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

**February 4, 2021**

Chair Scott called the virtual meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., held through the GoToMeeting online platform.

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

**Voting Members Present:**

Tim Andruss Dianne Savage

John Byrum Steve Graham

Curt Campbell Greg Sengelmann

Patrick Garcia for Rey Chavez Mitchell Sowards

Alan Cockerell Heather Sumpter

Charlie Flatten Thomas Taggart

Tom Jungman Ian Taylor

Russel Labus Dianne Wassenich

Glenn Lord Adam Yablonski

Gary Middleton

Dan Meyer

Robert Puente

Jonathan Stinson for Kevin Patteson

Iliana Pena

Humberto Ramos

Roland Ruiz

**Voting Members Absent:**

Pat Calhoun

Will Conley

Vic Hilderbran

Kevin Janak

Steve Ramsey

Weldon Riggs

**Non-Voting Members Present:**

Iliana Delgado, TCEQ

Elizabeth McCoy, Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)

Marty Kelly, TX Department of Parks and Wildlife

Joseph McDaniel, Region J Liaison

Rusty Ray, Texas Soil & Water Cons. Board

**Non-Voting Members Absent:**

Ronald Fieseler, Region K Liaison

Jami McCool, TX Dept. of Agriculture

Don McGhee, Region M Liaison

Joseph McDaniel, Region J Liaison

Carl Crull, Region N Liaison

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**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**

No public comment.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM NOVMBER 5, 2020 MEETING OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP (SCTRWPG)**

Mr. Byrum motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Middleton seconded, and the motion was passed

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

Mr. Storment gave a brief update on the San Marcos River and the call for a condition M and the curb of habitat restoration activities due to the decrease of flows.

**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)**

Mr. Mast gave an update on the internal review by the Texas Water Development Board statewide synthesis of environmental blow studies. The review has taken longer then anticipated and the Board anticipate providing the BBASC and BBEST committee members that want to review the report to get in touch with them this month. The members will have a month to review and respond to the report. We would be looking at scheduling a stakeholders meeting following that process so the stakeholder community can view the report and ask questions.

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

Ms. McCoy updated the planning group on the submittal of the Interregional Planning Council’s report and the Regional Water Planning Group’s Boundary Review process. She informed the group that the TWDB is contracting with the UT Bureau of Economic Geology for updates to Mining Water Demand Projections the 2026 Regional Water Plan.

Ms. McCoy reviewed a tentative timeline for the RFA for Sith Cycle Planning Grant Funds and the Regional water planning rulemaking.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: CHAIR’S REPORT**

Chair Andruss gave an update on the discrepancy in adopted Regional Water Plan and how TWDB plans to move forward with the correct values

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SOLICIT NOMINATIONS TO FILL VACANCIES OF SCTRWPG**

Chair Andruss reviewed the positions that will vacant.

Mr. Lord motioned to authorize the administrator to solicit. Mr. Ramos seconded, and the motion was passed

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: DISCUSSION REGARDING POTENTIAL 2026 PLAN ENHANCEMENT PROCESS**

Chair Andruss provide a brief update on the enhancement process.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING LIAISON NOMINATIONS FOR REGIONS N, J, K, M, AND P**

Chair Andruss the requirement of having planning group members serve as liaisons in other region. He opened the meeting up for nominations and discussions.

The nominations are Mr. Yablonski for Region J, Mr. Byrum for Region M, Mr. Andurss for Region P, and Ms. Wassenich for Region K.

Mr. Lord motioned for the approval of the nominations. Mr. Riggs seconded, and the motion was passed.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: STATUS OF REGION 12, SAN ANTONIO REGIONAL FLOOD PLANNING GROUP, AND REGION 11, GUADALUPE FLOOD PLANNING GROUP**

Ms. Heller gave an update on the Region 12 San Antonio Regional Flood planning group. Ms. Heller is the administrator for Region 12 and Nefi Garza is the Chair. Region 12 has submitted their application for grant funds and is moving forward with the RFA process.

Ms. Willis gave an update on the Region 11 Guadalupe Flood planning group. Ms. Willis is the administrator for Region 11 and Dean Miller is the Chair. Region 11 added three additional voting members bringing their voting members to fifteen. They also added one non-voting member. Region 11 also submitted their application for grant funds and is working through the process with the Board. The Request for qualifications for technical consultant will be release in the newspaper February 4th.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Ms. Heller informed the group of the next meeting date of May 6, 2021 with the following agenda items to be discussed:

1. Preplanning public meetings
2. Voting on the nominations for vacancies
3. Update on the solicitation for the technical consultant.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments.

Chair Andruss thanked all members that are leaving the group for their service.

**Agenda Item NO. 14: ADJOURN**

Approved by the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group at a meeting held on February 4, 2020.

GARY MIDDLETON, SECRETARY

TIM ANDRUSS, CHAIR