

**Minutes of the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group  
February 17, 2022**

Secretary Middleton called the virtual meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., held both in person and through WebEx online platform. As Chair Andruss was not present in person, nor was the Vice Chair, Secretary Middleton convened and held the meeting.

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

**Voting Members Present:**

Tim Andruss

John Byrum

Curt Campbell

Debbie Farmer

Charlie Flatten

Steve Graham

Tom Jungman

Russell Labus

Glenn Lord

Gary Middleton

Travis Pruski

Robert Puente

Vanessa Puig Williams

Humberto Ramos

Weldon Riggs

Jonathan Stinson

Thomas Taggart

Dianne Wassenich

Adam Yablonski

**Voting Members Absent:**

Amber Beard

Rey Chavez

Will Conley

Vic Hilderbran

Daniel Meyer

Roland Ruiz

Dianne Savage

Darren Simmons

Mitchell Sowards

Heather Sumpter

Ian Taylor

**Non-Voting Members Present:**

Elizabeth McCoy, Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)

Marty Kelly, TX Department of Parks and Wildlife

**Non-Voting Members Absent:**

Iliana Delgado, TCEQ

Ronald Fieseler, Region K Liaison

Jami McCool, TX Dept. of Agriculture

Don McGhee, Region M Liaison

Charles Wiedenfeld, Region J Liaison

Carl Crull, Region N Liaison

Rusty Ray, Texas Soil & Water Cons. Board

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

Ms. Kendall Hayes, San Antonio River Authority, called the role and confirmed a quorum.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO.2: PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO.3: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP (SCTRWPG)**

Mr. Puente motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Riggs seconded the motion, motion passed

### **AGENDA ITEM NO.4: STATUS REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS BY TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

Ms. Elizabeth McCoy provided an update. TWDB is open to consideration for rule proposals, available online. Proposed revisions include clarification on drought conditions, requirement to document interregional coordination efforts, implements house bill legislative changes. Draft projections for livestock, manufacturing, steam-electric have been released. TWDB projects that a RWP contract amendment will be released in the summer.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO.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**

Chair Andruss provided an update on the interest group vacancies. The RWPG has not received any nominations at this time and SARA will continue to solicit to fill the seats.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO.6: TWDB PRESENTATION ON LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS OF PLANNING GROUP MEMBERS**

Ms. McCoy presented the legislative requirements of each RWPG member. She also reviewed the obligations expected of RWPG members. Her presentation and recording of this meeting can be found on the Region L website at <http://www.regionltexas.org>.

## **AGENDA ITEM NO.7: TWDB PRESENTATION ON NON-MUNICIPAL PROJECTIONS, METHODOLOGIES FOR 2026 REGIONAL WATER PLANS**

Ms. Katie Dahlberg presented TWDB's non-municipal data on livestock, manufacturing, and steam-electric power projections. The projections and data are available on TWDB's website at <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/data/dashboard/index.asp>.

## **AGENDA ITEM NO.8: PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE SCTRWPG's GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

Ms. Lauren Gonzalez, Black & Veatch, proposed non-substantive changes to Region L's Guiding Principles. Chair Andruss reminded the RWPG that no amendments have been proposed in past meetings and encouraged the RWPG to support the amendments. Mr. Taggart said that there may be a need to change the Guiding Principles at a later date depending on the information received later in the cycle from TWDB.

Chair Andruss motioned to approve the proposed changes to Guiding Principles I and IX. Mr. Lord seconded the motion, motion passed.

## **AGENDA ITEM NO.9: OVERVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON THE CYCLE TIMELINE AND CONSULTANT SCHEDULE**

Ms. Gonzalez presented the proposed Cycle 6 timeline and outlined the release dates of TWDB data and RWPG deliverable dates.

## **AGENDA ITEM NO.10: PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEES**

Ms. Gonzalez provided background on the role subcommittees and workgroups play in the RWP process. Workgroups encourage community and stakeholder involvement and can be of topics of significance to RWPG members. Chair Andruss stated that the need to review WUG data and return comments to TWDB is imminent (July 2022) and a Population and Water Demands workgroup should be formed. RWPG members approved this workgroup. Members self-nominated to serve. Members include Chair Andruss, Mr. Graham, Mr. Puente, Mr. Ramos, and Mr. Stinson.

Discussion ensued regarding future workgroups that may be established at a later date including outreach, environmental, and irrigation. The RWPG decided that the establishment of subcommittees should be a standing agenda item.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.11: ELECTION OF OFFICER SFOR THE 2022 SCTRWPG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Taggart motioned to keep the current elected officers in their positions. Mr. Riggs seconded the motion, motion passed.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.12: SCHEDULE AND POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SCTRWPG**

The next SCTRWPG meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2022, at 9:30 AM.

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

No public comments.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.14: ADJOURN**

Mr. Ramos motioned to adjourn this meeting. Mr. Graham seconded the motion, motion passed.