

**Minutes of the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group
February 2, 2023**

Chair Andruss called the hybrid meeting to order at 9:32 a.m., held both in person and through WebEx online platform.

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

Voting Members Present:

Tim Andruss	Robert Puente
Curt Campbell	Humberto Ramos
Debbie Farmer	Adam Yablonski
Steve Graham	Dan Yoxall
Annalysa Camacho for Terrell Graham	Weldon Riggs
Russell Labus	Jonathan Stinson
Glenn Lord	Thomas Taggart
Scooter Mangold	Dianne Wassenich
Travis Pruski	

Voting Members Absent:

John Byrum
Will Conley
Charlie Flatten
Vic Hilderbran
Tom Jungman
Dan Meyer
Vanessa Puig Williams
Darren Simmons
Mitchell Sowards
Ian Taylor
Roland Ruiz
Dianne Savage
Gary Middleton

Non-Voting Members Present:

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

Non-Voting Members Absent:

Iliana Delgado, TCEQ
Don McGhee, Region M Liaison
Charles Wiedenfeld, Region J Liaison
Carl Crull, Region N Liaison
Ronald Fieseler, Region K 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. Caye Castillo took roll call.

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. Pruski motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Mr. Stinson seconded, the motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM NO.4: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING FILLING THE VACANCIES FOR THE WATER UTILITIES AND ELECTRIC GENERATING UTILITIES INTEREST GROUPS

Chair Andruss introduced Mr. Andrew Bayle as the nominee for the Electric Generating Utilities interest group. Mr. Bayle introduced himself to the RWPG. Mr. Stinson motioned to seat Mr. Bayle on the Region L Planning Group. Mr. S. Graham seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Chair Andruss introduced Mr. Andrew McBride as the nominee for the Water Utilities interest group. Chair Andruss explained that there were 2 nominees for the Water Utilities vacancy and after full consideration, the Executive Committee agreed to recommend Mr. McBride to fill the Water Utilities interest group vacancy. Mr. Riggs motioned to seat Mr. McBride on the Region L Planning Group. Mr. Stinson seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Mr. McBride introduced himself to the RWPG.

AGENDA ITEM NO.5: ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE 2023 SCTRWPG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Lord stated he would be stepping down from the Executive Committee. Mr. S. Graham expressed interest in the At-large Executive Committee Officer position to the RWPG.

Mr. Stinson motioned to nominate the current slate of elected officers in their position to include Mr. S. Graham as the new At-large Executive Committee member. Mr. Labus seconded the motion, motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM NO.6: STATUS REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS BY TWDB

Ms. McCoy provided an update from TWDB. TWDB sent supporting data for Task 4B (Infeasible WMS and WMSP Analysis) to RWPGs on January 10, 2023. TWDB provided new one-pagers and educational material regarding Water Supply & Flood Mitigation Strategies, Drought of Record, and consistency Waiver that can be found on their website: <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/education/index.asp>.

The next interregional Planning Council meeting will be on March 9, 2023 in Austin, TX with virtual option to attend.

AGENDA ITEM NO.7: 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 Interregional Planning Council held on November 9th, 2022.

Mr. Puente introduced the new San Antonio Water System (SAWS) Director of Water Resources.

Mr. Siebert shared that the 13th Annual Central Texas Water Conservation Symposium will be held in San Antonio on February 22, 2023 as well as the Rain to Drain Experience on February 23, 2023 held by SAWS.

Ms. Wassenich provided an update from Region K regarding a project from the City of Liberty Hill asking for a waiver to be considered in the previous plan due to water sources. The waiver was ultimately turned down.

AGENDA ITEM NO.8: PRESENTATION BY THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY ON THE STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. Mast provided a presentation regarding the 88th State Legislative Session to highlight potential state legislative priorities, bills, and water infrastructure funding. His presentation and the recording of this meeting can be found on the Region L website at <https://www.regionltexas.org/current-planning-effort/6th-cycle-2026-rwp/2023-initial-prepared-plan/>.

Mr. Puente provided details on the Texas Water Foundation and their mission to protect, enhance, educate, and conserve water resources in Texas.

AGENDA ITEM NO.9: PRESENTATION BY TWDB ON POPULATION AND MUNICIPAL DEMAND METHODOLOGIES

Ms. Dahlberg provided the membership with details for RWPGs non-municipal and municipal demand projection deadlines; WUGs; population projections by county; TWDB methodology for population projections; migration scenarios; Region L draft population projections; and TWDB historical GPCDs for RWPGs. Her presentation and the recording of this meeting can be found on the Region L website at <https://www.regionltexas.org/current-planning-effort/6th-cycle-2026-rwp/2023-initial-prepared-plan/>.

Discussion ensued regarding the county migration scenarios, WUG projections, and historical demand projections.

AGENDA ITEM NO.10: PRESENTATION BY TWDB ON THE OVERLAP BETWEEN REGIONAL FLOOD PLANNING AND REGIONAL WATER PLANNING

Mr. Bronikowski presented information regarding the overlap between regional flood planning and regional water planning to the planning group to include state regional water programs, specifically in Region L; similarities between flood planning and water planning; and requirement related to regional water planning. Mr. Bronikowski informed the planning group that Region L overlaps with 3 flood planning regions which include Regions 11, 12, and 13. His presentation and the recording of this meeting can be found on the Region L website at <https://www.regionltexas.org/current-planning-effort/6th-cycle-2026-rwp/2023-initial-prepared-plan/>.

Mr. Andruss asked Mr. Bronikowski to provide an example of a flood mitigation project or strategy in Region L that could contribute to the development of water supplies. Mr. Bronikowski stated that there were no projects in Region L that they identified contributed to water supply in this first round of flood planning.

AGENDA ITEM NO.11: PRESENTATION BY TECHNICAL CONSULTANT FOR SCHEDULE AND PROGRESS UPDATES

Ms. Lauren Gonzalez presented the conceptual schedule for Region L plan development. Her presentation is available online at <https://www.regionltexas.org/current-planning-effort/6th-cycle-2026-rwp/2023-initial-prepared-plan/>.

AGENDA ITEM NO.12: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATION FOR FEEDBACK TO TWDB ON NON-MUNICIPAL WATER DEMANDS DATA

Ms. Lauren Gonzalez summarized the non-municipal demands activities since the establishment of the Population & Water Demands Work Group on February 16, 2022. The Population & Water Demands Work Group has been meeting consistently to provide recommendations to the Planning Group for Feedback to TWDB for the non-municipal demands.

Mr. S. Graham motioned to accept the Population & Water Demands Work Group recommendation for feedback to TWDB on Livestock, Manufacturing, Irrigation, and Mining data. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion, motion passed.

Due to new data received, there is pending approval for a recommendation for feedback to TWDB on Steam-Electric.

AGENDA ITEM NO.13: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL SUBCOMMITTEES

No motion to create an additional subcommittee.

AGENDA ITEM NO.14: SCHEDULE AND POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SCTRWPG

The next SCTRWPG meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2023, at 9:30 AM.

AGENDA ITEM NO.15: PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

AGENDA ITEM NO.16: ADJOURN

Mr. Riggs motioned to adjourn this meeting. Mr. Stinson seconded the motion, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.