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Municipalities

Dianne Wassenich

Public

DATE: Thursday August 05, 2021

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

FROM: Kendall Hayes

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

TIME AND LOCATION

Thursday August 05, 2021

9:30 a.m.

GotoMeeting Virtual Web

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(872) 240-3212

Access Code: 656-765-501

Enclosed is a copy of the posted public meeting notice.

Kendall Hayes

Enclosure

Agenda Packet for August 05, 2021

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, August 5, 2021, at 9:30 AM virtually on GotoMeeting at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/656765501>. You may also dial into the meeting on your phone at +1 (872) 240-3212, access code: 656-765-501

The public will have an opportunity to provide written and oral comments during the Pre-Planning Public Input Meeting. Individuals may also submit written public comments for a period of 30-days prior to this meeting through email to khayes@sariverauthority.org

The planning group members will consider and may take action regarding:

1. (9:30 AM) Roll-Call
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting of the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (SCTRWPG)
4. Status Reports and Communications by Texas Water Development Board
5. Status Reports and Communications related to Regional Water Planning including reports by the Chair, regional liaisons, groundwater management area representatives, and members of the planning group
6. Pre-Planning Public Input: Receive public input and comments on issues that should be addressed or provisions that should be included in the 2026 Regional Water Plan and 2027 State Water Plan
Discuss the potential process for conducting interregional coordination regarding water management strategies during development of the 2026 Regional Water Plans
7. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding Recommendation by the Executive Committee on Vacancies of SCTRWPG Voting Member Terms Expiring August 2021
8. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding the Recommendation of a Technical Consultant Firm to the SCTRWPG for the 2026 Regional Water Plan
9. Schedule and potential Agenda Items for the Next Meeting of the SCTRWPG
10. Public Comment
11. Adjourn

Comments and submissions may be submitted through email to khayes@sariverauthority.org. Any written documentation can be sent to Tim Andruss, Chair, South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group, c/o San Antonio River Authority, Attn: Kendall Hayes, 100 East Guenther Street, San Antonio, TX 78204. Please direct any questions to Kendall Hayes at (210) 302-3641.

2. Public Comment

3. Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting of the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (SCTRWPG)

**Minutes of the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group
May 6, 2021**

Chair Andruss 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
Rey Chavez	Mitchell Sowards
Charlie Flatten	Heather Sumpter
Tom Jungman	Ian Taylor
Russel Labus	Dianne Wassenich
Glenn Lord	Adam Yablonski
Gary Middleton	
Dan Meyer	
Darren Thompson for Robert Puente	
Jonathan Stinson for Kevin Patteson	
Humberto Ramos	
Weldon Riggs	
Roland Ruiz	

Voting Members Absent:

Pat Calhoun
Will Conley
Vic Hilderbran
Steve Ramsey
Thomas Taggart

Non-Voting Members Present:

Elizabeth McCoy, Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)

Non-Voting Members Absent:

Iliana Delgado, TCEQ
Ronald Fieseler, Region K Liaison
Marty Kelly, TX Department of Parks and Wildlife
Jami McCool, TX Dept. of Agriculture
Don McGhee, Region M Liaison
Joseph McDaniel, Region J Liaison
Carl Crull, Region N Liaison
Rusty Ray, Texas Soil & Water Cons. Board

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

Kendall Hayes, 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 NOVEMBER 5, 2020 MEETING OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP (SCTRWPG)

Mr. Lord motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Graham seconded, and the motion was passed

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

Mr. Storment gave a brief update on the San Marcos River. The River went into Condition M, the flow has dropped below 120 CFS, which impacts downstream flow. They notified US Fish and Wildlife that the river has reached Condition M. Anticipate that the numbers will return to normal soon, but for now the condition is active. Condition M will not be lifted until CFS returns to 120.

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, San Antonio River Authority, provided an update on BBASC. On April 1st, TWDB distributed a draft statewide synthesis available for public comment. SARA distributed to BBASC to request public comments. Comments were accumulated and submitted on May 3rd for TWDB review. TWDB will distribute a final report in the summer.

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

Ms. McCoy, TWDB, provided an update. Amendments were made to TAC Chapters and will be considered for adoption on May 6th. TWDB is in the process of drafting the 2022 State Water Plan. TWDB's Surface Water Division is conducting a study on the reservoir firm yield. Results will be submitted to the Planning Group for consideration. TWDB's website has been updated to include Sixth Cycle documents and resources as well as previous cycles' information.

Chair Andruss requested an update on TWDB's pending requirements for Regional Liaisons. Ms. McCoy will research further and provide an update.

Mr. Daniel Collazo, TWDB, presented on Statewide Survey of Aquifer Suitability for Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) and Aquifer Recharge (AR). Texas Legislature directed TWDB to

survey ASR and AR potential statewide. TWDB used these surveys to create a Public Data Display and interactive map.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Andruss informed the group that Alan Cockerell has resigned from the Planning Group.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING POTENTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE REGION L BYLAWS ARTICLE V, SECTION 4

Ms. Heller, San Antonio River Authority, proposed an amendment to Article V, Section 4. This bylaw currently states that when replacing a voting member, public notice must be posted in a newspaper. Ms. Heller recommended an amendment to instead require public notice on websites and through county clerk's offices.

Mr. Byrum motioned to approve the amendment. Mr. Chavez seconded, and the motion was passed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE VACANCIES OF SCTRWPG

Ms. Heller notified the Planning Group that the list of vacancies includes those under the categories of: Counties, Industries, Environmental, Electric Generation, Water Distribution, Water Utilities, Water Authorities, Municipalities, Agricultural.

Chair Andruss requested that a list be sent to members for their distribution. Mr. Middleton supported this request and requested further information on the number of nominations already received. Ms. Wassenich requested information on which existing positions will not be re-upped.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: SOLICITATION FOR TECHNICAL CONSULTANT UPDATE BY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY

Ms. Heller provided information on the new procurement process for the Technical Consultant opening. Holding this process in open meetings would be subject to the Open Meetings Act, thereby making the process public for contractors' rivals' review. The procurement process will be coordinated by the San Antonio River Authority. A Scoring Committee will be created with 2 members of the San Antonio River Authority and 2-3 members from the Planning Group. Therefore, the process will not be subject to the Open Meetings Act.

Chair Andruss confirmed that the Scoring Committee would only make a recommendation to the Planning Group and not a decision. He also noted that the San Antonio River Authority is comfortable with this process and should therefore be adhered to. Chair Andruss confirmed that the information from the procurement process will be confidential until the recommendation is presented to the Planning Group.

Ms. Heller notified the Group that the Regional Flood Planning Group is under an identical process and has seen success with this process.

Mr. Thompson asked for confirmation that the Scoring Committee will only be scoring the RFQ's and making a final recommendation to the Planning Group and not making a decision itself.

Mr. Byrum shared concerns with the number of representatives in the Scoring Committee not reflecting the size of the Planning Groups. He proposed a Committee of 7 and not 5.

Ms. Wassenich noted that historically there have been a low number of applicants and that the proposed plan would benefit the Planning Group by bringing additional applicants.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS FOR THE TECHNICAL CONSULTANT PROCUREMENT

Mr. Ramos nominated himself to serve. Mr. Flatten nominated himself to serve. Mr. Byrum nominated himself to serve.

Mr. Thompson requested that the Committee provide 5 members to the Scoring Committee and not 3.

Ms. Heller reminded the Planning Group that over 3 members would qualify as a quorum and would violate the Open Meetings Act. Chair Andruss requested consensus that the Planning Group move forward with only supplying 3 members to the Scoring Committee. Mr. Lord supported the movement.

Mr. Byrum motioned to approve the nominations. Mr. Lord seconded, and the motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING PRE-PLANNING PUBLIC MEETINGS

Ms. Heller spoke to TWDB's requirement to hold a pre-planning meeting. It requires a presentation by the TWDB. Ms. Heller proposed that this presentation and pre-planning meeting be held during the regularly scheduled August quarterly Planning Group meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING REGIONAL LIAISON NOMINATIONS FOR REGION N

Ms. Heller explained that the planning group needed to formally nominate Mr. Byrum, who has been informally serving as the Region N liaison.

Mr. Thompson motioned to approve the nominations. Mr. Yablonski seconded, and the motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: REGIONAL LIAISON UPDATES

Chair Andruss, Region P liaison, stated that their next meeting is to be determined.

Ms. Wassenich, Region K liaison, stated that their next meeting is in July. Mr. Flatten also covers Region K.

Mr. Yablonski, Region J liaison, stated that Region J is in a similar process to procure a technical consultant. They will meet next week.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15: STATUS OF REGION 12, SAN ANTONIO REGIONAL FLOOD PLANNING GROUP, AND REGION 11, GUADALUPE FLOOD PLANNING GROUP

Ms. Heller provided an update on Region 12. Region 12 using the same process to procure a technical consultant. They are focusing on flood mitigation in the region.

Ms. Willis provided an update on Region 11. Their technical consultant has been chosen. They will return to in-person meetings in July. The website is up and running at guadaluperfpg.org

AGENDA ITEM NO. 16: PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Ms. Heller stated that the next meeting will be August 5th at 9:30 AM. Agenda items will include the formal technical consultant recommendation, TWDB's pre-planning meeting, and formal nominations for the vacancies.

Chair Andruss requested that individuals make their preferences clear on in-person versus virtual meetings.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 17: PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

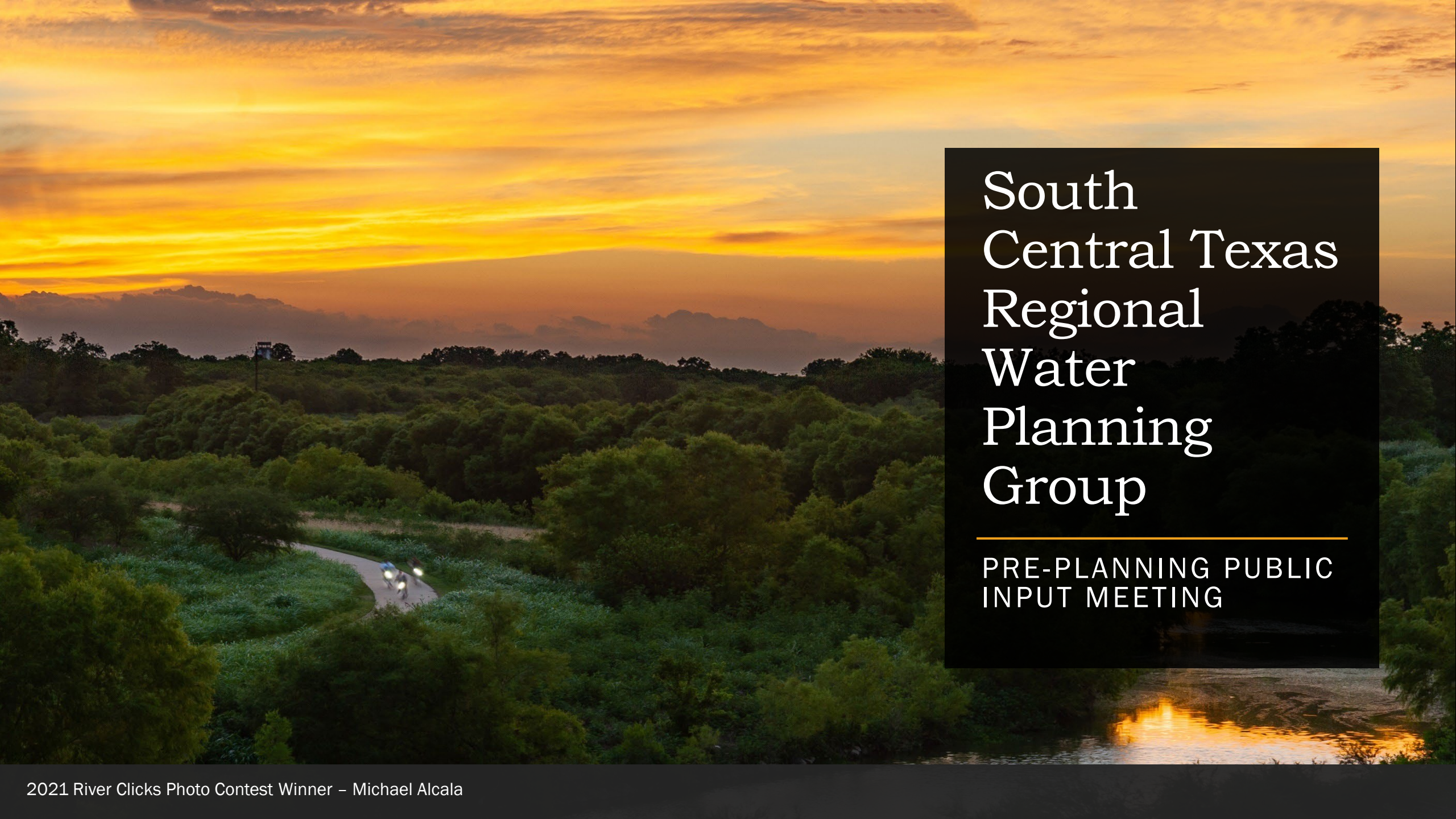
AGENDA ITEM NO. 18: ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

4. Status Reports and communications by Texas Water Development Board, Elizabeth McCoy

5. Status Reports and Communications related to Regional Water Planning including reports by the Chair, regional liaisons, groundwater management area representatives, and members of the planning group

6. Pre-Planning Public Input



South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group

PRE-PLANNING PUBLIC
INPUT MEETING

Meeting Goals

Learn about

Learn about the regional water planning process

- Provide background on the SCTRWPG
- Review water planning and key tasks

Identify

Identify community priorities for the 2026 RWP

- Hear suggestions to issues specific to communities and interest groups

SCTRWPG – Region L

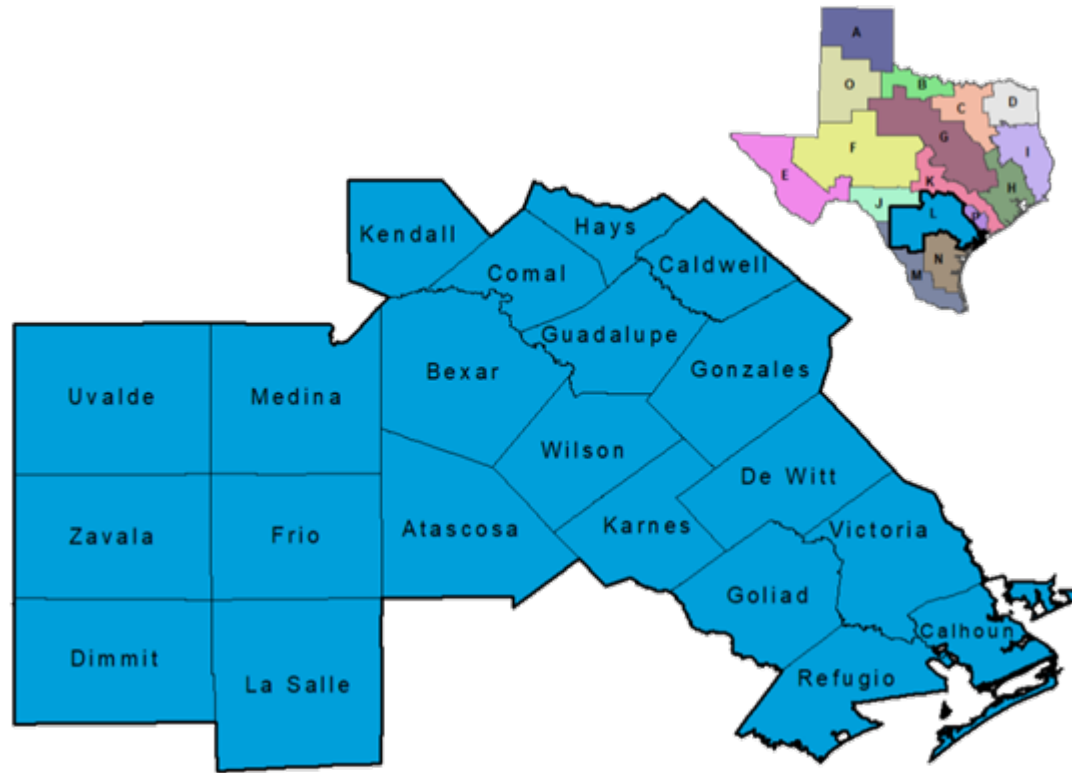
Senate Bill I

- In June 1997, Senate Bill I established the regional and statewide water planning process
- Region L produced its first regional water plan in 2001

Texas Water Development Board

- The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) is the lead state agency for coordinating the regional water planning process and developing a comprehensive state water plan





21 Counties

- Atascosa, Bexar, Caldwell, Calhoun, Comal, DeWitt, Dimmit, Frio, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, La Salle, Medina, Refugio, Uvalde, Victoria, Wilson, Zavala, and part of Hays Counties.

32 Voting Members

- Volunteer members representing interest groups

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| ➤ Agricultural | ➤ Municipalities |
| ➤ Counties | ➤ Public |
| ➤ Electric Industry Utilities | ➤ River Authorities |
| ➤ Environmental | ➤ Small Business |
| ➤ Groundwater Management Areas | ➤ Water Districts |
| ➤ Industries | ➤ Water Utilities |
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Regional Water Plan Process

5-Year Planning Cycle

- Primary responsibility to develop a Regional Water Plan
- Short and long-term water supply needs

Statewide Water Plan



Public Input: Opportunities for Involvement

- What are specific issues that should be addressed or provisions that should be included in the 2026 RWP and the 2027 SWP?

Interregional Coordination

- What are ways that we can incorporate information from other regions regarding water management strategies during the development of the 2026 RWPs?
 - ✓ Current Strategy: Interregional Liaisons

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