

**Minutes of the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group
May 05, 2022**

Chair Andruss called the hybrid meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., held both in person and through WebEx online platform.

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

Voting Members Present:

Tim Andruss	Weldon Riggs
Amber Beard	Roland Ruiz
John Byrum	Dianne Savage
Curt Campbell	Darren Simmons
Rey Chavez	Jonathan Stinson
Debbie Farmer	Heather Sumpter
Steve Graham	Thomas Taggart
Tom Jungman	Ian Taylor
Russell Labus	Dianne Wassenich
Glenn Lord	Adam Yablonski
Travis Pruski	
Robert Puente	
Annalisa Peace for Vanessa Puig Williams	
Humberto Ramos	

Voting Members Absent:

Will Conley
Charlie Flatten
Vic Hilderbran
Daniel Meyer
Gary Middleton
Mitchell Sowards

Non-Voting Members Present:

Ron Ellis for Elizabeth McCoy, Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)
Jennifer Bronson for Marty Kelly, TX Department of Parks and Wildlife
Jami McCool, TX Dept. of Agriculture

Non-Voting Members Absent:

Iliana Delgado, TCEQ
Ronald Fieseler, Region K Liaison
Don McGhee, Region M Liaison
Charles Wiedenfeld, 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: ROLL CALL

Ms. Kendall Hayes took roll call.

AGENDA ITEM NO.2: PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

AGENDA ITEM NO.3: COMMUNICATIONS FROM TWDB DIRECTOR JACKSON

TWDB Director Kathleen Jackson provided comments on water conservation and surface water and groundwater utilization. She briefed the RWPG on the number of ongoing projects and project management. She spoke to TWDB's current outreach to rural communities and continuous improvements.

AGENDA ITEM NO.4: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP (SCTRWPG)

Mr. Pruski motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Lord seconded the motion, motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM NO.5: STATUS REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS BY TWDB

Mr. Ron Ellis provided an update from TWDB. The data released by TWDB is available to all RWPG members on the dashboard on their website:

twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/data/projections/2027/municipal.asp

He also provided updates on key rule changes to Chapter 357 and 358, Regional Water Planning and State Water Planning rules. His presentation is available online at www.regionltexas.org

AGENDA ITEM NO.6: 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 existing vacancies. There was interest but no applications. When the solicitation is posted again, Ms. Hayes will reach out to the interested parties.

GMA 15 has received notice that DFC and explanatory report has been designated as administratively complete.

Ms. Wassenich attended Region K. They are in the same stage as Region L. There was discussion around the change to agriculture amounts of water that may need to be met.

AGENDA ITEM NO.7: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE TWDB CONTRACT TO INCORPORATE THE FULL SCOPE OF WORK AND TOTAL PROJECT COST FOR THE 2026 REGIONAL WATER PLAN

Ms. Hayes and Mr. Ellis presented on the amendment. Mr. Stinson motioned to authorize the San Antonio River Authority to negotiate and execute an amendment to the TWDB contract to incorporate the full scope of work and total project cost for the 2026 Regional Water Plan. Mr. Byrum seconded the motion, motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM NO.8: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEES

Mr. Yablonski asked the RWPG to consider establishing an irrigation and agriculture subcommittee. He proposed that Region L look at what other regions have done to meet agriculture needs. This subcommittee would focus on technical analysis and outreach to the rural communities. Discussion ensued regarding unmet needs of irrigation, the lack of outreach to rural communities and how to reach them, and funding for the committee.

Mr. Ramos motioned to create a Rural Community Outreach Subcommittee with the initial purpose to coordinate with interested members, create a plan of action to develop outreach program, investigate funding, and coordinate with TWDB. This committee would also consider the topic of irrigation. Members of the committee will be Mr. Pruski, Mr. Yablonski, Ms. Wassenich, Mr. Ruiz, and Mr. Jungman. Mr. Yablonski seconded the motion, motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM NO.9: PRESENTATION BY TECHNICAL CONSULTANT REGARDING SCHEDULE AND DRAFT DATA FROM TWDB

Ms. Lauren Gonzalez presented the conceptual schedule for Region L plan development. Her presentation is available online.

Ms. Gonzalez presented the released WUG list data and discussed the activities of the Population and Water Demands workgroup. The Technical Consultants proposed the following actions:

- Agree to change the name of Port O'Connor Improvement District, Crystal Clear SUD and Maxwell SUD
- Agree to add the following WUGs: 3009 Water, C Willow Water, Concan WSC, Three Oaks WSC, Ville D'Alsace Water Supply
- Propose the removal of Rancho Del Lago

Ms. Gonzalez and Ms. Burke presented the draft municipal historical and water demands data.

AGENDA ITEM NO.10: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING ACTIVITIES OF THE POPULATION AND WATER DEMANDS WORKGROUP RELATED TO TWDB DRAFT DATA

Ms. Gonzalez summarized the activities of the Population and Water Demands Workgroup. Mr. Ramos, as chair of the workgroup, provided the formal recommendation to the RWPG. The Population and Water Demands Workgroup recommends the approval of the proposed changes to the WUG List as presented by the technical consultants. Mr. Ramos motioned that the planning group adopt the recommendation of the workgroup. Mr. Graham seconded the motion, motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM NO.11: SCHEDULE AND POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SCTRWPG

The next SCTRWPG meeting is scheduled for August 4, 2022, at 9:30 AM.

Mr. Chavez announced that he will be retiring from SAMA.

AGENDA ITEM NO.12: PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

AGENDA ITEM NO.13: ADJOURN

Mr. Stinson motioned to adjourn. Mr. Riggs seconded the motion, motion passed.