

**Minutes of the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group  
October 2, 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:**

Tim Andruss	Andrew McBride
John Byrum	Travis Pruski
Curt Campbell	Robert Puente
Andra Wisian	Humberto Ramos
Debbie Farmer	Weldon Riggs
Marisa Bruno for Charlie Flatten	Roland Ruiz
Steve Metzler	Ed Griffin for Darrell Brownlow
Michelle Shelton for Terrell Graham	Mitchell Sowards
Vic Hilderbran	Brian Perkins for Jonathan Stinson
Thomas Jungman	Paul Kite
Aarin Teague	Dianne Wassenich
Jason Ammerman	Adam Yablonski
Scooter Mangold	

**Voting Members Absent:**

Ryan Bayle  
Gary Middleton  
Vanessa Puig-Williams  
Ryan Kelso  
Daniel Meyer  
Darren Simmons  
Dan Yoxall

**Non-Voting Members Present:**

Carly Rotzler, TX Department of Parks and Wildlife  
Tom Hegemier, Region K Liaison  
Michele Foss, Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)  
Carl Crull, Region N Liaison

**Non-Voting Members Absent:**

Tony Franklin, Texas Soil & Water Cons. Board  
Jami McCool, TX Dept. of Agriculture  
Iliana Delgado, TCEQ  
Don McGhee, Region M Liaison  
Charles Wiedenfeld, Region J Liaison

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## **AGENDA ITEM NO.1: ROLL CALL**

Ms. Castillo took roll call.

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

No public comments.

Chair Campbell also included that 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. He informed the RWPG that no public comments were received during this period.

## **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 from the previous meeting. Mr. McBride seconded, the motion passed by consensus.

## **AGENDA ITEM NO.4: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING VACANCIES TO RESULT FROM FUTURE TERM EXPIRATIONS OR RESIGNATIONS**

Chair Campbell shared with the RWPG that there are 11 terms set to expire in 2026. Discussion ensued on when to allow for the San Antonio River Authority/Region L Administrator to solicit for these term expirations in 2026.

Mr. Pruski motioned to allow the San Antonio River Authority to solicit for all 11 terms expiring in 2026 to be able to handle nomination at the first meeting of the upcoming year. Mr. Ammerman seconded, the motion passed by consensus.

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

Ms. Foss provided an update from TWDB on the Sixth Planning Cycle, reminding the group that the deadline for final RWPs to be submitted to TWDB is October 20, 2025. She noted that final versions of DB27 data reports must be included and will be available September 24, 2025 in SARA. The final deliverable includes all required electronic files and 4 hard copies.

Ms. Foss also presented on the Seventh Cycle of Regional Water Planning for 2031 RWPs, explaining that the schedule is currently under development by TWDB. She highlighted tentative 2026 milestones including the March 2026 release of RFAs for seventh cycle planning contracts and Fall/Winter 2026 pre-planning meetings for RWPGs.

She provided updates on Proposition 4 and the Texas Water Fund, which would dedicate \$1 billion annually from sales tax revenue to the Texas Water Fund beginning September 1, 2027. The proposition is subject to voter approval in November 2025. She also discussed Senate Bill 7 changes expanding funding priorities to include wastewater infrastructure, technical assistance, and water reuse projects. An FAQ sheet is available under Hot Topics on the TWDB homepage. Planning questions can be directed to Michele Foss at [michele.foss@twdb.texas.gov](mailto:michele.foss@twdb.texas.gov). Her presentation is available online at [www.regionltexas.org](http://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 Campbell reported no updates from GMA 9. No updates were provided by other members. Ms. Foss noted that GMA 13 and GMA 15 will be meeting in the next couple of weeks.

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

Ms. Gonzalez provided an update from Black & Veatch regarding schedule progress, completed and ongoing efforts, and budget status. She reported that Black & Veatch has completed addressing all comments on the 2026 Region L Initially Prepared Plan (IPP), revised the draft plan as directed by the SCTRWPG at the August 28th meeting, and received confirmation from TWDB that both the SCTRWPG responses and revised chapters sufficiently address TWDB's Level 1 comments. She noted that Chapter 10 on Public Outreach and Interregional Coordination has been completed, including coordination with adjacent regions and appendices containing public and agency comments with responses. She reported that TWDB Database (DB27) data entry has been completed as of September 22, 2025, with no further edits permitted. Ms. Gonzalez presented the budget update showing the project at 97.39% completion with a remaining balance of \$31,510.14 or 2.61% of the total \$1,207,810 budget as of July 2025. Her presentation is available online at [www.regionltexas.org](http://www.regionltexas.org).

**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**

Ms. Gonzalez presented updates to the Final 2026 RWP, noting that Black & Veatch completed DB27 updates and made necessary revisions to the plan for consistency, updated the Executive Summary, performed formatting and accessibility checks, and compiled tables of contents, appendices, figures, and tables. She reported an interregional

coordination revision that shifted El Oso WSC existing supplies between Region L and Region N at Region N's request for consistency, which did not result in changes to Region L plan chapters. Black & Veatch is preparing the final deliverables package for submission to TWDB by October 20, 2025.

**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**

Mr. Andruss motioned 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 the final plan submittal. Mr. Metzler seconded, the motion passed by consensus.

**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**

Mr. Pruski motioned to authorize the technical consultant to submit final plan deliverables to the TWDB on behalf of the SCTRWPG by October 20, 2025. Mr. Byrum seconded, the motion passed by consensus.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.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**

Chair Campbell stated that the San Antonio River Authority is willing to continue serving as the RWPG sponsor for the next cycle.

Mr. Byrum motioned to authorize the San Antonio River Authority to serve as the Region L Political Subdivision/RWPG sponsor for the 7<sup>th</sup> Cycle of Regional Water Planning. Mr. Riggs seconded, the motion passed by consensus.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.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**

Chair Campbell informed the planning group that according to the TWDB tentative schedule, this item could wait to be voted on until February but that they should be mindful that if the

RFAs are released earlier it may cause a delay for San Antonio River Authority to work on the grant.

Mr. Byrum motioned 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 7<sup>th</sup> Cycle of Regional Water Planning. Mr. Andruss seconded, the motion passed by consensus.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.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**

Mr. Byrum made a motion to extend the contract with the current technical consultant, Black & Veatch. Mr. Pruski seconded the motion. Following discussion, the motion failed.

Mr. Puente moved to postpone the item until the February meeting. Mr. Andruss seconded the motion. The motion passed by consensus.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.12: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL SUBCOMMITTEES**

No additional subcommittees were established.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.13: SCHEDULE 2026 SCTRWPG MEETINGS AND DISCUSS POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SCTRWPG**

The next SCTRWPG meeting is scheduled for February 5<sup>th</sup>. The remainder of the 2026 quarterly Region L meetings were established as: May 7<sup>th</sup>, August 6<sup>th</sup>, and November 5<sup>th</sup>.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.14: PUBLIC COMMENT (LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES)**

Mr. Boriack expressed concerns that his comments regarding pumping and intended pumpage have not been adequately addressed in the plan. He stated that despite his efforts to provide detailed comments, particularly concerning the Guadalupe River and impacts to Gonzalez County residents, he believes the system and process has failed to address these concerns. He expressed hope that the plan will not be relied upon to drill more wells and extract additional water from Gonzalez County, which he considers unsustainable. Mr. Boriack stated that more work needs to be done examining impacts and implementing solutions such as recharge and conservation measures.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.12: ADJOURN**

Chair Campbell adjourned the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:31am.