

REGION C WATER PLANNING GROUP
MINUTES OF AN OPEN PUBLIC MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2009

The Region C Water Planning Group (RCWPG) met in an open public meeting on Monday, November 9, 2009, 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

Secretary Russell Laughlin conducted a roll call. The following members or alternates were in attendance:

Steve Berry	Paul Phillips
Bill Ceverha	Charlie Stringer (Alt. for Jody Puckett)
Jerry Chapman	Robert Scott
Andy Cronberg (Alt. for Frank Crumb)	Jack Stevens
Craig Schkade (Alt. for Russell Laughlin)	Connie Standridge
Mark Jones (Alt. for Bill Lewis)	Gary Spicer
Tim Fisher (Alt. for Howard Martin)	Warren Brewer (Alt. for Danny Vance)
Jim McCarter	Thomas LaPoint (Alt. for Mary Vogelsson)
Jim Parks	Dr. Tom Woodward

G. K. Maenius was absent from the meeting. David Meesey of the TWDB, Adam Whisenant of the TPWD, and E. W. Wesley of the TDA were also in attendance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 28, 2009

The minutes of the September 28, 2009, RCWPG meeting were approved by consensus.

III. PRESENTATION BY GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Arnold Vedlitz of Texas A & M University presented information on public perception of climate change in Texas and New Mexico. A copy of his presentation will be posted on the RCWPG website.

IV. ACTION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. Approval of Evaluation Criteria for Water Management Strategies and Potentially Feasible Water Management Strategies

Tom Gooch reviewed the proposed evaluation criteria for water management strategies and potentially feasible water management strategies. Charlie Stringer requested the consultants add the City of Crandall's request to include the City of Dallas as an additional water management strategy. There were no speakers registered to provide comments on this item. On a motion by Jerry

Chapman and a second by Paul Phillips, the RCWPG unanimously approved the evaluation criteria and the feasible strategies.

B. Approval of Fall 2009 Region C Newsletter

Colby Walton reviewed the proposed Fall 2009 Region C newsletter. Tim Fisher suggested revising the wording from “waste water” to “use water” on the second page, second paragraph. It was also suggested that copies of the newsletters be provided to legislative members. There were no speakers registered to provide comments on this item. On a motion by Paul Phillips and a second by Connie Standridge, the RCWPG unanimously approved the Fall Region C 2009 Newsletter.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Overall Project Schedule

Tom Gooch reviewed the overall project schedule. Meetings in 2010 are proposed to be held in January, March, the Summer (public hearings) and September. The Final Plan is due to the TWDB October 1, 2010. A Water Summit is planned for October.

B. Follow-up on Posted Population and Demand Projections

Tom Gooch provided a follow-up on the posted population and demand projections. No public comments were received. One written comment was received from a wholesale water provider regarding a slight adjustment in GPCD of one small customer; this will be addressed during the next round of regional planning. The projections were sent to the TWDB for approval, which is anticipated in November 2009.

C. Presentation of Chapter 3 - Existing Water Supplies

Rachel Ickert presented information on Chapter 3 – Existing Water Supplies. Thomas LaPoint suggested adding a footnote indicating the percentage of change in the WAMs.

D. Update on Water Management Strategies (Task 4)

Tom Gooch presented an update on the Water Management Strategies, which included the plans for the large wholesale water providers, plans for all other wholesale water providers, and progress to date.

E. Update on County Studies (Task 4)

Tom Gooch presented an update on the County Studies, which included the current status and the next steps.

F. Update on Saline Study (Task 4)

Preston Dillard of Alan Plummer and Associates provided an update on the Saline Study, which included a review of the survey information, concentrate disposal techniques, potential beneficial uses of concentrate, and the next steps.

G. Update on Water Conservation and Drought Management Recommendations (Task 6)

Preston Dillard provided the update on Water Conservation and Drought Management recommendations, which included reviewing the approved strategies, updates to the 2006 Plan, the current status, and the next steps.

H. Presentation on Invasive Aquatic Species related to Water Supply

Ellen McDonald of Alan Plummer and Associates reviewed impacts and controls of zebra mussels.

I. Public Participation Updates

Colby Walton discussed the Dallas Morning News editorial board meeting, the Star-Telegram water reuse story, and the upcoming Initially Prepared Plan Public Hearings.

J. Review Environmental Flows Process

Tom Gooch reviewed the environmental flows allocation process, which was included in SB-3, passed in 2007.

K. Update on Overall Status and Next Steps

Tom Gooch reviewed the overall status and next steps.

VI. OTHER DISCUSSION

A. Updates from the Chair

1. Update on Study Commission on Region C Water Supply

Jim Parks gave an update on the Study Commission on Region C Water Supply.

2. Update on Water Conservation Advisory Council

Jim Parks gave an update on the Water Conservation Advisory Council.

3. H2O4 Texas Conference, November 16-17, Fort Worth

Jim Parks gave an update on the H2O4 Texas Conference held November 16-17, 2009, in Fort Worth.

B. Report from Regional Liaisons

Reports were given by the following liaisons/representatives:

- Region B – Jerry Chapman
- Region D – Mike Rickman
- Region G – Connie Standridge
- Region H – Warren Brewer

C. Report from GMA 8 Liaisons

No report was presented.

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

No report was presented.

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

No report was presented.

F. Report from Texas Water Development Board

David Meeseey provided a report from the TWDB.

G. Report from Texas Department of Agriculture

No report was presented.

H. Report from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Adam Whisenant discussed the density of zebra mussels at the fisheries office at Lake Texoma.

I. Confirm Date and Location of Next Meeting

The dates of the next meetings were confirmed for Monday, January 11, 2010, and Monday, March 15, 2009, at 1:00 P.M., at TRA Central Wastewater Treatment Plant.

J. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting of the RCWPG adjourned at approximately 4:25 P.M.

RUSSELL LAUGHLIN
Secretary