

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 (SCTRWPG) as established by the Texas Water Development Board will be held on Thursday, October 2, 2025 at 9:30 AM both in person and virtually. The in-person meeting will be held at the San Antonio Water System's Customer Service Building, Room CR-145, 2800 US Hwy 281 North, San Antonio, TX 78212. You can attend virtually on WebEx at <https://saws.webex.com/saws/j.php?MTID=m2e01c10bf10aeb244194299d089ef2>. The planning group members will consider and may take action regarding:

1. (9:30 AM) Roll-Call
2. Public Comment (Limited to 3 minutes)
3. Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting of the South-Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (SCTRWPG)
4. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding Vacancies to Result from Future Term Expirations or Resignations
5. Status Reports and Communications by Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)
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
7. Consideration and Appropriate Action Regarding Presentation by Technical Consultant Regarding Schedule, Progress, and Budget Update
8. Consideration and Appropriate Action Regarding the Final 2026 SCTRWPG Regional Water Plan (RWP):
 - a. Consideration and Appropriate Action Regarding Updates to the Final 2026 RWP
 - b. Consideration and Appropriate Action to Adopt the Final 2026 RWP and Authorize the Technical Consultant to Address Any Non-substantive Revisions, Planning Group Changes, and/or TWDB Requests Prior to Final Plan Submittal
 - c. Consideration and Appropriate Action to Authorize the Technical Consultant to Submit Final Plan Deliverables to the TWDB on Behalf of the SCTRWPG by October 20, 2025
9. Consideration and Appropriate Action to Authorize the San Antonio River Authority to Serve as the Region L Political Subdivision/RWPG Sponsor for the 7th Cycle of Regional Water Planning
10. Consideration and Appropriate Action to Authorize the Political Subdivision/RWPG Sponsor to Submit a Grant Application to the TWDB, and Execute a Contract with the TWDB on Behalf of the SCTRWPG for Initial Funding of the 7th Cycle of Regional Water Planning
11. Discussion and Appropriate Action Authorizing the Political Subdivision/RWPG Sponsor to Issue a Request for Qualifications to Procure Professional Services for the 7th Cycle of Regional Water Planning
12. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding the Establishment of Additional Subcommittees
13. Schedule 2026 SCTRWPG Meetings and Discuss Potential Agenda Items for the Next Meeting of the SCTRWPG
14. Public Comment (Limited to 3 minutes)
15. Adjourn

As per agenda item 8, 31 TAC §357.21(g)(2) states at a minimum, notice must be provided at least 14 days prior to the meeting, written comment must be accepted for 14 days prior to the meeting and considered by the RWPG members prior to taking the associated action, and meeting materials must be made available on the RWPG website for a minimum of seven days prior to and 14 days following the meeting.

Comments and submissions may be submitted through email to ccastillo@sariverauthority.org and include "Region L South Central Texas Water Planning Group Meeting Public Comment" in the subject line of the email. Any written documentation can be sent to Curt Campbell, Chair, South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group, c/o San Antonio River Authority, Attn: Caye Castillo, 100 E. Guenther Street, San Antonio, TX 78204. Please direct any questions to Caye Castillo at (210) 302-4258, ccastillo@sariverauthority.org.

AGENDA ITEM NO.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
August 28, 2025**

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

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

Voting Members Present:

John Byrum	Robert Puente
Curt Campbell	Vanessa Puig-Williams
Andra Wisian	Humberto Ramos
Debbie Farmer	Weldon Riggs
Marisa Bruno for Charlie Flatten	Roland Ruiz
Steve Metzler	Darrell Brownlow
Michelle Shelton for Terrell Graham	Ryan Smith for Mitchell Sowards
Thomas Jungman	Jonathan Stinson
Aarin Teague	Paul Kite
Jason Ammerman	Mike Short for Ryan Kelso
Scooter Mangold	Dianne Wassenich
Andrew McBride	Adam Yablonski
Dwayne Crocker for Gary Middleton	
Travis Pruski	

Voting Members Absent:

Tim Andruss
Ryan Bayle
Vic Hilderbran
Daniel Meyer
Darren Simmons
Dan Yoxall

Non-Voting Members Present:

Tony Franklin, Texas Soil & Water Cons. Board
Michele Foss, Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)
Jami McCool, TX Dept. of Agriculture
Carl Crull, Region N Liaison

Non-Voting Members Absent:

Carly Rotzler, TX Department of Parks and Wildlife
Tom Hegemier, Region K Liaison
Iliana Delgado, TCEQ
Don McGhee, Region M Liaison
Charles Wiedenfeld, Region J Liaison

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. Castillo took roll call.

AGENDA ITEM NO.2: PUBLIC COMMENT (LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES)

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. Mangold seconded, the motion passed by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM NO.4: STATUS REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS BY TWDB

a. SUMMARY OF SOCIOECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS – REGION L

Ms. Foss provided an update from TWDB on Regional Water Planning Area boundaries, noting that TWDB is required to review RWP boundaries at least once every 5 years. The deadline for public comments was June 30, 2025, and TWDB anticipates presenting boundary revision proposals to the Board in October 2025. She included that on the July 28, 2025 RWPG Chairs Call, which included a presentation on the Socioeconomic Impact Analysis for 2026 RWPs. Key deadlines were reviewed, including the September 22, 2025 deadline for RWP data entry and revisions, the October 20, 2025 deadline for final RWP submission to TWDB, and requirements that final DB27 data reports be available September 24, 2025 in SARA. TWDB distributed contract amendments for remaining committed funds for 2026 RWPs and is developing the schedule for 2031 RWPs with more information coming this fall.

She also presented the Socioeconomic Impact Analysis (SEIA), explaining that RWPGs must evaluate social and economic impacts of not meeting water needs under state regulations. TWDB's Projections & Socioeconomic Analysis department conducted the analysis using the IMPLAN 2021 input-output model to estimate potential lost income, taxes, and at-risk jobs during a single-year repeat of the drought of record with no mitigation strategies implemented.

For Region L, the analysis showed current water use totaling 904,179 acre-feet annually, with Municipal (485,732 acre-feet) and Irrigation (245,948 acre-feet) as the largest categories. The analysis projects significant increases in water needs through 2080, with Manufacturing needs growing from 39,765 to 58,272 acre-feet and economic impacts escalating from \$9.19 billion to \$12.10 billion in income losses. Municipal water needs show the most dramatic increase from 38,660 to 361,827 acre-feet, with income losses rising from \$319 million to \$2.798 billion. Irrigation needs remain stable at approximately 71,000-72,000 acre-feet with consistent impacts of \$35-36 million in income losses. Her presentation is available online at www.regionltexas.org.

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 Campbell provided an update from GMA 9 stating that they don't expect to get a new GAM model running anytime soon and need to hire a third-party consultant. He mentioned they recently had a TAG meeting but the board does not have funds to do what they need to do, and a legislative request is coming.

Mr. Brownlow reported that GMA 13 held a meeting on August 15th in Pleasanton with Kelley Cochran preparing meeting minutes. The meeting included updates from TWDB regarding the groundwater conservation grant program and its implementation process, a presentation explaining their research opportunities for the planning process, and a presentation by Dr. Bill Hutchison who was contracted by GMA 13 to assess the Maverick Aquifer. The assessment found the aquifer is 300-400 feet deep with significant oil content that would make development difficult, so they are not going to create a desired future condition for this aquifer. The most important discussion concerned Dr. Hutchison's presentation on HB 2078, which involves reviewing DFCs based on GAM simulations and comparison analysis, looking at data within the GMA to see how it compares to previous round pre-permitting approaches to reserve water for projects. The agenda also included status reports on Groundwater Availability Model updates/recalibrations and discussion on standardized methodology for tracking DFCs, as well as work schedule and timeline for the 4th round of DFCs. GMA 13 conducted a deep dive review of their groundwater availability model.

AGENDA ITEM NO.6: CONSIDERATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATION BY TECHNICAL CONSULTANT REGARDING SCHEDULE AND PROGRESS UPDATES

Ms. Gonzalez provided an update from Black & Veatch regarding schedule progress, updates on completed and ongoing efforts. Her presentation covered the project timeline leading to key deadlines including March 3, 2025 for the Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) and October 20, 2025 for the final plan submission. She reported that the Region L IPP was successfully submitted to TWDB on March 3, 2025 and declared administratively complete on March 5, 2025. Public meetings were held on May 21, 2025 (Public Hearing) and July 2, 2025 (Virtual Informational Meeting), with public and agency comments accepted through July 20, 2025. TWDB released the Region L Socioeconomic Impact Analysis report on June 25, 2025, which will be included as Appendix 6A in the final plan. She outlined ongoing work including updating Chapter 10 on public outreach and interregional coordination, continuing TWDB Database (DB27) data entry with coordination with TWDB for revisions, and preparing responses to comments received during the public comment period. Her presentation is available online at www.regionltexas.org.

AGENDA ITEM NO.7: CONSIDERATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED RESPONSES REGARDING THE PUBLIC COMMENTS AND AGENCY COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THE INITIALLY PREPARED PLAN (IPP) FOR THE 2026 SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS (REGION L) REGIONAL WATER PLAN

Ms. Gonzalez presented proposed responses to 64 written comments received during the IPP comment period, including 47 TWDB comments (27 Level 1 and 20 Level 2) and 17 public and other agency comments. The TWDB Level 1 comments primarily addressed corrections to water demand projection tables, clarifying information, correcting values inconsistent with DB27, and implementation status updates for water management strategies. Key TWDB comments addressed advanced metering infrastructure categorization in water conservation strategies, unit costs for municipal water conservation, quantitative measures of reliability for water management strategies, and explanations for unallocated recommended strategy volumes. Public and agency comments included one formal comment from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department commending Region L's emphasis on conservation while raising concerns about groundwater development impacts, two comments from Water User Groups including Aqua WSC and Canyon Regional Water Authority, eleven comments opposing proposed groundwater projects in Gonzales County's Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer, and three other public comments. The group was asked to approve proposed SCTRWPG responses to comments submitted by TWDB, TPWD, Aqua WSC, and the public, and approve incorporation of proposed responses into the Final 2026 Region L Regional Water Plan.

Mr. Stinson motioned to approve the proposed SCTRWPG responses to comments that were submitted by TWDB, TPWD, Aqua WSC, and the public as well as approve incorporation of proposed responses into the Final 2026 Region L Regional Water Plan. Mr. Metzler seconded, the motion passed by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM NO.8: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING PROPOSED UPDATE TO CRWA WELLS RANCH III PROJECT AS PRESENTED IN SCTRWPG 2025 IPP

Ms. Gonzalez presented issues related to Canyon Regional Water Authority's (CRWA) Wells Ranch Phase 3 Project, noting inconsistencies identified between DB27 and the IPP after CRWA requested revisions in May 2025. CRWA submitted formal comments in July 2025 requesting corrections to Modeled Available Groundwater (MAG)-constrained yields, cost estimate updates using sponsor-supplied data, customer allocation revisions, and revision of Major Water Providers definition to identify CRWA as a MWP. The Executive Committee met on August 30, 2025 and evaluated two options to address the inconsistency: a Hybrid Option placing the project in both Guadalupe and Gonzales Counties with no redistribution of MAG-constrained yields, and a Gonzales-only Option placing the project solely in Gonzales County with redistribution of MAG-constrained yields affecting other projects in Gonzales County. The Executive Committee recommended pursuing the Gonzales-only Option. Proposed SCTRWPG responses included updating MAG-constrained yields for consistency, declining to update cost estimates and customer allocations due to missed deadlines, and declining to revise the Major Water Providers definition since CRWA doesn't meet current criteria but noting the definition will be revisited in the next planning cycle. The group was asked to approve the Executive Committee's recommendation for the Gonzales-only Option, approve proposed responses to CRWA comments, and approve incorporation of responses into the Final 2026 Region L Regional Water Plan.

Mr. Puente requested to remove the specific language "and due to time constraints at this stage of plan development" in the proposed response to CRWA on their comments 2 and 3. Consensus was reached to strike this section.

Mr. McBride motioned to approve the recommendation from the Executive Committee to pursue the Gonzales-only Option for the CRWA Wells Ranch (Phase 3) Project; approve proposed SCTRWPG responses to the comments submitted by CRWA *as amended*; and approve incorporation of the proposed responses to CRWA comments into the Final 2026 Region L Regional Water Plan. Mr. Mangold seconded, the motion passed by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM NO.9: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL SUBCOMMITTEES

No additional subcommittees were established.

AGENDA ITEM NO.10: SCHEDULE AND POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SCTRWPG

The next SCTRWPG meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2025, at 9:30 AM.

AGENDA ITEM NO.11: PUBLIC COMMENT (LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES)

Mr. Ted Boriack, a Gonzales County resident and vice president of the Water Protection Association, provided oral public comment and submitted extensive written comments criticizing Region L's proposed responses to Gonzales County residents' concerns about groundwater export projects. His comments alleged that Region L's responses constitute a "minimal effort dismissal" that violates TWDB requirements for meaningful engagement. He raised concerns about over-permitting of groundwater, impacts on non-leasing landowners, agricultural importance of Gonzales County, inaccurate population projections, inefficient power generation, unrealistic groundwater availability projections, and opposition to ASR projects. He specifically criticized GBRA's inclusion of 9,000 acre-feet per year of Carrizo groundwater production that was denied by the Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District board on June 10, 2025. He requested detailed IPP revisions, addition of a Gonzales County voting member to the planning group, expanded socioeconomic studies, rejection of ASR projects in Gonzales County, local hearings for groundwater projects, and suspension of exporter projects from the GCUWCD area.

AGENDA ITEM NO.12: ADJOURN

Chair Campbell adjourned the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 12:01pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO.5 – STATUS REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS BY TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD (TWDB)

Region L Update October 2, 2025

Sixth Planning Cycle– Important Deadlines and Reminders

- Deadline for final RWPs to be submitted to TWDB is **October 20, 2025**
- Regions must include ***final versions*** of DB27 data reports in the final plan to meet reporting requirements – available **September 24, 2025** in SARA
- Final deliverable includes all required electronic files and ***4 hard copies***
- TWDB to provide technical consultants with folder links for electronic submittals

Region L Update October 2, 2025

Seventh Cycle of Regional Water Planning – 2031 RWPs

Schedule currently under development by TWDB.

Tentative 2026 highlights (subject to change):

- **March 2026:** TWDB expected to release RFAs for seventh cycle planning contracts.
- **April 2026:** Applications from RWPG sponsors due back to TWDB.
- **June 2026 (estimated):** TWDB Board to consider authorizing contracts.
- **Summer/Early Fall 2026:** Contracts between RWPG sponsors and TWDB executed.
- **2026:** RWPG sponsors conducting selection process for technical consultants.
- **Fall/Winter 2026:** RWPGs hold pre-planning meetings for seventh cycle of planning.

Region L Update October 2, 2025

Prop 4 and Texas Water Fund Updates

Requires the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts each state fiscal year to deposit to the credit of the Texas Water Fund the first \$1 billion of the net revenue derived from the imposition of the state sales and use tax that exceeds the first \$46.5 billion of that revenue coming into the treasury in that state fiscal year. This provision would go into effect September 1, 2027, and would expire August 31, 2047.

- **Subject to voter approval November 2025.**
- **Also contingent upon legislative appropriations and availability of tax revenue.**

Region L Update October 2, 2025

Prop 4 and Texas Water Fund Updates

Changes to the Texas Water Fund by Senate Bill 7

- Expansion of funds and accounts to which funds may be transferred
- Expansion of priorities for funding
 - Wastewater infrastructure, including rehabilitation
 - Technical assistance for applicants
- Expansion of eligibility for the New Water Supply for Texas Fund
 - Water and wastewater reuse projects
 - Acquisition of water or water rights originating outside of Texas

Region L Update October 2, 2025

Prop 4 and Texas Water Fund Updates

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Agency Calendar

September 2025						
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Planning Questions?

Michele Foss

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AGENDA ITEM NO.7 – CONSIDERATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATION BY
TECHNICAL CONSULTANT REGARDING SCHEDULE, PROGRESS, AND BUDGET UPDATE

Agenda Item 7: Consideration and Appropriate Action Regarding Presentation by Technical Consultant Regarding Schedule, Progress, and Budget Update

Schedule and Progress Updates – Overview

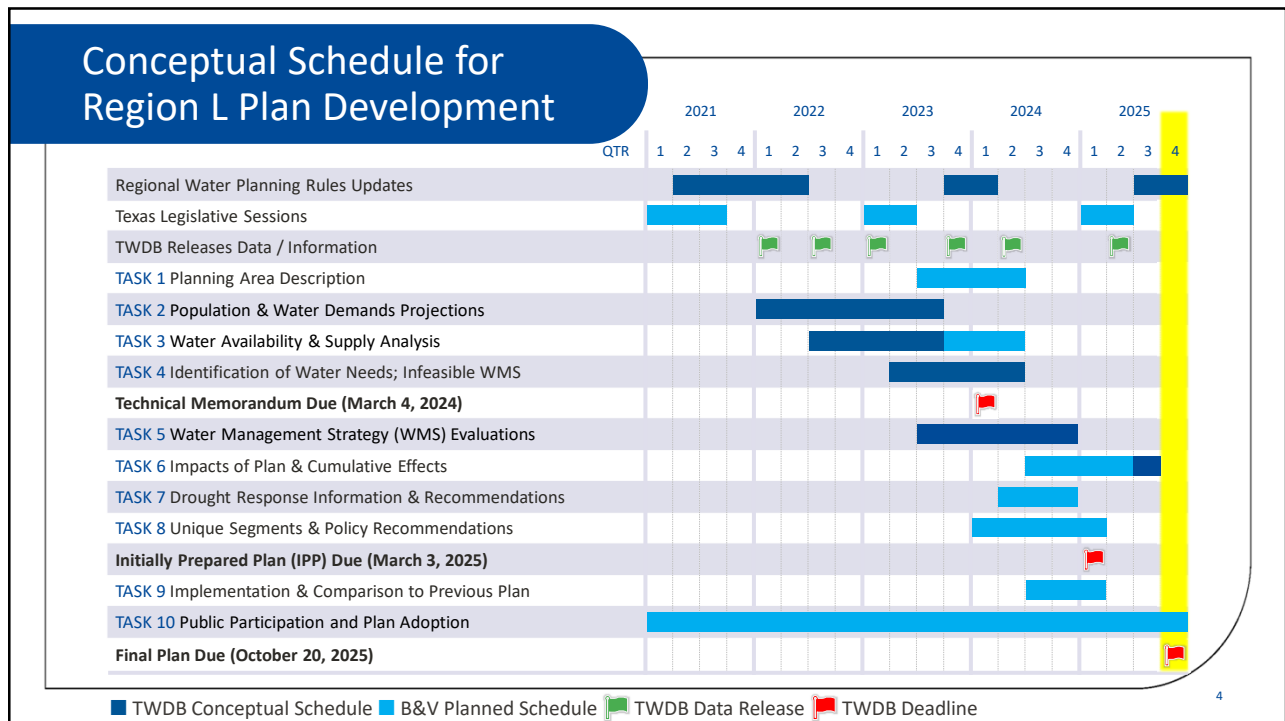
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- B. Update on Completed or Ongoing Efforts
- C. Budget Update

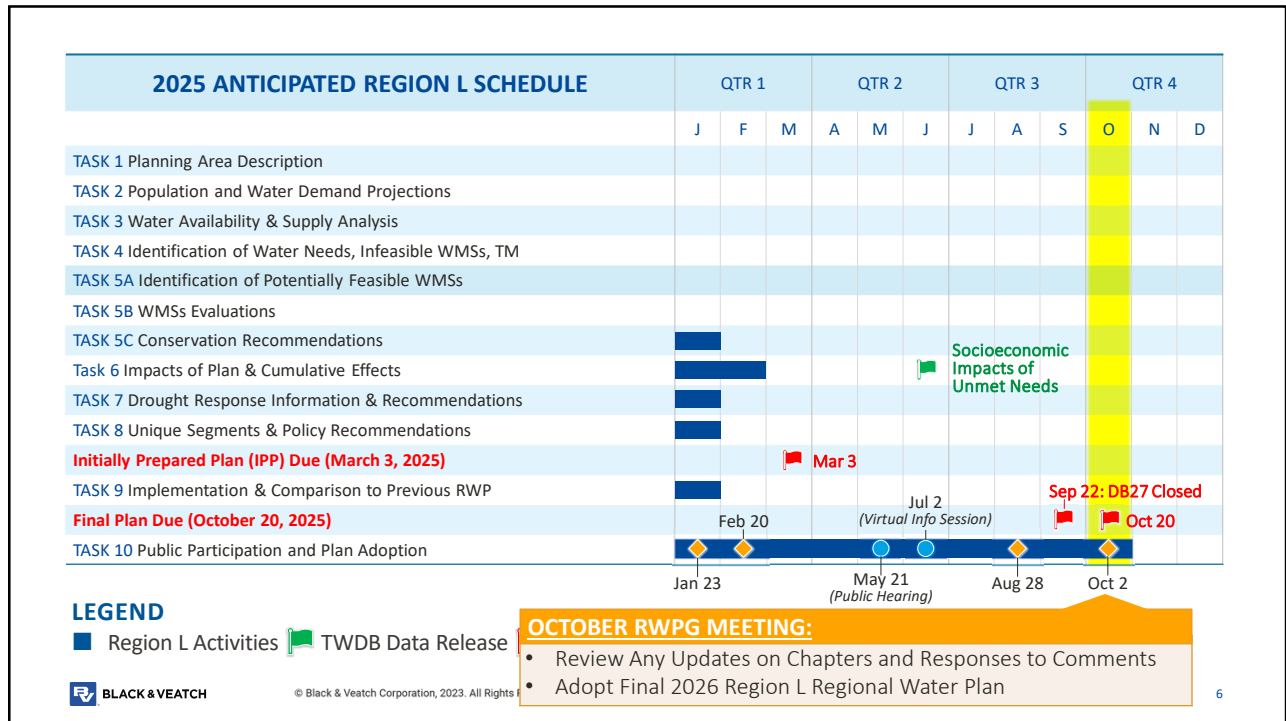
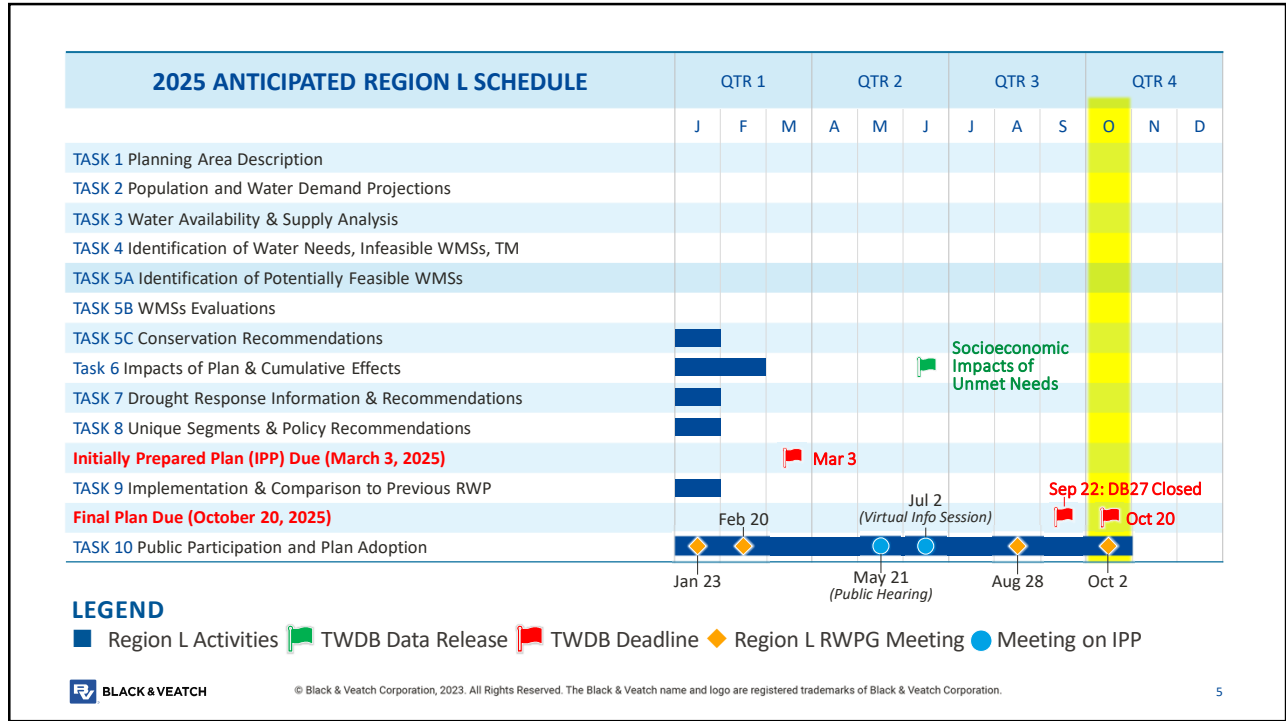
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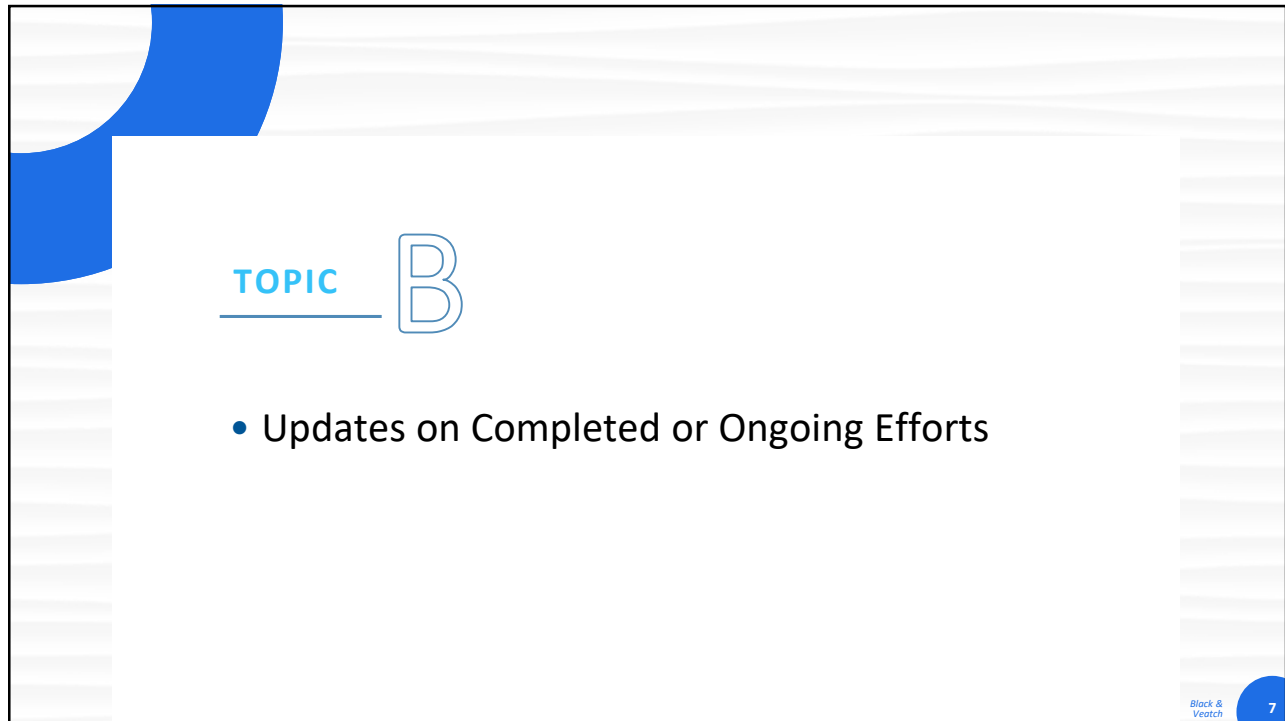
- Schedule Progress

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- Updates on Completed or Ongoing Efforts

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Update on Completed or Ongoing Efforts

- Completed addressing comments on the 2026 Region L Initially Prepared Plan (IPP)
 - Revised the draft plan to address comments and make revisions, as directed by the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (SCTRWPG) at the August 28th meeting
 - Uploaded revised documents to Region L website (www.RegionLTexas.org) for review by the SCTRWP
 - Provided SCTRWP comments and revised chapters to Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and received confirmation that:
 - 1) SCTRWP responses sufficiently address TWDB's Level 1 comments; and
 - 2) Revised chapters sufficiently address TWDB's Level 1 comments.
- Completed Updates to Chapter 10: Public Outreach and Interregional Coordination Efforts (Task 10)
 - Completed coordination with adjacent regions
 - Updated Chapter 10 to incorporate comment period information
 - Added appendices with public and agency comments and the SCTRWP's responses to comments

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Update on Completed or Ongoing Efforts

- Completed Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Database (DB27) Data Entry
 - Coordinated with TWDB to make edits to address comments and update information

- Preparing Final Deliverables Package to Submit to the TWDB
 - Electronic and hard copies of plan
 - Electronic copies of all electronic files on which the plan is based (i.e., spreadsheets, maps, model files, etc.)
 - Will submit all deliverables to the TWDB by October 20, 2025


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Next Steps and Path Forward

The timeline consists of a large grey arrow pointing to the right. Six colored circles are placed along the arrow's path. Above and below the arrow are text boxes describing the events corresponding to each circle. A blue arrow points to the fifth circle from the left, with the text "We are here" written in blue above it.

	Mar. 3 SCTRWPG submitted IPP to TWDB		Jul. 20 IPP Comment period closed	Aug. 28 RWPG Mtg SCTRWPG considered and responded to comments	Sep. 22 TWDB database closed; No further DB27 edits permitted	Oct. 2 RWPG Mtg SCTRWPG adopts Final Plan	Oct. 20 SCTRWPG submits Final, Adopted Regional Plan to TWDB
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- Budget Update

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Budget Update – as of July 2025

Task	Task Description	Total Budget	Billing to Date	Balance Remaining	% Remaining to Date
1	Planning Area Description	\$15,053.00	\$17,739.18	(\$2,686.18)	-17.84%
2A	Non-Municipal Water Demand Projections	\$28,160.00	\$36,865.57	(\$8,705.57)	-30.91%
2B	Population & Municipal Water Demand Projections	\$64,025.00	\$79,060.17	(\$15,035.17)	-23.48%
3	Water Supply Analysis	\$128,664.00	\$139,745.64	(\$11,081.64)	-8.61%
4A	Water Needs Analysis	\$18,797.00	\$21,971.58	(\$3,174.58)	-16.89%
4B	Identification of Infeasible Water Management Strategies	\$24,128.00	\$19,634.89	\$4,493.11	18.62%
4C	Technical Memorandum	\$21,095.00	\$18,481.93	\$2,613.07	12.39%
5A	Identification of Potentially Feasible Water Management Strategies	\$25,994.00	\$27,156.22	(\$1,162.22)	-4.47%
5B	Evaluation and Recommendation of WMS and WMS Projects	\$457,567.00	\$384,722.78	\$72,844.22	15.92%
5C	Conservation Water Management Strategy Recommendations	\$43,518.00	\$16,031.39	\$27,486.61	63.16%
6	Impacts of the RWP and Consistency with Protection of Resources	\$41,880.00	\$54,916.86	(\$13,036.86)	-31.13%
7	Drought Response Information, Activities, and Recommendations	\$57,317.00	\$31,652.83	\$25,664.17	44.78%
8	Recommendations Regarding Unique Stream Segments and/or Reservoir Sites and Legislative & Regional Policy Issues	\$12,202.00	\$14,388.07	(\$2,186.07)	-17.92%
9	Implementation and Comparison to the Previous RWP	\$21,155.00	\$4,317.53	\$16,837.47	79.59%
10	Public Participation / Plan Adoption	\$248,255.00	\$309,615.22	(\$61,360.22)	-24.72%
Total		\$1,207,810.00	\$1,176,299.86	\$31,510.14	2.61%

AGENDA ITEM NO.8 – CONSIDERATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE FINAL 2026 SCTRWPG REGIONAL WATER PLAN (RWP)

A. CONSIDERATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING UPDATES TO THE FINAL 2026 RWP

B. CONSIDERATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO ADOPT THE FINAL 2026 RWP AND AUTHORIZE THE TECHNICAL CONSULTANT TO ADDRESS ANY NON-SUBSTANTIVE REVISIONS, PLANNING GROUP CHANGES, AND/OR TWDB REQUESTS PRIOR TO FINAL PLAN SUBMITTAL

C. CONSIDERATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TECHNICAL CONSULTANT TO SUBMIT FINAL PLAN DELIVERABLES TO THE TWDB ON BEHALF OF THE SCTRWPG BY OCTOBER 20, 2025

Agenda Item 8: Consideration and Appropriate Action Regarding the Final 2026 South Central Texas (Region L) Regional Water Plan (RWP)

**Final 2026 South
Central Texas
(Region L)
Regional Water
Plan – Overview**

- A. Updates to the Final 2026 RWP
- B. Adopt the Final 2026 RWP and Authorize Technical Consultant to Address Non-substantive Revisions
- C. Authorize Technical Consultant to Submit Final Plan Deliverables to Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)

A. Updates to the Final 2026 RWP

- General:
 - Completed DB27 updates and made necessary revisions or adjustments to the plan for consistency
 - Updated Executive Summary for consistency across chapters
 - Formatted and performed accessibility checks
 - Compiled and updated tables of contents, appendices, figures, and tables
- Updated plans to address IPP comments
- Interregional Coordination Revision:
 - Shifted El Oso WSC existing supplies between Region L and Region N
 - Requested by Region N for consistency in plan chapters and DB27
 - Did not result in changes to any Region L plan chapters (i.e., no changes to Chapters 3, 4, 6, or others)

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B. Consideration and Appropriate Action to:



Adopt the Final 2026 RWP and Authorize the Technical Consultant to Address Any Non-substantive Revisions, Planning Group Changes, and/or Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Requests Prior to Final Plan Submittal

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C. Consideration and Appropriate Action to:



Authorize the Technical Consultant to Submit Final Plan Deliverables to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) on Behalf of the South Central Texas (Region L) Regional Water Planning Group by October 20, 2025

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Region L Technical Consultant Team

- Black & Veatch
- Hoffpauir Consulting, PLLC
- SWCA Environmental Consultants
- Laura Raun Public Relations

Our Sincerest Gratitude to Our Partners

South Central Texas (Region L) Regional Water Planning Group

Your volunteer service, deep engagement, and genuine care have made this plan stronger and more meaningful. Your dedication is a true service to the community.

San Antonio River Authority

Thank you for your outstanding facilitation and leadership throughout this process.

Texas Water Development Board

We appreciate your guidance and support in helping shape a successful regional water plan.

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SCTRWPG Membership for the 6th Planning Cycle (2021 to Present)

(2024 to Present)
 Curt Campbell, Chair
 Humberto Ramos, Vice Chair
 Gary Middleton, Secretary
 Jason Ammerman, At-Large
 Steve Metzler, At-Large

Officers

(2021 to 2023)
 Tim Andruss, Chair
 Adam Yablonski Vice Chair
 Gary Middleton, Secretary
 Humberto Ramos, At-Large
 Glenn Lord, At-Large

Voting Members

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Jason Ammerman ■ Tim Andruss ■ Ryan Bayle ■ Amber Beard ■ Darrell Brownlow ■ John Byrum ■ Curt Campbell ■ Rey Chavez 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Will Conley ■ Debbie Farmer ■ Charlie Flatten ■ Steve Graham ■ Terrell Graham ■ Vic Hilderbran ■ Thomas Jungman ■ Ryan Kelso ■ Paul Kite 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Russell Labus ■ Glenn Lord ■ Gary Middleton ■ Scooter Mangold ■ Andrew McBride ■ Steve Metzler ■ Daniel Meyer ■ Travis Pruski 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Robert Puente ■ Vanessa Puig-Williams ■ Humberto Ramos ■ Weldon Riggs ■ Roland Ruiz ■ Diane Savage ■ Darren Simmons ■ Mitchell Sowards ■ Jonathan Stinson 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Heather Sumpter ■ Thomas Taggart ■ Ian Taylor ■ Aarin Teague ■ Dianne Wassenich ■ Andra Wisian ■ Adam Yablonski ■ Dan Yoxall
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Non-voting Members

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Carl Crull ■ Iliana Delgado ■ Ronald Fieseler 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Michele Foss ■ Tony Franklin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Tom Hegemier ■ Marty Kelly ■ Jami McCool 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Elizabeth McCoy ■ Don McGhee ■ Rusty Ray 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Carly Rotzler ■ Charles Wiedenfeld
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Guiding Principles

- Initially established during the 2021 Regional Water Planning Cycle
- Updated during this (2026) cycle
- Includes three (3) Guiding Principles related to WMSs:
 - PRINCIPLE VII: Minimum Standards for Water Management Strategies
 - PRINCIPLE VIII: Recommended Water Management Strategies
 - PRINCIPLE IX: Management Supply

South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group Bylaws and Guiding Principles¹



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Region L Guiding Principles

In 2015, the SCTRWPG began the 2021 Plan Enhancement Process to improve and clarify the principles that guide SCTRWPG decisions. They established 11 SCTRWPG Guiding Principles:

1. Appropriateness and adequacy of how demand and need are determined
2. Role of Regional Water Planning Groups in influencing population growth and land use
3. Conflicts of interests with respect to planning group members
4. The role of the planning group in influencing water development plans of water suppliers
5. The role of the planning group in influencing permitting entities
6. The adequacy of evaluating the plan's effects on freshwater inflows to San Antonio Bay, and the adequacy of environmental assessments of individual water management strategies (WMSs)
7. Minimum Standards for WMSs
8. Recommended WMSs
9. Management Supply
10. The role of reuse within the Regional Water Plan
11. Identifying special studies or evaluations deemed important to enhance the 2021 plan, the identification of outside funding sources, and the extent to which innovative strategies should be used.


Guiding Principles are included as Supplemental Information in the Agenda Packet



PRINCIPLE I

Appropriateness and Adequacy of How Demand and Need are Determined

The SCTRWPG generally defers to the TWDB on matters related to population and water demand projections. However, the SCTRWPG retains the duty to review TWDB projections on a case by case basis. Where the SCTRWPG finds a discrepancy in TWDB's projections, and can adequately justify its findings by verifying one or more of the "criteria for adjustment," TWDB – in consultation with TDA, TCEQ, and TPWD – may adjust population and/or water demand projections accordingly (see *generally General Guidelines for Development of the 2026 Regional Water Plan*). Consistent with Chapter 8 of the 2021 Regional Water Plan for Region L, the SCTRWPG supports greater TWDB flexibility through relaxation of current methodological assumptions holding regional and state population projection totals fixed (see Chapter 8.9.3 *Population and Water Demand Projections*). Water demand projections used in developing the Regional Water Plan should be consensus figures arrived at by using TWDB data along with local input from the cities, counties, and groundwater districts.




PRINCIPLE II

Role of Regional Water Planning Groups in Influencing Population Growth and Land Use

Where the concepts of population growth and land use necessarily interrelate with the Regional Water Plan, the SCTRWPG shall, to the greatest extent possible, develop strategies to meet future projected demands. However, it is neither the role, nor the responsibility of the SCTRWPG to influence population growth or land use. While the SCTRWPG has a duty to remain cognizant of the sensitive relationship between the Regional Water Plan, population growth and land use, decisions concerning permitting and influencing population growth are inherently local, and remain wholly independent from the regional water planning process.

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PRINCIPLE III

Conflicts of Interests with Respect to Planning Group Members

a) Active Planning Group Members


All disclosures pursuant to Article V, Section 6 of the SCTRWPG Bylaws, are the responsibility of the planning group member or designated alternate who has the potential conflict of interest. Therefore, disclosures are the responsibility of the planning group member or designated alternate. If the voting member chooses to abstain from participation in deliberations, decisions, or voting, pursuant to Article V, Section 6 of the SCTRWPG Bylaws, the reason for abstention shall be noted in the minutes.

b) Nomination Process

Where the SCTRWPG is soliciting nominations to fill vacancies on the planning group, nominators shall provide information regarding the nominee's current employer, and provide a description of the nominee's experience that qualifies him/her for the position in the interest group being sought to represent.

Additionally, nominees shall agree to abide by the Code of Conduct, which is incorporated in the SCTRWPG Bylaws (see SCTRWPG Bylaws, Article V, Section 6). As per the Bylaws, the Executive Committee will conduct an interview process whereby nominees will be evaluated. Prior to the interview, nominees will be provided a copy of the Bylaws. During the interview process, nominees will be asked if they are willing to agree to the Bylaws, and specifically, if they are willing to comply with the Code of Conduct.


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PRINCIPLE IV
Role of the Planning Group in Influencing Water Development Plans of Water Suppliers

The role of the SCTRWPG is to ensure water needs are met with identified potentially feasible water management strategies. It is not the role of the SCTRWPG to influence or interfere with local water planning decisions. In the absence of a planning group recommended potentially feasible water management strategy to meet an identified need, the SCTRWPG may evaluate and report, as required, the social, environmental and economic impacts of not meeting the identified need.


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PRINCIPLE V
Role of the Planning Group in Influencing Permitting Entities

Decisions made at the planning group level are non-regulatory, and are intended for planning purposes only. While some decisions made by the SCTRWPG could inevitably affect some decisions made by the governing boards of permitting entities, it is neither the responsibility, nor the role of the SCTRWPG to influence or interfere with the regulatory decisions made by the governing boards of permitting entities.

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PRINCIPLE VI


Adequacy of Evaluating the Plan's Effects on Freshwater Inflows to San Antonio Bay, and the Adequacy of Environmental Assessments of Individual Water Management Strategies

The SCTRWPG's evaluation of the Plan's effect on instream flows and freshwater inflows to the San Antonio Bay, and Plan's environmental assessments of individual water management strategies are currently meeting the regulations and statutes for regional water planning. The SCTRWPG believes a structural reorganization of the data presented will benefit the understanding of the Plan's environmental assessments. The SCTRWPG will:

- Initiate environmental assessments earlier into the regional planning process;
- Eliminate environmental assessment comparisons of current plan to past plans;
- Consolidate threatened and endangered species information into the appendix rather than repeating in each water management strategy write-up;
- Update baseline year data to most current for potential impacts to vegetation and terrestrial habitat;
- Adjust distances for cultural resource sites;
- Include current conditions and streamflow protected by environmental flow standards in updated tabular form improving the way in which the data is presented;
- Include target flow regimes based on environmental freshwater inflow standards in updated tabular form improving the way in which the data is presented; and
- Include high level narrative of climate variability.

The SCTRWPG believes this environmental assessment structural reorganization will reflect realistic environmental impacts of the recommended water management strategies for both the public and planning group members.

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PRINCIPLE VII

Minimum Standards for Water Management Strategies

For a proposed strategy to be designated by the SCTRWPG as a water management strategy in the regional water plan, the proposed strategy must:

- supply water, reduce water demands, or otherwise satisfy one or more identified needs;
- include an evaluation and description consistent with standards used by the SCTRWPG and its technical consultants as required by TWDB Rules;
- satisfy all relevant requirements established by the TWDB, including environmental flow standards;
- identify one or more entities, with sufficient ability and willingness to implement the strategy, as being the strategy's sponsor(s);
- identify all entities, as reasonably possible, who own any existing or planned infrastructure or existing permit that could be affected by the proposed strategy as being strategy participants; and
- identify groundwater conservation districts or TCEQ with jurisdiction over the proposed strategy.

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PRINCIPLE VIII
Recommended Water Management Strategies

The SCTRWPG strives to develop a regional water plan that recommends water management strategies sufficient to supply water to all identified needs projected in the planning horizon for the region.

The SCTRWPG prefers designating water management strategies as recommended or alternative using a consensus approach while respecting the strategy sponsor(s)' wishes.

Prior to designating any water management strategies as recommended, the SCTRWPG will review the water management strategies to evaluate costs and environmental sensitivity of each water management strategy per TWDB Rules.

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PRINCIPLE IX
Management Supply

The cumulative supply of the recommended water management strategies may include an amount of supply in excess of the amount needed to meet regional needs as considered necessary by the SCTRWPG to allow for such things as uncertainty associated with long-term planning, problems with project implementation, changing weather conditions, flexibility of sponsors in choosing projects to implement, and changes in project viability.

Identified Needs without a Recommended Water Management Strategy

For water needs that are not satisfied by recommended water management strategies, the SCTRWPG will provide a narrative explaining why the need is not satisfied.

Alternative Strategies in the Regional Water Plan

The SCTRWPG will include alternative water management strategies that sponsors wish to have identified as alternatives to one or more of their recommended water management strategies.

Conceptual Approaches (Water Management Strategies Needing Further Study) in the Regional Water Plan

The SCTRWPG will acknowledge conceptual and innovative approaches to developing water supplies, reducing water demand, and increasing efficiency of supplying water as may be proposed by others, but need further study.

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PRINCIPLE X

Role of Reuse Within the Regional Water Plan

The SCTRWPG generally defers to the TWDB rules for regional water planning as contained in the TAC on matters related to surface water supply analysis. For surface water supply analysis, the SCTRWPG will use the most current Water Availability Models from the TCEQ to evaluate supplies, as required by section 357.32 (c) of the TAC. As per section 357.32 of the TAC, the SCTRWPG will assume full utilization of existing water rights and no return flows when using Water Availability Models.

The SCTRWPG agrees that effluent will be depicted in the Regional Water Plan only in cases of direct and/ or indirect reuse water management strategies, or where a preexisting contract for the supply of reuse is in place. Additionally, the SCTRWPG will not use effluent in the estimates of cumulative effects absent a direct and/or indirect reuse water management strategy or a preexisting contract



PRINCIPLE XI

Identifying Special Studies or Evaluations Deemed Important to Enhance the 2026 Plan, the Identification of Outside Funding Sources, and the Extent to Which Innovative Strategies Should Be Used

The SCTRWPG recognizes that there are no identifiable outside funding sources for special studies or evaluations. However, the SCTRWPG remains willing to consider evaluating any proposed water management strategies and special studies allowable under section 357.34 of the TAC.