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DATE: Friday, January 17, 2020

TO: Members of the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group

FROM: Caitlin Heller

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- Greg Sengelmann
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- Mitchell Sowards
Small Business
- Heather Sumpter
GMA 15
- Thomas Taggart
Municipalities
- Ian Taylor
Municipalities
- Dianne Wassenich
Public
- Vacant
Small Business

The schedule and location of the meeting of the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group is as follows:

TIME AND LOCATION

Thursday, January 23, 2020
9:30 a.m.
 San Antonio Water System
 Customer Service Building
 Room CR C145
 2800 US Highway 281 North
 San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas 78212

Enclosed is a copy of the posted public meeting notice.

Caitlin Heller

Enclosure

Agenda Packet for January 23, 2020

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING OF THE
SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL
WATER PLANNING GROUP

TAKE NOTICE that a meeting of the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group as established by the Texas Water Development Board will be held on Thursday, January 23, 2020, at 9:30 AM at San Antonio Water System (SAWS), Customer Service Building, Room CR 145, 2800 US Highway 281 North, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. The following subjects will be considered for discussion and/or action at said meeting.

1. (9:30 AM) Roll-Call
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of the Minutes from the November 7, 2019, Meeting of the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (SCTRWPG)
4. Election of Officers for Calendar Year 2020
5. Status of Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan (EAHCP), Scott Storment
6. 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)
7. Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Communications
8. Chair's Report
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 - a. Presentation of Chapter Statuses of the Region L Regional Water Plan
 - b. Presentation of Chapter 5 Tables Regarding Supplies and Cost of Water Management Strategies
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12. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Select Recommended or Alternative Water Management Strategies
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14. Discussion and Appropriate Action Setting the Schedule for Calendar Year 2020 Meetings
15. Possible Agenda Items for the Next Region L Meeting
16. Public Comment

2. Public Comment

3. Approval of the Minutes from the November 7, 2019, Meeting of the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (SCTRWPG)

**Minutes of the
South Central Texas Regional Water Planning
Group**

November 7, 2019

Vice-Chair Tim Andruss 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.

23 of the 31 voting members, or their alternates, were present.

Voting Members Present:

Tim Andrus	Diane Savage
Alan Cockerell	Greg Senglemann
Charlie Flatten	Mitchell Sowards
Vic Hilderbran	Heather Sumpter
Kevin Janak	Ian Taylor
Tom Jungman	Diane Wassenich
Russel Labus	
Glenn Lord	
Dan Meyer	
Gary Middleton	
Johnathan Stinson for Kevin Patteson	
Iliana Pena	
Donovan Burton for Robert Puente	
Humberto Ramos	
Steve Ramsey	
Weldon Riggs	
Roland Ruiz	

Voting Members Absent:

John Byrum	Suzanne Scott
Curt Campbell	Tom Taggart
Pat Calhoun	Adam Yablonski
Will Conley	

Non-Voting Members Present:

Elizabeth McCoy, Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)
Ronald Fieseler, Region K Liaison
Marty Kelly, TX Dept. of Parks and Wildlife
Joseph McDaniel, Region J Liaison
Jami McCool, TX Dept. of Agriculture
Rusty Ray, Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board

Non-Voting Members Absent:

Iliana Delgado, TCEQ-South TX Watermaster Specialists
Don McGhee, Region M Liaison
Carl Crull, Region N Liaison

Beginning with the February 11, 2016, meeting of the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group, all recordings are available for the public at www.regionltexas.org.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: (9:30 AM) ROLL CALL

Caitlin Heller, San Antonio River Authority, called the role, and confirmed a quorum

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Alan Montemayor spoke to the Planning Group in gratitude about the work the group has done. He recommended the book, *The Water Knife*, which is a climate fiction about where climate change may lead society. He encouraged Region L to implement LID (low impact development) where it can in their recommended water management strategies.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 1, 2019, MEETING OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP (SCTRWPG)

Ms. Wassenich moved for the approval of the minutes. Mr. Middleton seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: STATUS OF EDWARDS AQUIFER HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN (EAHCP), SCOTT STORMENT

Mr. Storment was not present at the meeting so no update was provided.

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)

Ms. Wassenich updated the Planning Group on the GSA BBASC Stakeholders meeting which was held on October 10, 2019. She explained that the E-Flow Project Proposal Subcommittee provided project recommendations to be considered for potential funding by the Texas Water Development Board. The recommended projects are, in priority order, *Developing Models to Forecast Ecological Outcomes of Various Flow Scenarios on Oysters and Sport Finfish in the Colorado-Lavaca, Guadalupe-San Antonio, Mission-Aransas, and Nueces Estuaries; Guadalupe Delta Ecological Assessment of Freshwater Inflows; and Freshwater Mussels Instream Flow Phased Assessment – Lower Guadalupe River.*

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

Ms. McCoy provided a demonstration of the Drought Management Costing Tool developed by the TWDB. She explained that the optional tool is intended to assist planning groups in evaluating the economic impact of the water volumes reduced by implementation of drought management strategies. She then proceeded to discuss the Initially Prepared Plan Schematic which outlines the Planning Group's process for next year. The IPP is due on March 3, 2020 to the TWDB and then the Planning Group will have 60 days to notify the TWDB if there are any potential conflicts. Ms. McCoy explained that Region L will then need to hold public hearings on the IPP after a 30

day notification period. Federal and State agencies have 90 days to give comment and then the Planning Group must adopt the final plan which is due to the TWDB on October 14, 2020.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Chair's Report

Mr. Andruss began with officer elections, which will take place at the January 23, 2020 meeting. He explained that nominations will be made from the floor by voting members and that all other rules can be found in the Region L Bylaws. He then moved on to Steve Raabe's retirement from the San Antonio River Authority. Mr. Raabe told the group that while he was retiring from the San Antonio River Authority, he would continue to support Region L till the end of the calendar year 2020.

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

Ms. Gonzalez introduced herself as the representative from Black&Veatch (B&V) who would be taking over Region L. She informed the group that Brian Perkins was no longer working at the consulting firm and introduced the team assisting her which included Sara Eatman, Junior Lagade, Katherine Snyder, Stephanie Moore, Andrew Donnelly, Christine Westerman, and Rob Lackowicz. Ms. Gonzalez then proceeded to discuss the IPP schematic which she edited to include Region L dates. She reviewed her modified and updated schedule, explaining that the group was wrapping up Water Management Strategies and was starting work on Chapter 6. She stated that B&V was continuing work on drought responses and completing work on Chapter 8. Ms. Gonzalez stated that the Planning Group will review Chapters 8 and 7 at the January 3, 2020 meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATIONS OF CHAPTERS OF THE REGION L REGIONAL WATER PLAN

Ms. Gonzalez began with Chapter 3: Water Supply Analyses. It reviews groundwater supplies, surface water supplies, and reuse supplies. She explained that Region L has five major and three minor aquifers that supply water. There are eighteen groundwater conservation districts and the volume of that groundwater can be used for water management strategies. Ms. Gonzalez stated that fifty percent of the region's groundwater comes from the Carrizo-Wilcox aquifer, twenty from the Edwards aquifer, and the rest from smaller aquifers. Ms. Moore clarified to the group that all of the data for this chapter came from the TWDB and only reflects the groundwater availability within Region L.

Ms. Gonzalez then proceeded to review Chapter 4: Identification of Water Needs. She explained to the group that this chapter was a comparison of demand projections from Chapter 2 to the supply projections in Chapter 3. She outlined regional, municipal, irrigation, steam-electric, mining, manufacturing, and livestock projected needs for the group.

Ms. Gonzalez completed the chapter reviews with Chapter 7: Drought Response Information, Activities and Recommendations. She told the group that they had been receiving drought response information from cities within the region, as well as from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). She explained to the group that the model drought response plans that will be

included in the 2021 Regional Water Plan will be the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) for surface water and San Antonio Water Systems (SAWS) for groundwater.

SUB-AGENDA ITEM A: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EMERGENCY INTERCONNECTS REPORT

Ms. Gonzalez reviewed that at the August 1, 2019 meeting, the Planning Group decided to authorize the consultant to evaluate interconnects, present the high-level information to the group, and submit a full confidential report to TWDB. She explained that during the August 2019 Regional Water Planning Group's (RWPG) Chair's Conference the TWDB clarified that the confidential report is not required and has traditionally not been used. Ms. Gonzalez therefore asked for guidance from the group on whether they wished to continue to create the confidential report or not. Ms. McCoy agreed that TWDB does not have any plans to use the confidential report, just that if it was collected it would have to be confidential. Mr. Middleton moved to authorize the consultant to only collect high-level information and Mr. Taylor seconded. The motion passed.

SUB-AGENDA ITEM B: DISCUSSION REGARDING COMMENTS RECEIVED TO DATE ON THE REGION L WATER PLAN CHAPTERS AND WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

Ms. Heller reviewed the process for providing comment on the plan chapters. She demonstrated the process through google drive. Mr. Andruss inquired about the purpose of this process and asked what the timeframe for the review and comment period is. Ms. Gonzalez said that they will provide updates as the chapters become available for review. Ms. Heller said she would be sharing Chapter 1 today for review and Chapter 8 next week.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING CHAPTER 8 POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE WORKGROUP

Mr. Raabe explained that the workgroup completed its revision of Chapter 8 and it is now available for review. He went on to say that the chapter will be up for approval at the January 23, 2020 meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATION OF WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGY EVALUATIONS

Ms. Gonzalez, Ms. Eatman, and Ms. Moore presented on 19 water management strategies that have been approved for evaluation so far: ARWA/GBRA Project (Phase 1), ARWA Project (Phase 2), ARWA Project (Phase 3), GBRA Mid-Basin (Phase 2), GBRA Lower Basin Storage, GBRA Lower Basin New Appropriation, GBRA Victoria County S-E Project, CRWA Brackish Carrizo-Wilcox, City of Victoria GW-SW Exchange, Martindale WSC Alluvial Well, Maxwell WSC Trinity Well, County Line SUD Trinity Well Field, County Line SUD Brackish Edwards Project, Drought Management, Edwards Transfers, Carrizo-Wilcox Conversions, Surface Water Rights, Balancing Storage, Recycled Water Strategies. Ms. Gonzalez reviewed a table of all WMS to display how they relate to each other in terms of cost, project yield, cultural, and environmental impacts. Ms. Westerman and Mr. Lackowicz gave a breakdown of how the environmental analysis

of each water management strategy was done for the group. These presentations can be found in the November 7, 2019 Planning Group agenda packet.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING AMENDING THE SCTRWPG BYLAWS TO CONFORM TO REVISION TO THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Raabe explained the Bylaw amendment on public comment to the group, noting that the draft of the amendment had been provided to the group ten days prior to the meeting as is required. Mr. Donovan moved to approve the amendment and Mr. Riggs seconded. The Bylaws amendment on public comment was approved.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION SETTING THE SCHEDULE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020 MEETINGS

Ms. Heller reviewed the suggested meeting times for the Region L calendar year 2020. Ms. Wassenich moved to approve the schedule and Ms. Pena seconded. The motion passed. The South-Central Texas RWPG will meet on January 23rd, February 20th, September 17th, and November 5th in the calendar year 2020.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE ON FUNDING SCTRWPG ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020

Ms. Heller presented the Region L Administrative budget request of \$25,000. She explained that each sponsor only pays their portion of the total bill and that the sponsors had already been notified.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15: POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGION L MEETING

Mr. Raabe noted that the Planning group would need to approve Chapter 8. Mr. Andruss mentioned that the election of officers would take place at the next meeting. Ms. Gonzalez stated that she would be presenting on the Emergency Interconnects Report.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 20: PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Cywinski, coordinator with the San Antonio Invaders, thanked the Planning Group for the work they do in planning the future of water in Texas. She invited members to connect with their local chapters of the Invaders who teach basic citizen science on invasive species. She called the group to pay special attention to *Nandina Domestica*, an invasive species with poisonous berries.

The meeting adjourned at 1:24 pm.

Approved by the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group at a meeting held on January 23, 2020.

GARY MIDDLETON, SECRETARY

SUZANNE SCOTT, CHAIR

4. Election of Officers for Calendar Year 2020

Article VIII: Officers

Section 1: Officers; Restrictions and Terms of Office

Voting members of the SCTRWPG shall elect from the voting membership a Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary to serve as officers. Each officer shall serve a term of one calendar year. Except as provided under Section 4 of this Article, an officer shall serve until his/her successor takes office. No two voting members representing the same interest shall serve as officers at the same time. Elections shall be held annually, with no restrictions on the number of consecutive terms an individual may serve as an officer other than those that apply because of his/her status as a voting member under these Bylaws.

Section 2: Selection

Officers shall be elected at the first meeting of each calendar year. Nominations shall be made from the floor by voting members. The voting members shall elect officers from among the nominees by consensus or by affirmative vote of a majority of the voting membership.

Section 3: Removal of Officers

Any officer may be removed from office for any of the ground for removal of voting members set forth under Article V of these Bylaws, or for repeated failure to carry out the duties of the office, by a consensus or by a majority vote of the voting membership. Removal of 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 officer in writing that he/she shall be subject to a removal action at the next scheduled meeting. At that meeting, the officer subject to the possible removal action may present evidence of why he/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 officer subject to the removal action shall not participate in any way in the removal decision, nor shall his/her membership count as part of the total membership for purposes of calculating the vote. The notice of the meeting shall be posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and shall state that the issue of possibly removing the officer will be on the agenda. Any vacancy caused by the removal shall be filled as provided under Section 4 of this Article

Section 4: Vacancies of Officers

Whenever an officer vacancy exists, the vacancy shall be filled at the next properly noticed SCTRWPG meeting. Nominations shall be made from the floor by voting members. The voting members shall elect a replacement officer from among the nominees by consensus or by affirmative vote of a majority of the voting membership. The next highest-ranking officer shall serve in the vacant position until a successor takes office, unless the office of the Secretary becomes vacant, in which case the Chair shall appoint a willing voting member to serve as Secretary until the successor to the Secretary takes office. The person selected to fill a vacancy for an officer shall serve for the unexpired term of his/her predecessor in office.

Section 5: Duties of Each Officer

- (a) Chair: The Chair shall be the executive officer of this SCTRWPG. The Chair will preside at all meetings of the SCTRWPG and perform all duties provided by these Bylaws. The Chair may establish and appoint such committees as may be necessary or desirable to assist in conducting the business of the SCTRWPG, or as may be directed by the SCTRWPG. If the Chair is unable to carry out his/her duties, the Vice-Chair shall assume the duties of the Chair.
- (b) Vice-Chair: The Vice-Chair shall assist the Chair in the discharge of his/her 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 his/her duties, the Vice-Chair shall serve as Chair until the SCTRWPG elects a new Chair under Section 4 of this Article. The Vice-Chair shall perform other duties as assigned by the Chair or these Bylaws.
- (c) Secretary: The Secretary or the Administrative Officer shall maintain the minutes and take attendance of the SCTRWPG meetings. The meetings and attendance shall be kept as part of the SCTRWPG official records. The Secretary, or the Administrative Officer, shall ensure that all notices are properly posted as provided in the Bylaws, as required by law and as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act. The Secretary shall perform other duties as assigned by the Chair or these Bylaws. If both the Chair and Vice-Chair are unable to carry out the duties of the Chair, the Secretary shall assume the duties of the Chair.

Section 6: Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall be composed of five SCTRWPG members, including the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and two members-at-large. No two voting members representing the same interest shall serve as members of the Executive Committee at the same time. The two members-at-large shall be elected annually in the same manner and with the same terms as set forth for the election of officers under this Article. Members-at-large shall be removed and their vacancies filled in the same manner prescribed for officers under this Article.

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for carrying out the duties imposed on it in these Bylaws. The voting members of the SCTRWPG may delegate any administrative decisions to the Executive Committee unless provided otherwise in these Bylaws.

All meetings of the Executive Committee shall comply with the provisions related to meetings generally as set forth in Article IX of these Bylaws.

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GSA BBASC Update

- TWDB received the list of recommended projects from all BBASC's on December 2.
- During December, the selection committee review and scored all the projects. The committee is currently following up on a few action items to get clarification on some projects.
- Once they have a final funding recommendation, they will seek approval from their Executive Administrator.
- Then, once-approved, TWDB will reach out to the relevant folks to begin scope of work or RFQ development to initiate the contracting process.

7. Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Communications

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14. Discussion and Appropriate Action Setting the Schedule for Calendar Year 2020 Meetings

Proposed South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2020

1. Thursday, January 23, 2020
2. Thursday, February 20, 2020
3. Thursday, September 3, 2020
4. Thursday, November 5, 2020

Proposed Public Meetings 2020

1. Thursday, May 7, 2020 - San Antonio
2. Thursday, May 21, 2020 - San Marcos
3. Thursday, May 28, 2020 - Victoria

15. Possible Agenda Items for the Next Region L Meeting

- a. Discussion and Appropriate Action Authorizing the San Antonio River Authority to post the Initially Prepared Plan Notice
- b. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Adopt the Initially Prepared Plan

16. Public Comment