

REGION C WATER PLANNING GROUP
MINUTES OF AN OPEN PUBLIC MEETING
 April 20, 2015

The Region C Water Planning Group (RCWPG) met in an open public meeting on Monday, April 20, at 1:00 P.M. The meeting was held at the TRA Central Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 6500 W. Singleton Boulevard, Grand Prairie, Texas. Notice of the meeting was legally posted.

Chair Puckett called the Region C Regional Planning Group meeting to order at approximately 1:00 P.M. and welcomed guests.

I. ROLL CALL

Kevin Ward conducted a roll call. The following members were in attendance:

David Bailey	Jim McCarter
Bill Ceverha	Steve Mundt
Andy Cronberg (Alt. for Frank Crumb)	Jody Puckett
Gary Douglas	Bob Riley
Rick Shaffer (Alt. for James Hotopp)	Gary Spicer
Billy George (Alt. for Tom Kula)	Robert Scott
John Lingenfelder (Alt. for T. La Point)	Connie Standridge
Harold Latham	Jack Stevens
Russell Laughlin	Kevin Ward
G. K. Maenius	Tom Woodward
Howard Martin	

Drew Satterwhite was absent from the meeting. Connie Townsend of the TWDB, Adam Whisenant of the TPWD, and Darrell Dean of the TDA were present. Katie Anderson with Save Water Co was also in attendance. The registration lists signed by guests in attendance are attached.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 26, 2015 and March 2, 2015

The minutes of the January 26, 2015 and March 2, 2015, RCWPG meeting were approved by consensus upon a motion by Jack Stevens and a second by Howard Martin.

III. 5th Cycle (2017-2021) Regional Planning Pre-Planning Meeting

A. Overview of Scope

Amy Kaarlela reviewed the scope of work for the 5th Cycle prepared by TWDB. This scope was contained in all regions' applications for funds for 5th Cycle regional planning. Tasks 2A, 2B, and 10 are the same for all

regions. Tom Gooch commented on revisions to population projections. Connie Townsend, TWDB, discussed these population revisions and noted that a new item will be added which looks at the entities supplying the city/town versus population projections.

B. Receive Oral Comments from the Public.

There were no public comments.

C. Receive Written Comments from the Public.

There were no written comments received at the meeting. Written comments can be sent to the Trinity River Authority at the address furnished on the public notice for up to two weeks following the date of this meeting, April 20, 2015.

IV. ACTION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. Consider Approval/Adoption of Region C Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) and Authorization for TRA to Submit IPP to TWDB by May 1, 2015, deadline.

Tom Gooch, FNI, presented chapter summaries and major recommended strategies from the Initially Prepared Plan. Mr. Gooch provided a hard copy of the IPP and advised that it was also posted on the Region C website. After discussing the differences between the two plans, 2011 and 2016, in terms of total demand, total supplies, and water needs, Mr. Gooch advised that the 2016 Plan projects a decrease in total demand of 590,000 ac-ft/yr.

Mr. Gooch also summarized Chapter 5 concerning the identification, evaluation and selection of Water Management Strategies (WMS). Listed below are changes to the major WMSs.

- Dallas
 - More Reuse
 - Lake Columbia
- Tarrant Regional Water District
 - More Reuse (new permits)
 - Lake Tehuacana
- Sulphur Basin Supplies (TRWD, NTMWD, UTRWD, Dallas, Irving, SRBA)
 - Evolution of Marvin Nichols
 - Combination with Lake Wright Patman

At the request of Chair Puckett, John Jarvis, Project Development Consultant for the Sulphur River Basin Authority (SRBA), made a presentation to the RCWPG on the results of the Sulphur River Basin Studies and how they affect the 2016 Region C Initially Prepared Plan WMS.

Mr. Jarvis gave an overview of the history of the SRBA that included:

- SRBA was formed in 1985 and covers 11 counties
- Has 7 Board members
- Entered into a Feasibility contract with C/E in 2005
- Sulphur River Basin Watershed comprises large portion of Region D
- Sizable amount of information was not submitted to the Region D Water Planning Group for the 2011 Water Plan
- Previous studies:
 - Bias in analysis towards Marvin Nichols solution
 - Did not allow for in-basin needs
 - No consideration of impact of reservoir footprint and/or mitigation footprint on timber industry
- State owns unappropriated water
- Titus County is one of the fastest growing counties in Sulphur River Basin
- Joint Committee on Projected Demand (JCPD) is re-evaluating with new Water Availability Model (WAM)
- Ultimate solution will require partnership between Sulphur Basin interests and Region C providers

There were no public comments on this action item.

Kevin Ward asked Mr. Jarvis about the SB 3 flow requirements. Becky Griffith with the Sulphur Basin group is addressing those issues. Russell Laughlin asked a question concerning socioeconomic development and evaluation and their impacts to mitigation level. Mr. Jarvis replied that the feasibility studies have been posted on the SRBA website for information.

Upon a motion by Kevin Ward and a second by Gary Spicer, the RCWPG voted unanimously to approve and adopt the Region C Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) and authorize TRA to submit to TWDB by May 1, 2015, deadline.

- B. Consider Approval/Adoption of Confidential Information Related to Emergency Interconnects and Authorization for TRA to Submit Information to TWDB by May 1 Deadline.

There were no public comments received on this action item.

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Upon a motion by Jack Stevens and a second by Howard Martin, the RCWPG voted unanimously to approve and adopt the Confidential Information Related to Emergency Interconnects and authorize TRA to submit information to TWDB by May 1, 2015, deadline.

- C. Consider Approving Date for IPP Public Hearing and Authorizing TRA to Post 30-day Public Notice.

Amy Kaarlela advised that Region C is required to hold a Public Hearing to take public comments on the Initially Prepared Plan. Ms. Kaarlela noted the following requirements:

- IPP is due to TWDB by May 1, 2015
- Required to have a Public Hearing with 30-day notice
- IPP must be 'publicly available' when Hearing Notice sent
- Hearing date is start of 90-day state agency comment period
- Proposed Date: Wednesday, June 24th at 7 PM, Bob Duncan Center, Arlington

There were no public comments on this action item.

On a motion by Steve Mundt, and a second by Jack Stevens, the RCWPG voted unanimously to approve the Public Hearing date to take public comments on the Initially Prepared Plan on Wednesday, June 24, 2015, at 7 PM at the Bob Duncan Center, 2800 Center Street in Arlington.

- D. Consider Approval of Request to TWDB to perform the Socioeconomic Analysis of Unmet Water Needs in Region C.

Amy Kaarlela stated that a required element of the Final Regional Plan is a Socioeconomic Analysis of Unmet Water Needs in Region C. This study will address the costs to the region if it does not implement its strategies. The TWDB has a model and will perform this analysis for all regions. The impacts from the 2011 Water Plan (in 2060) could be:

- 2% lost population
- 547,000 lost jobs
- \$64 billion in lost income and taxes

There were no public comments on this item.

On a motion by Russell Laughlin and a second by Howard Martin, the RCWPG voted unanimously to approve the request to TWDB in the form of

a letter to perform the Socioeconomic Analysis of Unmet Water Needs in Region C.

- E. Consider Approval and Adoption of Minor Amendment to the *2011 Region C Water Plan*, Related to Changes to Conservation Water Management Strategies for Bedford and Consider Authorizing TRA to submit Adopted Amendment to TWDB for approval consideration by TWDB Board.

Amy Kaarlela discussed the City of Bedford's efforts to date to seek to Amend the *2011 Region C Water Plan* as follows:

- Involves Conservation strategy with capital cost
- \$90 Million main replacement and automated meter reading
- Projects must be in 2011 Plan to get SWIFT funding
- Presented project to RCWPG on January 26, 2015
- RCWPG supported efforts
- Amendment documentation provided to TWDB
- TWDB determined it to be "Minor" amendment
- Minor Amendment considered for Approval April 20, 2015 by RCWPG
- If approved, it will be sent to TWDB to include in 2012 State Water Plan by amendment

There were no public comments on this action item.

On a motion by Steve Mundt and a second by Howard Martin, the RCWPG voted unanimously to approve the adoption of Minor Amendment to the *2011 Region C Water Plan*, related to Changes to Conservation Water Management Strategies for Bedford and authorize TRA to submit Adopted Amendment to TWDB for approval consideration by the TWDB Board.

- F. Consider Approval and Adoption of Minor Amendments to the *2011 Region C Water Plan*, related to Changes to Conservation Water Management Strategies for Fort Worth and consider Authorizing TRA to submit Adopted Amendment to TWDB for approval consideration by TWDB Board.

Amy Kaarlela reviewed the City of Fort Worth's efforts to date to seek to Amend the *2011 Region C Water Plan* as follows:

- Involves Conservation strategy with capital cost
- \$76 Million main replacement and automated meter reading
- Projects must be in 2011 Plan to get SWIFT Funding
- Presented project to RCWPG on March 2, 2015
- RCWPG supported efforts
- Amendment documentation provided to TWDB
- TWDB determined it to be "Minor" amendment

- Minor Amendment considered for Approval April 20, 2015 by RCWPG
- If approved, it will be sent to TWDB to include in 2012 State Water Plan by amendment

There were no public comments on this action item.

On a motion by Gary Spicer and a second by Jack Stevens, the RCWPG voted unanimously to approve the adoption of Minor Amendment to the *2011 Region C Water Plan*, related to Changes to Conservation Water Management Strategies for Ft. Worth and authorize TRA to submit Adopted Amendment to TWDB for approval consideration by the TWDB Board.

- G. Ratify Amendment Number 7 of Contract between TWDB and TRA that was fully executed on February 23, 2015 related to the 2016 Region C Water Plan.

Chair Puckett discussed this item for the RCWPG to ratify Contract Amendment #7 and reviewed the following points:

- All Regions are performing amendments
- TRA/TWDB executed contract on 2/23/15
 - Eliminated 2016 DRAFT prioritization of projects
 - Minor “clean-up” regarding timing of hearings and IPP submittals
 - Allowed budget to be shifted between Tasks 12 & 13 (2011 and 2016 Prioritization)
 - Extended deadline for final plans from November 1 to December 2015

There were no public comments on this action item.

On a motion by Russell Laughlin and a second by Connie Standridge, the RCWPG voted unanimously to Ratify Amendment Number 7 of the Contract between TWDB and TRA that was fully executed on February 23, 2015, related to the 2016 Region C Water Plan.

- H. Consider Authorizing TRA to Amend Contract with Freese & Nichols (Amendment Number 7).

Chair Puckett presented this item for the RCWPG approval to allow TRA to amend Contract with FNI.

There were no public comments on this action item.

On a motion by Jim McCarter and a second by Howard Martin, the RCWPG voted unanimously to authorize TRA to amend Contract with FNI.

I. Consider Appointment of a Region C Subcommittee on SWIFT Prioritization.

Chair Puckett asked for volunteers to comprise this subcommittee to attend meetings over the summer regarding SWIFT Prioritization for funding. This Subcommittee will provide direction and input to this ranking process for the Final 2016 Prioritization that is due December 1, 2015, with the Final 2016 Region C Plan.

There were no public comments on this action item.

On a motion by Jim McCarter and a second by Howard Martin, the RCWPG voted unanimously to appoint Connie Standridge, Kevin Ward, Bill Ceverha, Russell Laughlin, Billy George, Dennis Qualls, and Wayne Owen to the Region C Subcommittee on SWIFT Prioritization.

J. Consider Approval of May 2015 Newsletter

Colby Walton reviewed the draft May 2015 newsletter. Upcoming articles included:

- Overview of the Initially Prepared Plan
 - Focus on preliminary Water Management Strategy recommendations
- Notice regarding IPP Public Hearing and opportunity to provide public comments
- Schedule for remainder of 4th planning round

The recurring sections to be included are:

- Next meeting information
- Planning Group overview and roster

Mr. Walton outlined the development and approval process as follows:

- Early May: Articles drafted, sent to consultants and officers for review
- Mid-May: Initial layout prepared by designer/printer and sent to Planning Group for review
- Late May: Final newsletter produced and distributed via mail, e-mail
- Next issue would be prepared for distribution in November/December after 2016 Water Plan has been adopted

There were no registered speakers on this item.

On a motion by Bill Ceverha and a second by Connie Standridge, the RCWPG voted unanimously to allow approval of final May 2015 newsletter to be done at a later date via email vote of RCWPG members.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Schedule Update

Amy Kaarlela presented a project schedule update including the following key items for 2015:

- Initially Prepared Plan
 - Due May 1, 2015
 - TWDB Comment Period – May – August 2015
 - Public Comment Period – Summer (Public Hearing)
 - Revise Plan per Comments – Fall 2015
- DB17
 - Strategy module available - April 27, 2015
 - Strategy data due – July 1, 2015
 - TWDB performs socio-economic analysis
- Final Plan
 - Final Plan due – December 1, 2015
 - Including GIS deliverables
 - Final 2016 Prioritization due – December 1, 2015

B. TCEQ Notification that a Watermaster (WM) is Being Considered in the Red River Basin

Amy Kaarlela advised the planning group that a watermaster is a point person to oversee water rights users in the water basin. TCEQ is evaluating the following points on this issue:

- Court order to create a WM?
- Has TCEQ received a petition requesting WM?
- Have senior water rights been threatened?
- Soliciting public comments
 - TCEQ Watermaster Section, MC-160, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087

VI. OTHER DISCUSSION

A. Updates from the Chair

Chair Puckett acknowledged that the area lakes are at 84% capacity. Regions I, G and H are experiencing a drought of record. Chair Puckett attended the recent Region D meeting.

B. Report from Regional Liaisons

- Region B – No report
- Region D – No report
- Region G – No report
- Region H – No report
- Region I – No report

C. Report from Texas Water Development Board

Connie Townsend advised that the TWDB approved the *Region C 2011 Water Plan* Revisions on March 26, 2015. The Board will hold a hearing on April 27, 2015 to take public comments. On April 29, 2015, the TWDB will consider approval of amendments to the plan.

The Region C WPG approved and adopted the Bedford and Fort Worth Minor Amendments to the *2011 Region C Water Plan* at its April 20, 2015 public meeting. TWDB will meet May 22, 2015, to consider approval of these amendments. If approved, the TWDB will revise the 2012 State Water Plan to include the Bedford and Fort Worth Conservation Water Management Strategies.

Connie Townsend also commented on the SWIFT timeline. On May 6, the TWDB meets to consider authorization for staff to begin the invitation process. If approved, the SWIFT applications will then be received by the TWDB during the first week of June.

Ms. Townsend also noted that the TWDB met on April 10, 2015, and authorized staff to execute Fifth Round Cycle contracts in early May and to send the contracts to the regional planning groups to review.

D. Report from Texas Department of Agriculture

No report.

E. Report from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

No report.

F. Other Reports

No reports

G. Confirm Date and Location of Hearing for IPP

The next Region C WPG Public Hearing has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, 2015, at 7:00 PM, Bob Duncan Center, 2800 Center Street, Arlington, Texas, 76014.

H. Confirm Date and Location of Next Meeting

The next Region C WPG meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 28, 2015, at 1:00 P.M. at TRA Central Wastewater Treatment Plant, 6500 W. Singleton Blvd., Grand Prairie, Texas 75212.

I. Public Comments

Katie Anderson, CEO, Save Water Co, requested speaking time to introduce her company which does research on ways to save water by improving infrastructure. Ms. Anderson said Save Water Co has determined that 1 trillion gallons of water are lost annually by failing infrastructure. Repairing a leaking toilet in one apartment unit saves 6 A/F of water per year. The Region C area has 552,000 apartment units, which would save 3.3 M gallons of water per year if the plumbing in all units were repaired. Ms. Anderson offered her services to the Region C WPG if warranted.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

JODY PUCKETT, Chair