# Minutes of the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group May 4, 2023

Chair Andruss called the hybrid meeting to order at 9:34 a.m., held both in person and through WebEx online platform.

27 of the 32 voting members, or their alternates, were present.

#### **Voting Members Present:**

Tim Andruss
Ryan Bayle
Curt Campell
Debbie Farmer
Charlie Flatten

Erin Cavazos for Steve Graham

Vic Hilderbran
Thomas Jungman
Russell Labus
Glenn Lord
Scooter Mangold
Andrew McBride
Gary Middleton
Travis Pruski

Robert Puente

Vanessa Puig Williams Humberto Ramos Weldon Riggs Roland Ruiz

Blaine Schorp for Diane Savage

Mitchell Sowards Jonathan Stinson Thomas Taggart Ian Taylor

Dianne Wassenich Adam Yablonski Dan Yoxall

#### **Voting Members Absent:**

John Byrum
Will Conley
Terrell Graham
Dan Meyer
Darren Simmons

#### **Non-Voting Members Present:**

Elizabeth McCoy, Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)

### **Non-Voting Members Absent:**

Marty Kelly, TX Department of Parks and Wildlife Jami McCool, TX Dept. of Agriculture 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 <a href="https://www.regionltexas.org">www.regionltexas.org</a>.

#### **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. Riggs motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Mr. Middleton seconded; the motion passed.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO.4: Status Reports and Communications by TWDB**

Ms. Foss provided an update from TWDB. TWDB provided a reminder of the upcoming critical deadlines for revision requests to draft non-municipal projections and draft population and municipal demand projections, as well as the submission deadline for Technical Memorandum deliverable. TWDB also informed the planning group of the revisions to Plumbing Code Savings Projections and provided additional resources related to RWPG.

The next interregional Planning Council meeting will be on May 30, 2023 in Austin, TX with virtual option to attend.

# 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

Mr. Andruss informed the group that Mr. Taylor, Industries Interest Group Voting Member, provided a letter a resignation stating that the May 2023 Planning Group meeting would be his last meeting as a voting member.

Mr. Andruss provided an update on Region P.

Ms. Wassenich provided the RWPG with an update on Region K and concerns that they are encountering. Ms. Wassenich stated that there should be no conflicts between Region L and Region K.

Mr. Andruss provided an update on GMA 15.

Mr. Campbell provided an update on GMA 9.

Mr. Hilderbran provided an update on GMA 7.

Mr. Storment provided the RWP with an update on the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan (EAHCP). Mr. Storment stated that they have started a EAHCP ITP Renewal Process. For more details the EAHCP, visit <a href="https://www.eahcprenewal.org/">https://www.eahcprenewal.org/</a>.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO.6: Presentation by Technical Consultant Regarding:**

### a. Schedule and Progress Updates

a. Ms. Burke provided an overview of the Region L conceptual schedule, updates on completed efforts by the technical consultants and the Population & Water Demands (PWD) Workgroup, and ongoing efforts.

### b. Population and Municipal Water Demand Projections and Supporting Data

- a. Ms. Burke provided a summary of the new and/or changed municipal WUGs for this cycle and a summary of the deadlines the RWPG must review and submit revisions to TWDB.
- b. Ms. Burke provided details on the Draft Population and Municipal Water Demand Projections. The RWPGs are tasked with reviewing the draft projection and providing any requested revision back to TWDB begore August 11, 2023.
  - Discussion ensued on how this data will be reviewed. Ms. Burke confirmed that the work will be done through the Population and Water Demands Workgroup, and they will come back with full recommendation by August 2023.

# AGENDA ITEM NO.7: Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding Recommendation for Feedback to TWDB on Non-Municipal Water Demands Data

Ms. Burke provided the RWPG with an update and summary of the work the Population and Water Demands (PWD) Workgroup have done on the draft non-municipal data projections since new information has been received for Steam-Electric and Manufacturing. Ms. Burke presented the PWD Workgroup recommendations for revisions for the Steam-Electric and Manufacturing demands.

Mr. Stinson motioned to approve the PWD Workgroup recommendation for revisions to the Steam-Electric demands for Bexar and Guadalupe counties. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Mr. Middleton motioned to approve the PWD Workgroup recommendation for revisions to the Manufacturing demands for Guadalupe County. Mr. Riggs seconded the motion, the motion passed.

## AGENDA ITEM NO.8: Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding the Establishment of Additional Subcommittees

No motion to create an additional subcommittee.

# AGENDA ITEM NO.9: Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding Filling Existing Vacancies

Mr. Taylor informed the RWPG that he will be resigning the Planning Group.

The RWPG provided the San Antonio River Authority approval to move forward with public notice to fill vacancies and upcoming vacancies.

Mr. Labus informed the RWPG that Ms. Savage will no longer be representing GMA 13.

# AGENDA ITEM NO.10: Schedule and Potential Agenda Items for the Next Meeting of the SCTRWPG

The next SCTRWPG meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2023, at 9:30 AM.

Mr. Puente requested to have a presentation on the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session updating the planning group on relevant legislation.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO.11: PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO.11: ADJOURN**

Mr. Taggart motioned to adjourn this meeting. Mr. Middleton seconded the motion, motion passed.