. The removal of any member shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total voting membership. Any vacancies created by the removal of a voting member would be filled in accordance with the selection process ~~(Article VI, in Section 2).3~~ of this Article.

Any voting member may be removed from office for any of the grounds set forth in this Section, or for repeated failure to carry out the duties of the office, by agreement of at least two-thirds of the voting membership. Removal of a voting member, including an officer, shall be set as an agenda item at the next scheduled meeting upon written request signed by five voting members to the Chair or Secretary. The Chair or Secretary receiving the request shall notify the voting member in writing that he or she shall be subject to a removal action at the next scheduled meeting. At the meeting, the voting member subject to the possible removal action may present evidence of why he or she should not be removed. If the Chair is the subject of the possible removal action, the Vice-Chair shall preside over the meeting during the agenda item concerning the Chair's removal. The voting member subject to the removal action shall not participate in any way in the vote, nor shall his or

her membership count as part of the total membership for purposes of calculating two-thirds vote. The notice of the meeting shall be posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and shall state that the issue of possible removal the voting member will be on the agenda. Any vacancy caused by the removal shall be filled as provided under Section 3 of this Article, and Article IV hereof with respect to the replacement of an officer.

## **ARTICLE VIII. NON-VOTING MEMBERSHIP**

### *Section 1. Mandatory Non-Voting Members*

~~The~~In accordance with Texas Administrative Code Section 357.11(e), RCWPG shall appoint-add the following non-voting members, who shall receive meeting notifications and information in the same manner as voting members:

- a) A staff member of the TWDB to be designated by the TWDB's Executive Administrator;
- b) A staff member of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department designated by its Executive Director;
- c) A member ~~of designated by~~ each adjacent regional water planning group ~~as designated by the adjoining group, and a representative with each entity to serve as a liaison;~~
- d) One or more persons to represent those entities with headquarters located in another regional water planning area ~~in~~and which holds surface water rights authorizing a diversion of 1,000 acre-~~feet~~ a year or more in the regional water planning area ~~or,~~ which supplies water under contract in the amount of 1,000 acre-~~feet a year or more to entities in the regional water planning area or which receives water under contract in the amount of 1,000 acre-~~feet a year or more to entities in the regional water planning area, or which receives water under contract in the amount of 1,000 acre-feet a year or more from the regional water planning area.
- e) A staff member of the Texas Department of Agriculture designated by its commissioner; and
- f) A staff member of the State Soil and Water Conservation Board designated by its executive director.

These non-voting members shall serve with an indefinite term of membership and may be removed for the same ~~reasons~~causes and with the same process as voting members.

Non-voting members may serve in the capacity as a representative to each adjacent regional water planning group.

### *Section 2. Planning Groups*

The RCWPG may join with adjacent regions to form voluntary associations composed of representatives of one or more planning regions. ~~The inter-regional~~Interregional planning committees may coordinate ~~inter-regional~~concerning interregional issues ~~that will~~for the benefit of each region and may conduct joint studies of issues affecting their regions. These



associations may develop written agreements, which shall be binding after approval by each regional water planning group involved.

## ARTICLE ~~VIII~~X. MEETINGS

All meetings and hearings of the RCWPG and ~~or its~~ subgroups shall be posted and open to the public in the manner of a governing body under the Texas Open Meetings Act. ~~The schedule for Regular meetings shall be adopted~~conducted from time ~~to~~ time ~~by the RCWPG at a regular posted meeting by a majority of the members present as need requires.~~ All members shall receive an advance notice and agenda at least ~~72 hours~~seven days prior to ~~the meeting a meeting, with notice provided to the Secretary of State by that same time.~~ No action may be taken on any item that does not appear as an ~~action~~ item on the agenda. Notice is acceptable by first class U.S. mail, facsimile, or electronic media. Special meetings may be called by the Chair~~man~~ or a majority of the voting members of the RCWPG.

## ARTICLE ~~IX~~X. MEETING RULES

### *Section 1. Quorum*

A quorum of the RCWPG shall be a simple majority of the voting members or their designated alternates excluding vacancies. A quorum shall be necessary to conduct any business.

### *Section 2. Robert's Rules of Order*

Except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, meetings of the RCWPG shall be conducted under the provisions of the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order. However, failure to follow such rules shall not constitute grounds for an appeal of an action or a decision of the RCWPG.

### *Section 3. Minutes*

Written minutes of all meetings shall be prepared and submitted to the ~~appropriate group~~RCWPG or any committees thereof for approval. The minutes shall include ~~the~~ subject of each deliberation, the action taken, ~~the names of the members in attendance—~~noting the presence of a quorum, the presence of those members of the public who participate in the meeting, and should represent an accurate summary of the meeting. A tape recording of the entire meeting can be substituted for written minutes.

### *Section 4. Records*

All books and records of the RCWPG shall be maintained by the ~~Administrator~~Administrative Agent in accordance ~~the requirements of Texas law,~~TWDB's rules and/or any requirements of a grant contract with ~~law for a governmental agency for a period of at least five (5) years.~~TWDB.

## Section 5. Copying

All information under the Open Records Act shall be available for public inspection during the normal business hours of the ~~Administrator~~Administrative Agent. The procedures and fees for copying and inspection shall be the same as those used by the ~~Administrator~~Administrative Agent for its own public records.

## Section 6. Availability of Reports

All reports, planning documents, and work product resulting from ~~the product~~efforts funded by the TWDB shall be made available to the TWDB, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, or their successor agencies. At least one ~~(1)~~ copy of the approved Regional Water Plan shall be placed in the County Clerk's Office for each county in at least one ~~(1)~~ public library of each county having land within the RCWPG area in accordance with state law, and on the RCWPG website.

## ARTICLE ~~XXI~~. CODE OF CONDUCT

Members and designated alternates of the RCWPG shall ethically conduct the business of the RCWPG and shall avoid any form or appearance of a conflict of interest, real or apparent, by observing the following:

1. No member or designated alternate of the RCWPG shall:
  - a) Solicit or accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from suppliers or potential suppliers of services, materials, or equipment, including subcontractors under recipient contracts; or,
  - b) Participate in the selection, award, or administration of a procurement where the member or designated alternate has a financial or other substantive interest in the organization being considered for award. Such conflict may be due to any of the following having a financial or familial relationship with the organization:
    - i) the member or designated alternate;
    - ii) the member's or designated alternate's family;
    - iii) the member's or designated alternate's business partner(s); or
    - iv) a person or organization that employs, or is about to employ, any of the persons listed in (i)-(iii) above; and,
  - c) Participate in any deliberation, decision, or vote that would constitute a conflict of interest under federal, state, or local law.
2. Potential conflicts of interest shall be clearly stated by the voting member or designated alternate prior to any deliberation or action on an agenda item with which the voting member or designated alternate may be in conflict. Where the

potential conflict is restricted to a divisible portion of an agenda item, the Chair may divide the agenda item into parts, at the Chair's discretion, for deliberation and voting purposes. An abstention from participation in deliberations, decisions, or voting and the reasons therefore shall be noted in the minutes.

## **ARTICLE XII. DECISION PROCESS**

### *Section 1. Proxies*

Proxies shall not be allowed in any decision making by the RCWPG, its committees, or its subgroups.

### *Section 2. Consensus*

The RCWPG shall attempt to make decisions using a consensus decision-making process. Consensus is an agreement built by identifying and exploring all members' interests and by assembling a package agreement which satisfies these interests to the greatest extent possible. A consensus is reached when voting members agree that their major interests have been taken into consideration and addressed in a satisfactory manner so that they can support the decision of the group. The process of building consensus involves the development of alternatives and the assessment of the impacts of those alternatives.

Consensus does not necessarily mean unanimity. Some members may strongly endorse a particular solution while others may accept it as a workable agreement. A member can participate in the consensus without embracing each element of the agreement with the same fervor as other members or necessarily having each of his or her interests satisfied to the fullest extent. In a consensus agreement, the members recognize that, given the combination of gains and trade-offs in the decision package and given the current circumstances and alternative options, the resulting agreement is the best one the voting members can make at this time.

### *Section 3. Voting*

If a consensus is not reached, the Chair shall entertain a motion to put the issue to be conclusively decided by agreement of not less than two-thirds ~~(2/3)~~ of the voting members present at a properly posted meeting, unless otherwise specified in this document.

### *Section 4. Alternative Resolution*

If a favorable vote cannot be achieved in accordance with Section 3 of this Article, the Executive Committee, if one has been created, or the Chair~~man~~ if an Executive Committee has not been created, shall review the decision and the previous actions of the RCWPG. If it is the conclusion of the Executive Committee or the Chair~~man~~, in absence of an Executive Committee, that further discussions cannot resolve the issue, then the matter would be ~~dropped~~tabled or the process initiated to provide additional information.

### *Section 5. Final Adoption of the Regional Water Plan; Amendments*

The voting members of the RCWPG shall adopt ~~the Regional Water Plan~~regional water plans for the Region C Water Planning Area and any amendments by agreement of two-thirds ~~(2/3)~~ of the total voting membership.

### **ARTICLE XIII. COMMITTEES**

The RCWPG may by motion establish committees and subgroups to assist and advise the RCWPG in the development of ~~the Regional Water Management Plan~~regional water plans. The membership and composition of the committees and subgroups shall be in accordance with the resolution adopted by at least two-thirds ~~(2/3)~~ of the voting members present at a properly posted meeting. The RCWPG shall appoint a Chair~~man~~, Vice-Chair~~man~~, and Secretary of each committee or subgroup established. Members to committees and subgroups may be removed for the same reasons and process as voting members.

### **ARTICLE XI~~IV~~Y. COMPENSATION**

Members of the RCWPG ~~are~~shall not ~~to~~ be compensated for their expenses by the State of Texas. All travel expenses will be documented by the members and submitted to the political subdivision designated by the RCWPG to apply to TWDB for funding. The political subdivision contracting with the TWDB for the RCWPG shall compile the travel information from the members, which will be counted as an in-kind expense at the state rate that is in effect at the time the travel occurred.

### **ARTICLE ~~XIV. AMENDING THE BYLAWS~~XV. CONTRACTUAL SERVICES**

The voting members of the RCWPG shall make all decisions related to final approval of persons or entities selected to provide contractual services for the RCWPG, including all services related to preparation, development or revisions of the regional water plan for the RCWPG. However, the voting members may delegate to the Executive Committee the authority to make all administrative decisions concerning amendments to TWDB Research and Planning Fund grant contracts for services related to regional water planning.

### **ARTICLE XVI. AMENDING THE BYLAWS**

These bylaws shall have full force and effect upon approval and adoption by the voting members. Amendments to these bylaws must be approved by two-thirds ~~(2/3)~~ of the total voting membership.

These bylaws approved by the Region C Water Planning Group in a posted meeting on this the 14th day of April, 1998, amended by the Region C Water Planning Group in a posted meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2000, the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2003, the 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2003, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007, the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011, the 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014, ~~and~~ the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015, and the 6th day of November, 2023.

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J. KEVIN WARDJODY PUCKETT

Chairman

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Secretary