

Region C Water Planning Group

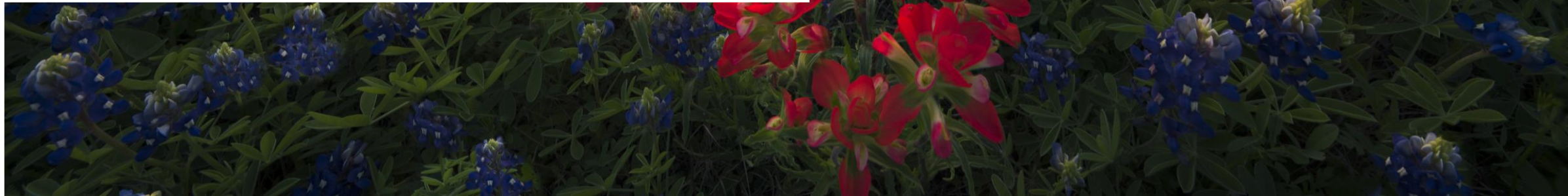
PUBLIC MEETING

OCTOBER 19, 2026



Roll Call

REGION C PLANNING GROUP MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2026





Approval of Minutes

REGION C PLANNING GROUP MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2026



Public Comment

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PRIMARY ACTION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION



AGENDA ITEM IV.A.

Consider re-appointment or replacement of RWPG members with terms expiring in November 2026. Call for nominations to fill vacancies and vote to fill vacancies.

Dan Buhman

Region C Chair

RCWPG Members with Expiring Terms

Name	Representing	Alternate	Office	Term Expires	Interested in Renewing Membership?
Steve Starnes	Counties	Vacant	Member	11/1/2026	Y
Ryan Bayle	Electric Generating Utilities	Vacant	Member	11/1/2026	Y
Grace Darling	Environment	Roy Miliner	Member	11/1/2026	Y
Russell Laughlin	Industry	Nicholas Konen	Vice Chair	11/1/2026	N
Stephen Gay	Municipalities	Haley Salazar	Member	11/1/2026	Y
Jay Barksdale	Public	Matt Garcia	Member	11/1/2026	Y
Glenn Clingenpeel	River Authority	Kevin Ward	Member	11/1/2026	Y
Dan Buhman	Water Districts	Rachel Ickert	Chair	11/1/2026	Y
Connie Standridge	Water Utilities	Kyle Pritchett	Member	11/1/2026	Y



AGENDA ITEM IV.B.

Accept nominations for officers for the 2031 planning cycle; consider election of Region C Water Planning Group Officers.

Dan Buhman

Region C Chair





AGENDA ITEM IV.C.

Consider submitted proposal from Freese & Nichols in response to Request for Qualifications for Technical Consulting Services for the 2031 RWP and vote to select firm to perform Technical Consulting Services for the 2031 RWP.

Dan Buhman

Region C Chair

Freese & Nichols Project Team

Region C Water Planning Group



MAJOR
WORK
AREAS

Surface Water
Supplies

- Justin DuRant, PE
- Courtney Corso, PE ★
- Christina Gildea, PE ★

Groundwater Supplies

- Vince Clause, PG, GISP
- Adrian Dias, GIT ★

Demands and Water
Management Strategies

- Courtney Corso, PE ★
- Christina Gildea, PE ★
- Kristal Copp, PE ★
- Holt Chambers-Hane, EIT
- Ayooluwabami Odusote
- Adrian Dias, GIT ★
- Brigit Buff, PE, PMP, ENV SP ❖
- Qiwen Zhang, PE ★❖

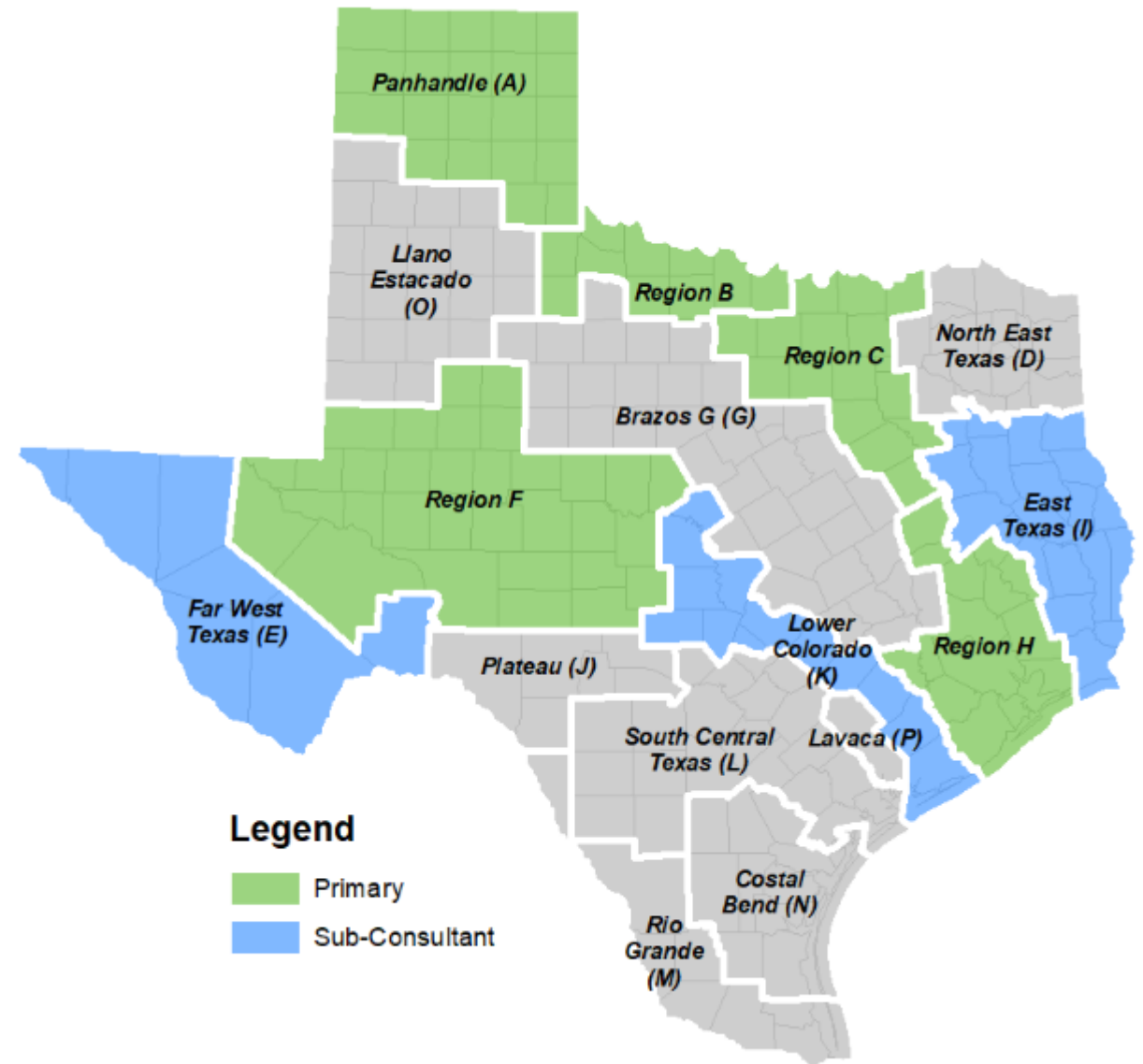
Conservation and
Reuse

- Jeremy Rice
- Christina Gildea, PE ★
- Qiwen Zhang, PE ★❖

- ★ Indicates team members located in North Texas
- ❖ Plummer
- ◆ Cooksey Communications

Freese & Nichols Team Experience

- Long history of regional water planning
- Familiarity with TWDB planning requirements
- Relevant experience with GAMs and WAMs
- Experience with TWDB tools for costing and conservation

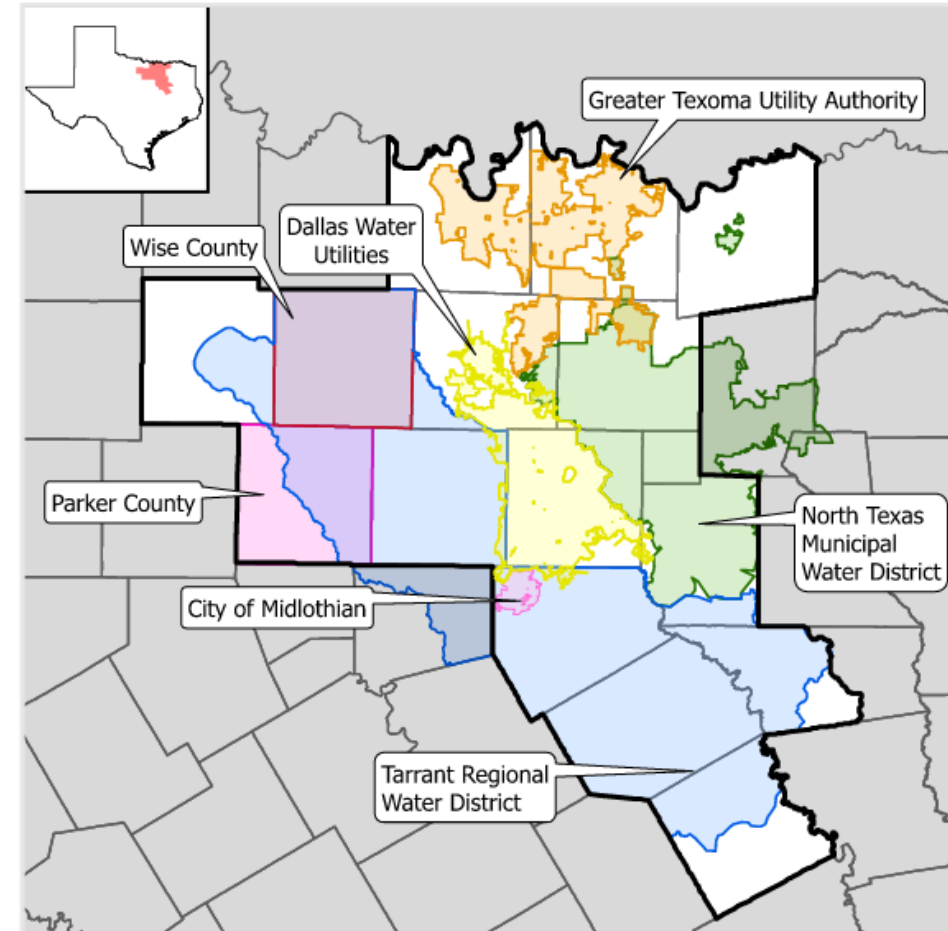


Freese & Nichols Team Experience

Knowledge of the Region

- Region C consultant for >25 years
- We know the region and the RWPG.
- We understand the issues facing the region.

Long-Range Planning in Region C





AGENDA ITEM IV.D.

Consider authorizing the Trinity River Authority to enter into a contract for Technical Consulting Services with the selected firm.

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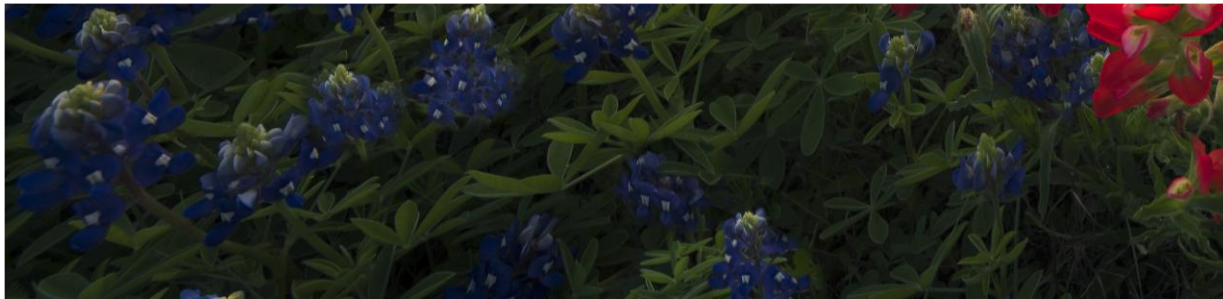
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OTHER ITEMS
(MAY RESULT IN ACTIONS)

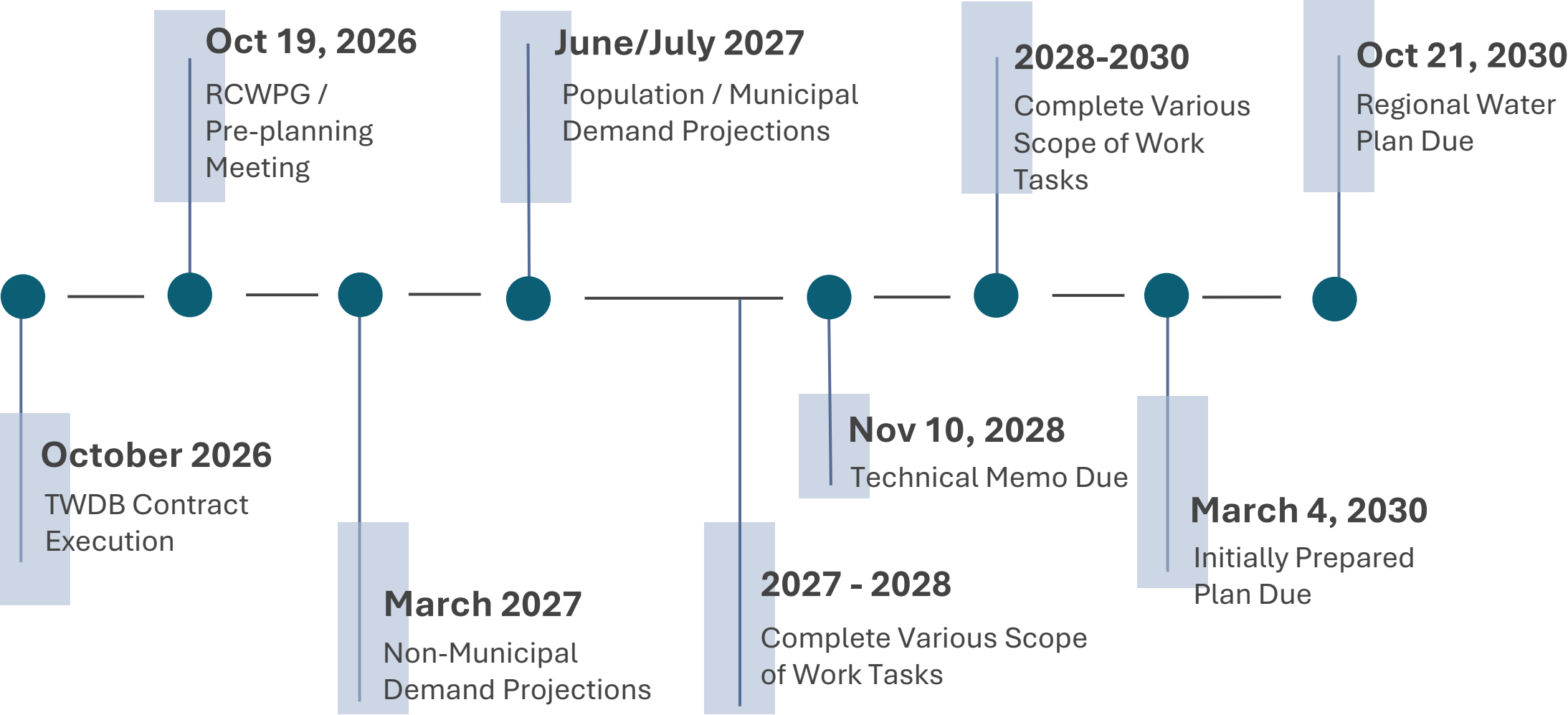


AGENDA ITEM V.A.
Schedule Overview
Courtney Corso
Freese & Nichols, Inc.



Working Timeline – 2031 RWP Cycle

SEVENTH CYCLE OF REGIONAL WATER PLANNING





AGENDA ITEM VI OTHER DISCUSSION

- A. Updates from the Chair**
- B. Report from Regional Liaisons**
- C. Report from Texas Water Development Board**
- D. Other Reports**

Region C Update October 19, 2026

Regional Water Planning 2027 State Water Plan Milestones

- **August 21, 2026:** Draft Amended State Water Plan published; Public comment period began
- **September 24, 2026:** Public hearing held for draft Amended State Water Plan
- **September 25, 2026:** Public comment period closed
- **December 3, 2026:** Amended State Water Plan to be considered by TWDB Board

Region C Update October 19, 2026

2031 Regional Water Plans – Population and Water Demand Projections

- **Early Spring 2027 (Jan/Feb):** Anticipated release of Water User Group (WUG) Lists
- **March 2027:** Anticipated release of non-municipal water demand projections
- **June/July 2027:** Anticipated release of population and municipal water demand projections
- **December 2027:** Submittal of revised final projections to TWDB for review/adoption
 - TWDB Board consideration of population and water demand projections in **April 2028**

Region C Update October 19, 2026

General Updates

RWP Grant Contracts have been executed between TWDB and RWPG sponsors

RWP Technical Stakeholder Meetings

- October 27, 2026
- November 16, 2026

RWP Chairs, Technical Consultants, TWDB Staff

Interregional Planning Council nominations – Summer 2027
(Pending legislative session activities/charges)

Region C Update October 19, 2026

Funding Opportunities

Texas Water Supply Corporations (TWSC) Grant Opportunity

- Deadline to apply: **January 13, 2027**

For Water Supply Corporations serving existing residential customers
One-time 100% grant funding

Additional information and application materials:

<https://www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/TWSCG/index.asp>

Questions?

William Alfaro
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Stay connected:



Adjournment

Dan Buhman

Region C Chair



Pre-Planning Meeting for 2031 Region C Water Plan

PUBLIC MEETING

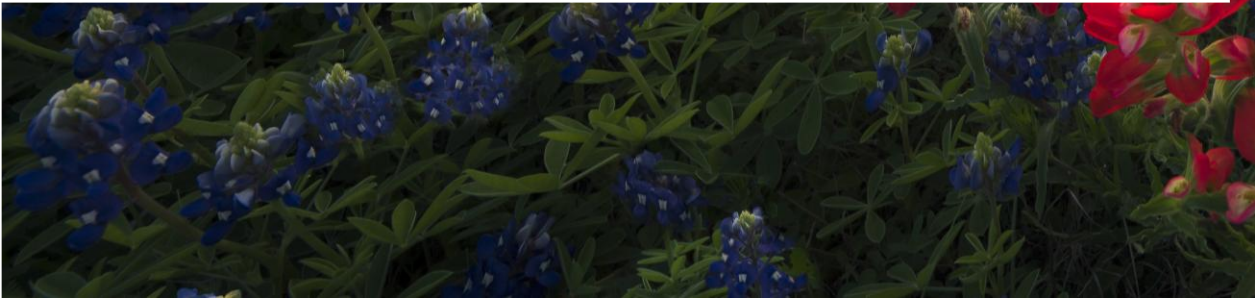
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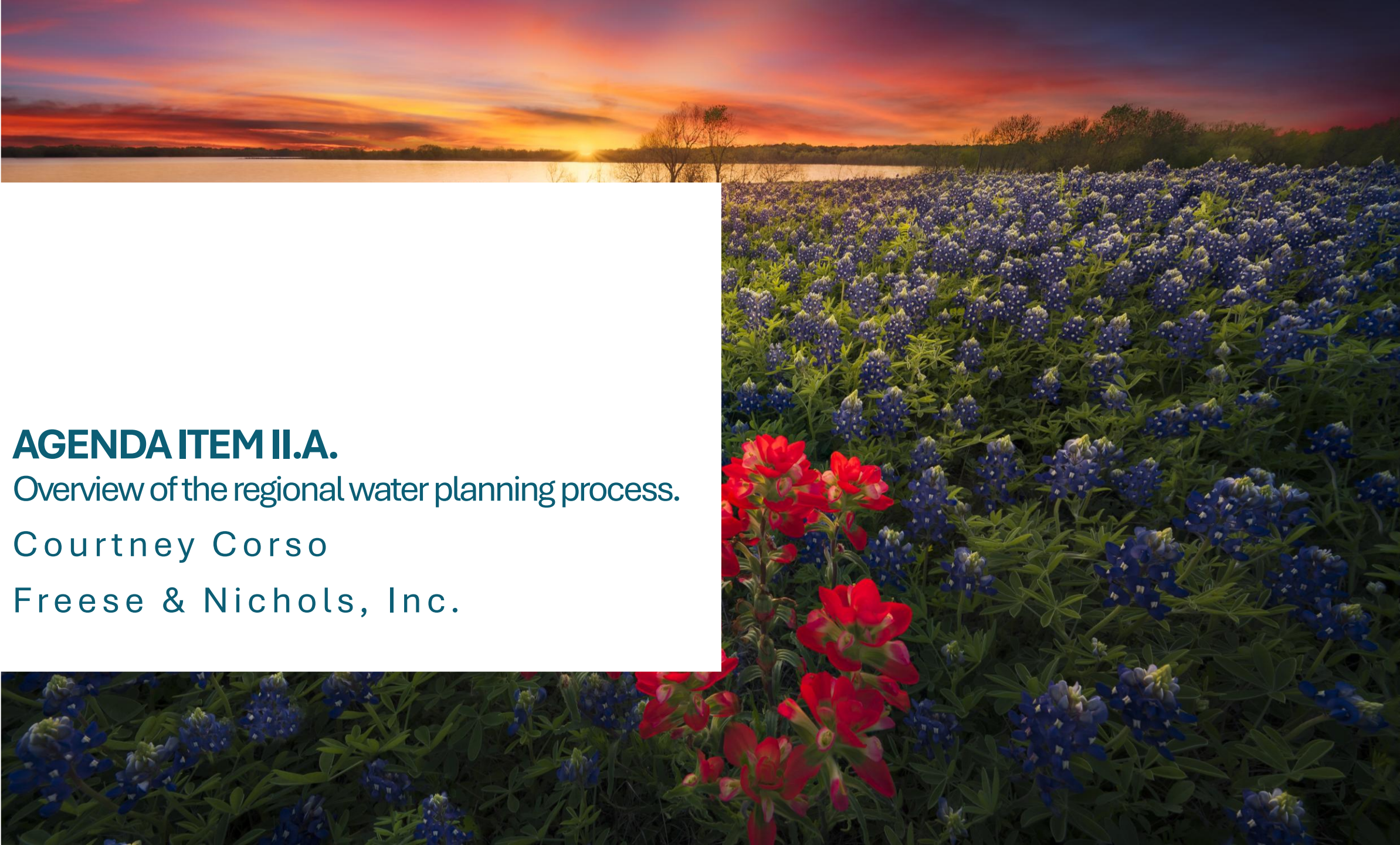


Roll Call

REGION C PRE-PLANNING MEETING

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AGENDA ITEM II.A.

Overview of the regional water planning process.

Courtney Corso

Freese & Nichols, Inc.

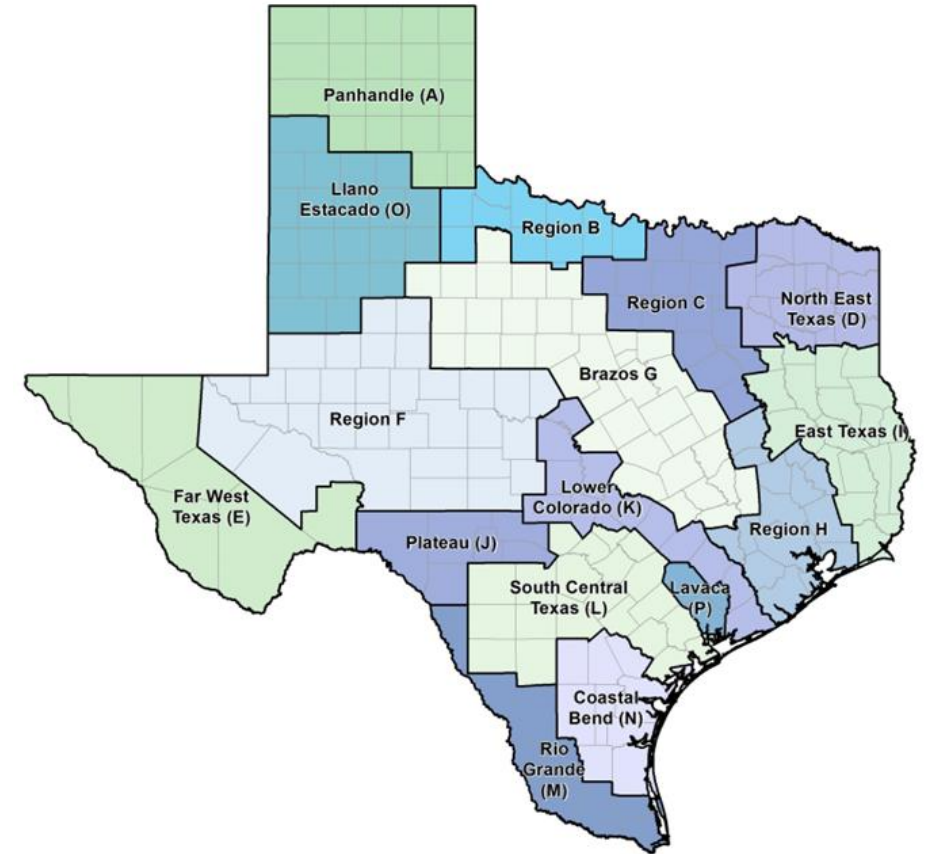
Water Planning in Texas

- Passage of Senate Bills 1 & 2 in 1997 and 2001 which established regional water planning
- 16 regional water planning areas created by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)
- Grass-roots bottom-up approach to plan for future water needs



Fundamentals of Water Planning

- Goal is to meet drought of record water needs
- 50-year planning horizon, 5-year planning cycle
- Water User Groups (WUGs): municipal, manufacturing, mining, irrigation, livestock, and steam-electric power
- Water Management Strategy (WMS) = a plan to meet a need for additional water for an entity
- Units in Acre-Feet per Year (AF/Y)
 - 1 acre-foot = 325,851 gallons



Surface Water: A Shared Resource

“The water of the ordinary flow, underflow, and tides of every flowing river, natural stream, and lake, and of every bay or arm of the Gulf of Mexico, and the storm water, floodwater, and rainwater of every river, natural stream, canyon, ravine, depression, and watershed in the state is the property of the state.”

- Texas Water Code §11.021



Groundwater

Rule of Capture

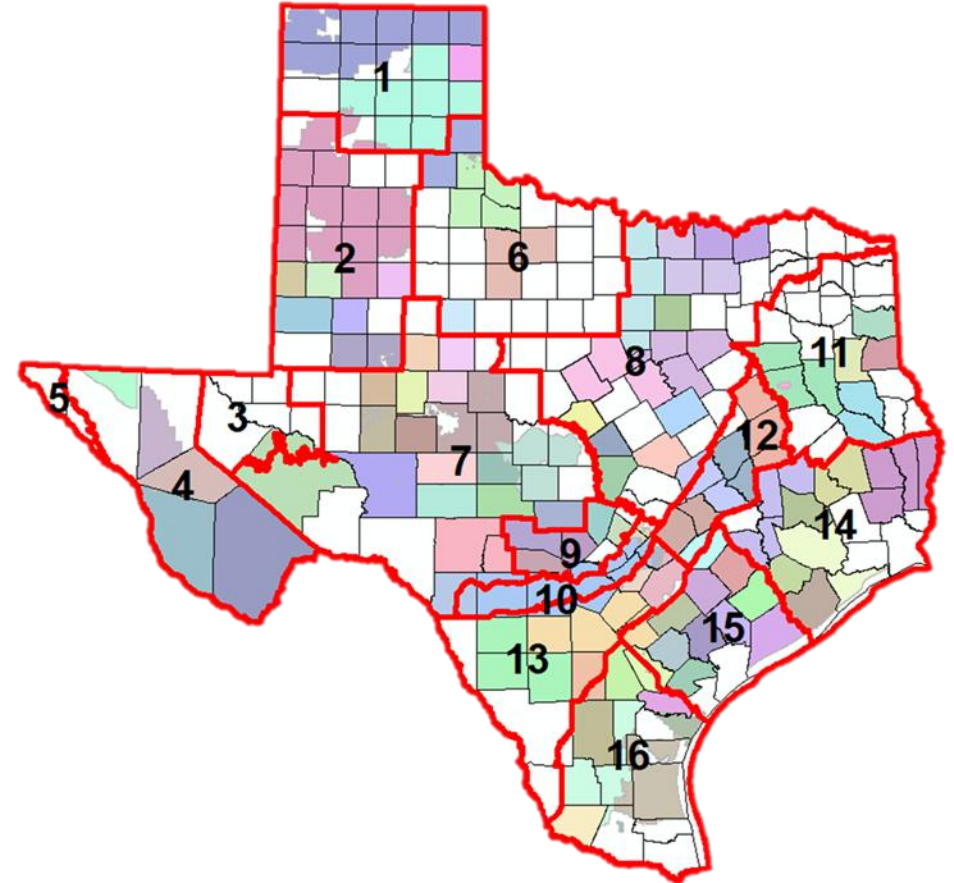
- English common law doctrine
- Landowner can pump water beneath land
- “Rule of the biggest pump”

Groundwater Conservation Districts

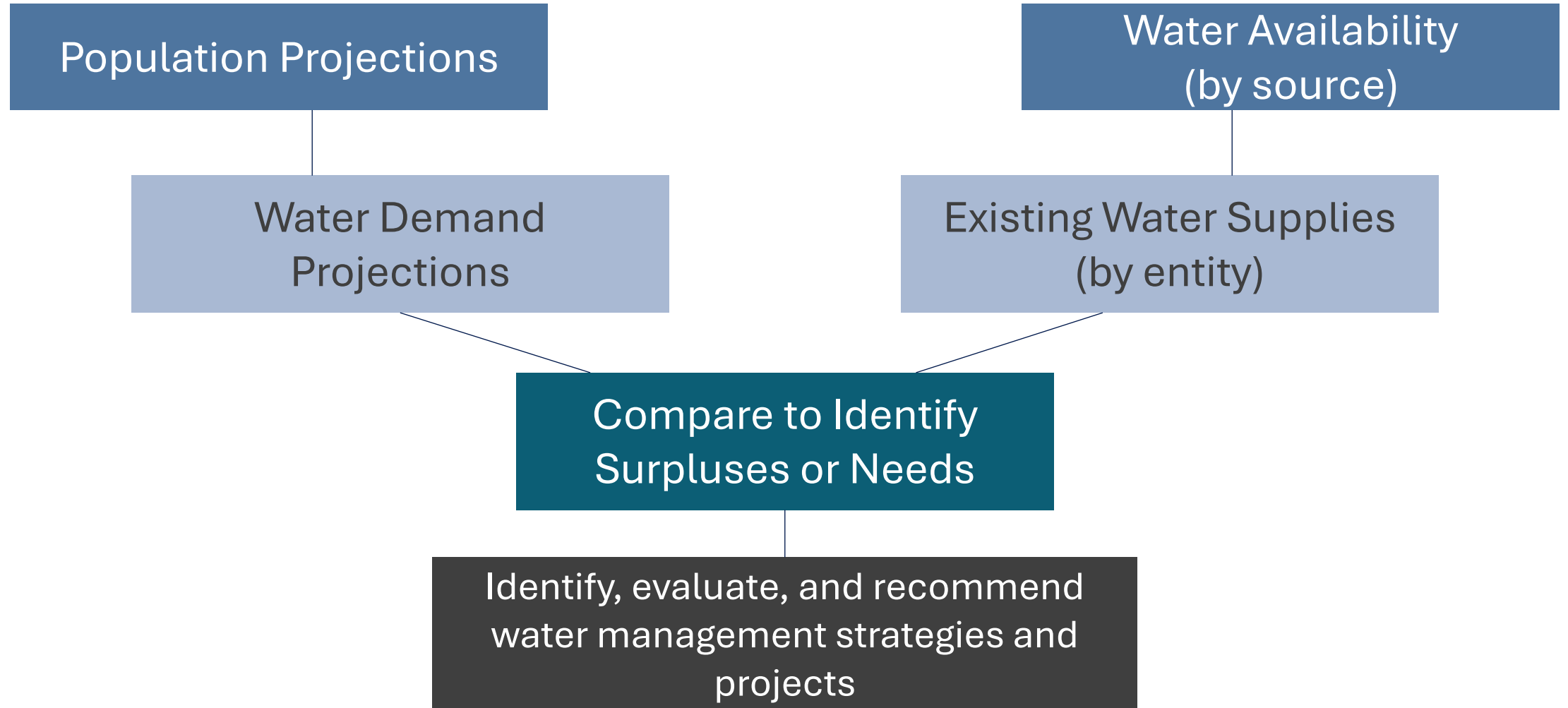
- Authority to regulate well spacing and production
- May establish permitting and registration

Groundwater Management Areas

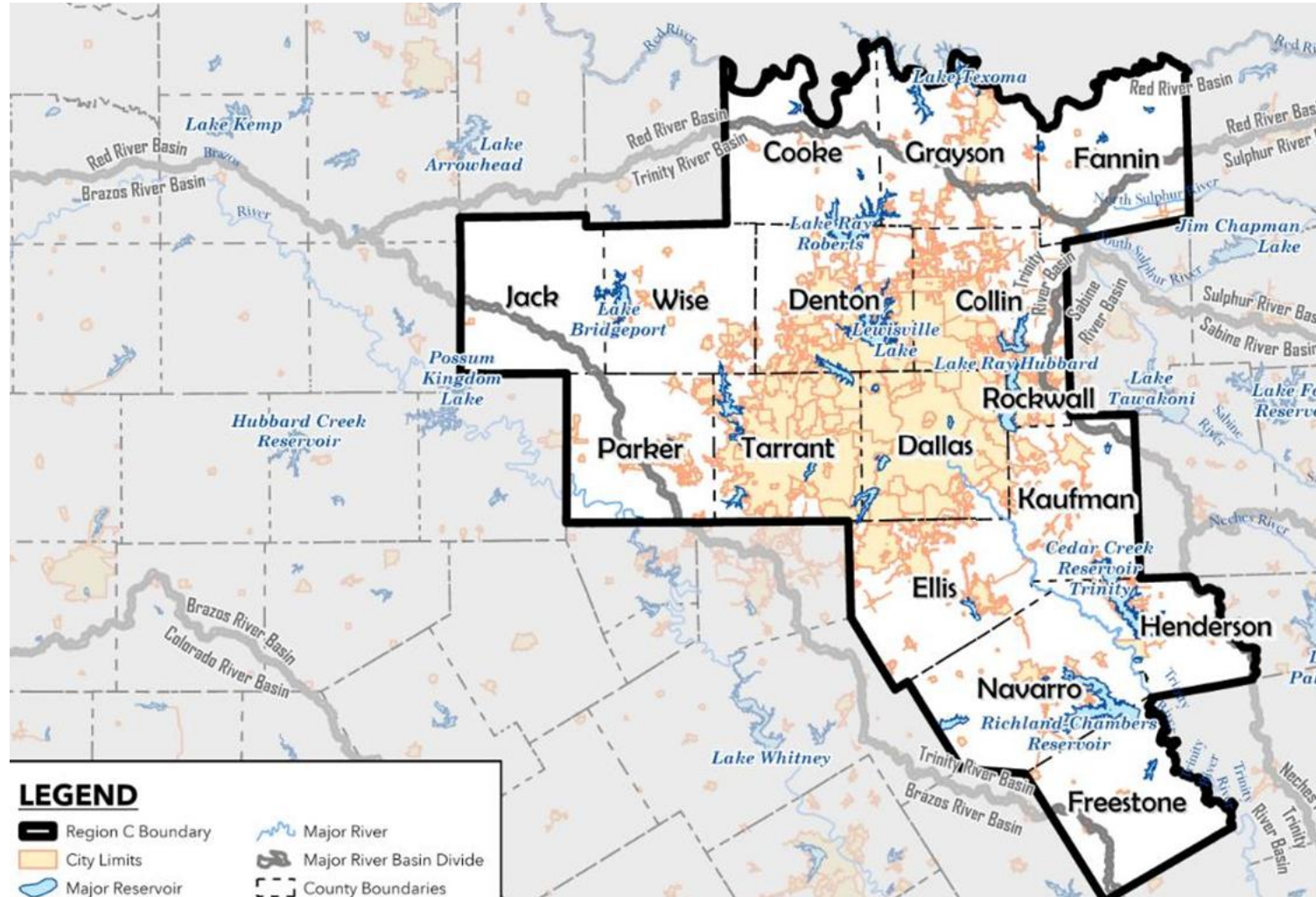
- Determine desired future conditions for aquifers
 - Groundwater availability for Regional Planning



Regional Planning Overview



Region C Overview



Region C at a Glance

16 Counties

2021 Population: 7.7 Million

26% of State's Population

30% of State's Economy

10% of State's Water Use

**56 Cities over 20,000
population**

**89% of Demand Met by
Surface Water**

Region C Water Planning Group

- Directs the development of the Region C Water Plan
- Trinity River Authority is the Political Subdivision
- 23 voting members
- Represent 12 interest groups
- Website:
<https://regioncwater.org/>



Voting Members Interest Categories

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|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| ❖ Agriculture | ❖ Municipalities |
| ❖ Business | ❖ Power Generation |
| ❖ Counties | ❖ Public |
| ❖ Environment | ❖ River Authorities |
| ❖ Groundwater Management Areas | ❖ Water Districts |
| ❖ Industry | ❖ Water Utilities |



AGENDA ITEM II.B.

Receive public input and comments on issues that should be addressed or provisions that should be included in the 2031 Region C Water Plan (Limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

Dan Buhman

Region C Chair





AGENDA ITEM II.C.

Discuss the potential process for conducting interregional coordination regarding water management strategies during the development of the 2031 Region C Water Plan.

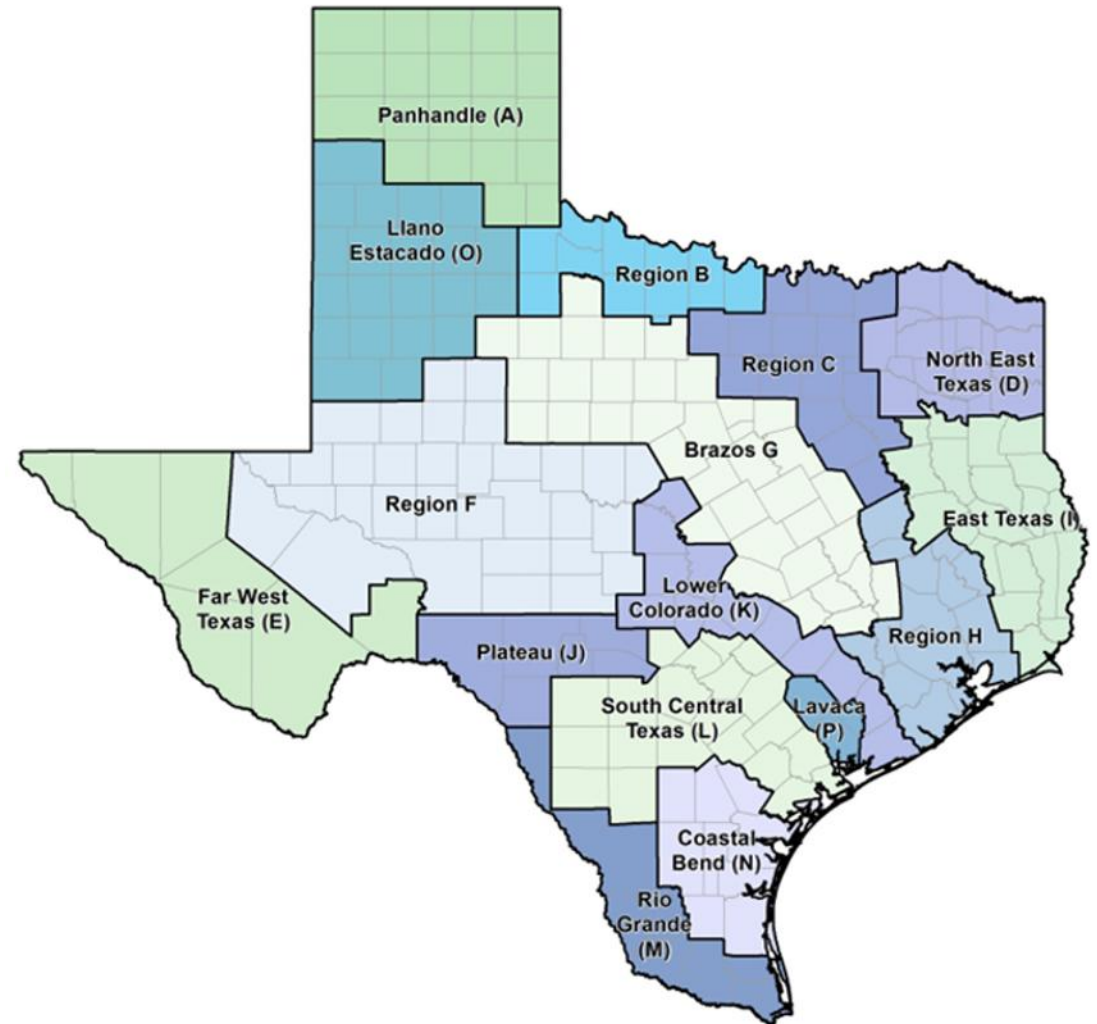
Overview of Potential Interregional Coordination Process

Christina Gildea

Freese & Nichols, Inc.

Region C Interregional Coordination

- Region C borders 5 regions: Regions B, D, G, H, and I
- Over 50 water user groups that overlap regional boundaries
- Multiple shared sources (existing and proposed)
- Discuss key issues to maintain consistency among regional water plans





2026 Major Interregional Strategies

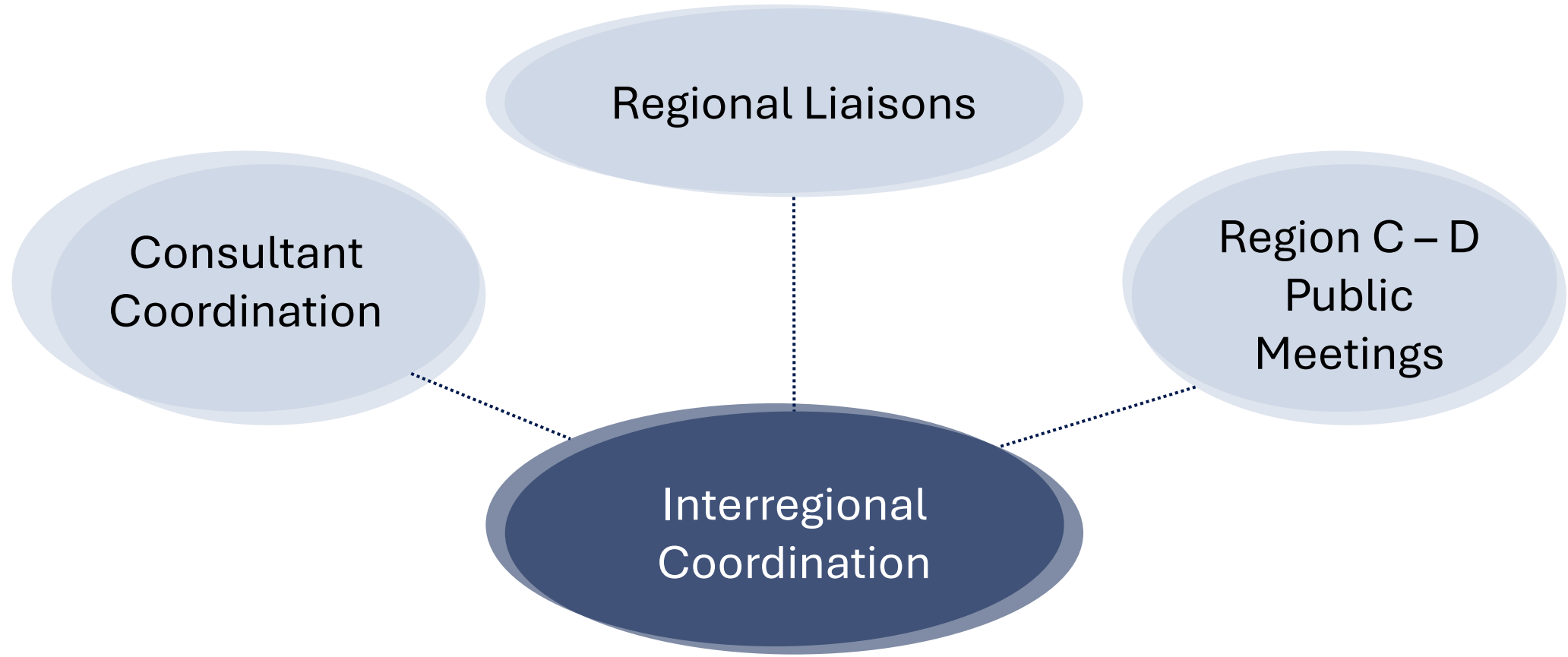
Recommended Strategies

- ❖ Marvin Nichols Reservoir
- ❖ Toledo Bend
- ❖ Lake Palestine / IPL
- ❖ Lake O' the Pines
- ❖ Sabine Basin Conjunctive Use
- ❖ Wright Patman Reallocation

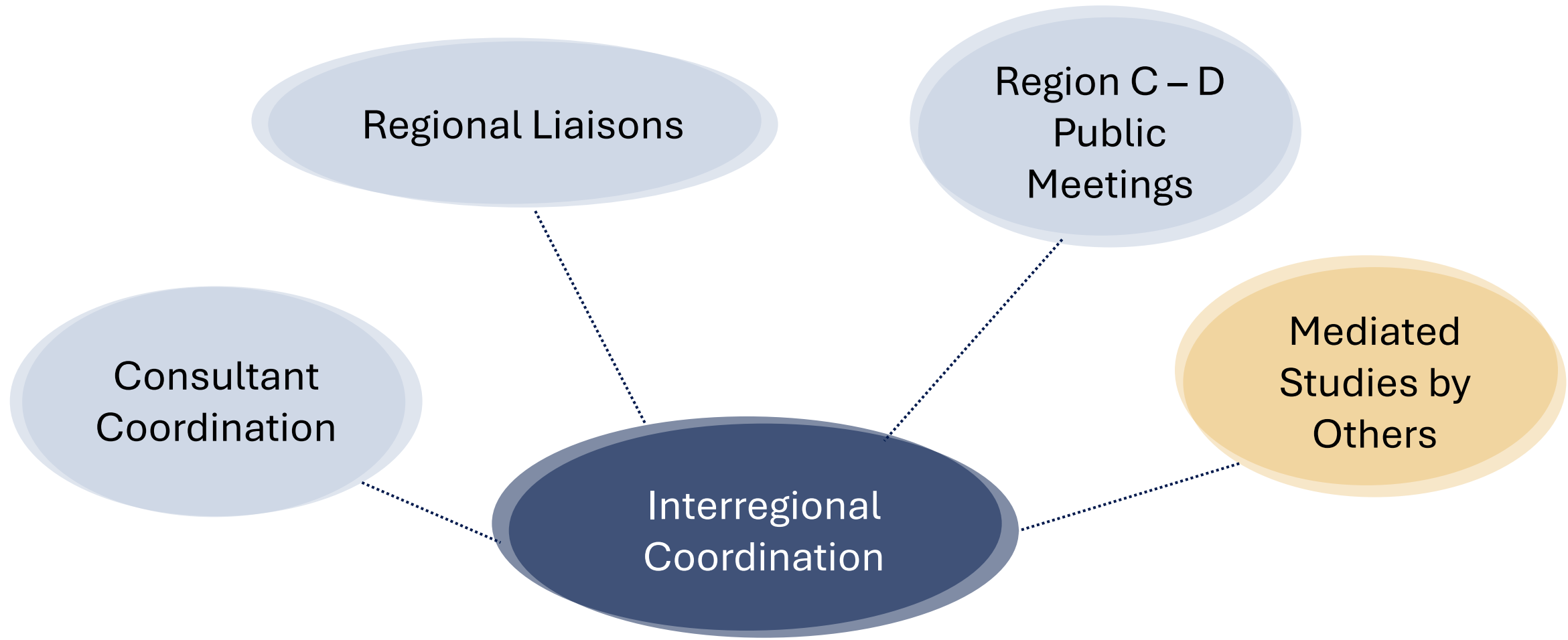
Alternative Strategies

- ❖ Oklahoma Water
 - ❖ Lake Columbia
 - ❖ George Parkhouse (North and South)
 - ❖ Carrizo-Wilcox Groundwater
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2026 Interregional Coordination



Proposed 2031 Interregional Coordination



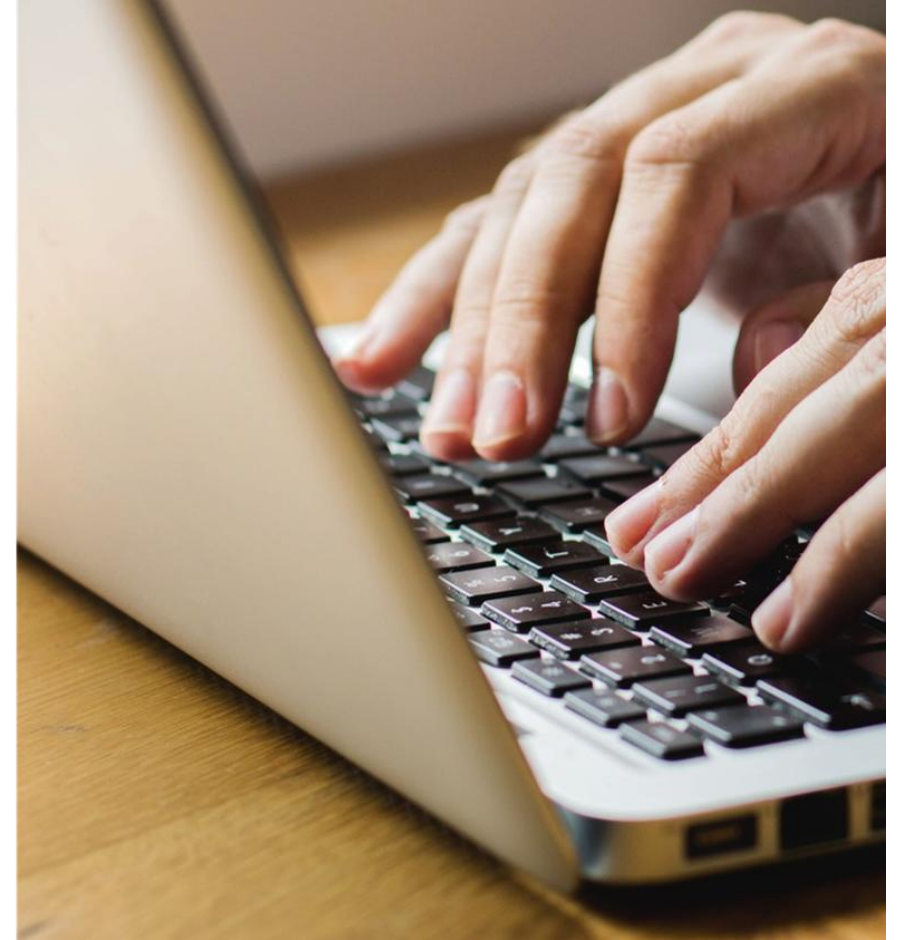
2031 Plan Consultant Coordination

Goals

- Share communications
- Consistency across regional plans

Multiple Areas for Coordination

- Shared water user groups
- Shared existing sources
- Proposed water management strategies located in other regions





Region C Regional Liaisons

Region C to Other Regions

- ❖ Region B: Doug Shaw
- ❖ Region D: Ronna Hart
- ❖ Region G: Vacant
- ❖ Region H: Vacant
- ❖ Region I: Connie Standridge

Other Regions to Region C

- ❖ Region B: Tracy Mesler
 - ❖ Region D: Howdy Lisenbee
 - ❖ Region G: Kathy Jones
 - ❖ Region H: Vacant
 - ❖ Region I: John Martin
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Interregional Meetings

- Joint meetings between neighboring planning regions
- Discuss shared water user groups and water supplies
- Share information on water management strategies
- Receive input





AGENDA ITEM II.C.

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Update on Mediated Studies by Others

Nicole Rutigliano

Interregional Working Group

Adjournment

Dan Buhman

Region C Chair





THANK YOU

Materials are available at
www.regioncwater.org