

**Minutes of the
South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group
August 2, 2018**

Chair Suzanne Scott called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in the San Antonio Water System's (SAWS) Customer Service Building, Room CR 145, 2800 US Highway 281 North, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.

26 of the 30 voting members, or their alternates, were present.

Voting Members Present:

Tim Andruss	Iliana Pena
Pat Calhoun	Robert Puente
Patrick Garcia for Rey Chavez	Steve Ramsey
Will Conley	Weldon Riggs
Curt Campbell	David Roberts
Charlie Flatten	Roland Ruiz
Vic Hilderbran	Dianne Savage
Kevin Janak	Suzanne Scott
Russell Labus	Greg Sengelmann
Glenn Lord	Heather Sumpter
Dan Meyer	Thomas Taggart
Gary Middleton	Dianne Wassenich
Con Mims	
Kevin Patteson	

Voting Members Absent

Gene Camargo
Blair Fitzsimmons
Doug McGooky
Adam Yablonski

Non-Voting Members Present:

Elizabeth McCoy, Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)
Marty Kelly, Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife
Iliana Delgado, South Texas Water Master, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
Joseph McDaniel, Region J

Non-Voting Members Absent:

Carl Crull, Region N Liaison
Ronald Fieseler, Region K Liaison
Don McGhee, Region M Liaison
Jamie McCool, Texas Department of Agriculture
Rusty Ray, Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB)

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All PowerPoint presentations and meeting materials referenced in the minutes are available in the meeting Agenda Packet at www.regionaltexas.org.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 3, 2018, MEETING OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP (SCTRWPG)

Chair Scott asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 3, 2018, meeting of the SCTRWP. Gary Middleton moved to approve the minutes. Glenn Lord seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE SELECTION OF VOTING MEMBERS TO FILL VACANCIES IN FOLLOWING INTEREST CATEGORIES: AGRICULTURE (1), COUNTIES (1), INDUSTRIES (1), MUNICIPALITIES (1), PUBLIC (1), RIVER AUTHORITIES (1), SMALL BUSINESS (2), WATER DISTRICTS (4), AT LEAST 1 NONGROUNDWATER DISTRICT), AND WATER UTILITIES (2)

Chair Scott opened discussion to Agenda Item No. 3 by first describing the nomination and interview process that the Executive Committee conducted, and then presenting a recommendation from the Executive Committee to the Planning Group. The recommendation was printed and provided to each Planning Group member, along with the nomination materials submitted for each nominee.

The Executive Committee recommended the following nominees to serve in their respective interest categories:

1. Dianne Wassenich to represent the Public
2. Will Conley to represent Counties
3. Ian Taylor to represent Municipalities
4. Glenn Lord to represent Industries
5. Tom Jungman to represent Agriculture
6. Suzanne Scott to represent River Authorities
7. Roland Ruiz to represent Water Districts
8. Greg Sengelmann to represent Water Districts
9. Tim Andruss to represent Water Districts
10. Humberto Ramos to represent Non-Groundwater Conservation District Water Districts
11. Steve Ramsey to represent Water Utilities
12. Alan Cockerell to represent Water Utilities

No nominations were received to fill the two Small Business interest category vacancies.

Tom Taggart moved to approve the slate recommended by the Executive Committee. Con Mims seconded the motion.

Chair Scott asked for a vote by show of hands. 23 voting members voted in favor of the motion. No votes were cast against the motion. Three abstentions were recorded. The motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION AUTHORIZING THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY (SARA) TO SOLICIT NOMINATIONS TO FILL REMAINING VACANT SCTRWPG VOTING MEMBER SEATS, AND TO POST PUBLIC NOTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCTRWPG BYLAWS

Chair Scott explained to the Planning Group that since no nominations were received for the Small Business vacancies (two), the San Antonio River Authority (SARA) would need authorization from the Planning Group to issue public notice to re-solicit nominees for those vacancies. Weldon Riggs moved to authorize SARA to solicit nominations to fill the two Small Business vacancies on the SCTRWPG. Curt Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: STATUS OF GUADALUPE, SAN ANTONIO, MISSION, AND ARANSAS RIVERS AND MISSION, COPANO, ARANSAS, AND SAN ANTONIO BAYS BASIN AND BAY STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE (BBASC) AND EXPERT SCIENCE TEAM (BBEST)

Chair Scott provided a status report on the progress of studies being contracted this biennium with the Texas Water Development Board. The report is available in the agenda packet (accessible at www.regionltexas.org).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD (TWDB) COMMUNICATIONS

Elizabeth McCoy, TWDB, informed the SCTRWPG that she was the new liaison for Region L, replacing Ron Ellis, who was still with the agency, but had moved to a new position. Ms. McCoy informed the Planning Group that TWDB staff had received the adopted amendment (adopted at the February 2018 SCTRWPG meeting), which seeks to include capital costs for the San Antonio Water System's (SAWS) AMI (advanced metering infrastructure) project in the 2016 South Central Texas Regional Water Plan. The amendment would be considered at a future TWDB meeting as an amendment to the 2017 State Water Plan.

Ms. McCoy also noted that two of the hydrologic assumptions submitted by the SCTRWPG to TWDB would require the approval of a hydrologic variance request approval. Ms. McCoy also provided information on the status of TWDB rule revisions and an upcoming TWDB conference in January 2019.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Scott reminded the new members that they needed to complete their Open Meetings Training in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, and that alternates need to also have their certificates of completing the Open Meetings Act Training. Chair Scott informed the SCTRWPG that a Chair's Meeting was conducted on May 8, 2018, and provided a report of that call (see agenda packet at www.regionltexas.org).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING CONSULTANT'S WORK AND SCHEDULE

Brian Perkins, Black and Veatch, provided an updated planning schedule, and reminded the

Planning Group that the Technical Memorandum was due September 10, 2018. Mr. Perkins informed the group that existing supplies were being analyzed, and went over the remainder of the schedule.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO AMEND THE ADOPTED POPULATION AND WATER DEMAND

Mr. Perkins briefed the SCTRWPG on a request to amend the population and water demand projections. At its November 3, 2017, meeting, the SCTRWPG had authorized the Administrator (SARA) and the Consultant (Black & Veatch) to submit a revision request to the TWDB, after having reviewed the TWDB's draft population and demand projections. That revision request was submitted on January 10, 2018. Any revision requests to the population and water demand projections that occurred after the TWDB deadline of January 12, 2018 would trigger an amendment process, whereby approval of the SCTRWPG and subsequently the TWDB was required.

Mr. Perkins presented the amendment request, which included revisions to the steam-electric water demand projections for Guadalupe County, and the population and GPCD (Gallons Per Capita Daily) demand projections for the City of Cibolo and Green Valley Special Utility District. Mr. Perkins also provided that TWDB had previewed the requested amendment. If approved by the SCTRWPG, the amendment would be submitted to TWDB staff, and would require approval by the TWDB (Board of Directors).

Chair Scott asked if there were any public comments on the amendment being considered. There were none.

Steve Ramsey moved to amend the population, GPCD and municipal demand for the City of Cibolo and Green Valley SUD, and the steam-electric water demand for Guadalupe County. Humberto Ramos seconded the motion. The motion passed by consensus.

Mr. Perkins then explained to the Planning Group that Canyon Lake Water Service Company had asked for a revision to their population and water demand projections. However, the TWDB had not had time to review the request due to the timing of the request. Mr. Perkins presented three potential options for the SCTRWPG: 1) take action today, and see what the TWDB says; 2) delay action until November; or 3) take no action, and address it in the 6th cycle of regional water planning.

Discussion ensued. It was generally decided to table the Canyon Lake Water Service Company's request to amend the population and water demand projections until November 2018. No further action was taken.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPROVE AUTHORIZING THE TECHNICAL CONSULTANT TO ADDRESS PLANNING GROUP CHANGES TO THE DRAFT TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM, AND TO APPROVE SUBMITTAL OF THE TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM BEFORE THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2018 DEADLINE

Mr. Perkins explained that the Technical Memorandum is required by TWDB, and is considered to be a snap-shot in time of the status of the Planning Group progress. Mr. Perkins provided a checklist of items included in the Technical Memorandum. The checklist was provided in the agenda packet, and Mr. Perkins explained each item.

After some discussion, Chair Scott asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

Greg Sengelmann moved to authorize the Technical Consultant to address any non-substantive changes made to the Technical Memorandum between the time of this action and the submittal of the Technical Memorandum, and to direct the Consultant to make the report available at www.regionltexas.org for final review by SCTRWPG members on August 24, 2018, prior to submitting it to TWDB. Curt Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION IDENTIFYING POTENTIAL WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

Mr. Perkins described the schedule and process by which the Planning Group would consider actions regarding potentially feasible water management strategy. There is essentially a three meeting process by which the Planning Group authorizes the Consultant to develop scopes and fees for each project being considered in the “block” (occurs during the first meeting), and subsequently authorizes the Consultant to conduct the studies for each project (occurs during the second meeting). Once the Consultant has Planning Group authorization to study the project, the Planning Group must issue a request to the TWDB for a Notice to Proceed on the studies. When the Notice to Proceed is issued, the Consultant may begin work on studying the potential water management strategies, and will present those findings at the next meeting after the study has been conducted (meeting 3).

Mr. Perkins presented the first block, “Block #1,” of potential water management strategies for 2021 Regional Water Plan. Those strategies included 1) Advanced Water Conservation; 2) Drought Management; 3) Edwards Transfers; 4) Local Groundwater; 5) Local Carrizo Conversions; 6) Surface Water Rights; 7) Balancing Storage; 8) Facilities Expansion; 9) Recycled Water Strategies; 10) Expanded Local Carrizo (SAWS); and 11) Expanded Brackish Groundwater (SAWS).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGION L MEETING

Mr. Ruiz reminded the Planning Group that the Planning Group would need to select members to fill the Small Business vacancies, and that the Planning Group would adopt a schedule for calendar year 2019. Additionally, the Planning Group would review the scopes and fees for the Block 1 strategies, and authorize the Consultant to develop scopes and fees for the Block 2 strategies.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were made. However, Molly McKinney, 4H Water Ambassador for the San Antonio

region, gave a presentation to the Planning Group on 4H Water Ambassador Program.

Chair Scott adjourned the meeting.

GARY MIDDLETON, SECRETARY

Approved by the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group at a meeting held on November 1, 2018.

SUZANNE SCOTT, CHAIR