

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, May 7, 2026 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=m8f61aa9c3df19edc6356339d3df82f11>. 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 Filling Existing Vacancies and Vacancies to Result from Future Term Expirations or Resignations
5. Status Reports and Communications by 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. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding Review of Region L Guiding Principles and/or By-Laws
8. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding the Establishment of Additional Subcommittees
9. Schedule and Potential Agenda Items for the Next Meeting of the SCTRWP
10. Public Comment (Limited to 3 minutes)
11. Adjourn

Comments and submissions may be submitted through email to adelao@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: Avianca De La O, 100 E. Guenther Street, San Antonio, TX 78204. Please direct any questions to Avianca De La O at (210) 302-3601, adelao@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
February 5, 2026**

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

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

Voting Members Present:

Tim Andruss	Gary Middleton
Ryan Bayle	Travis Pruski
John Chisholm for John Byrum	Steven Siebert for Robert Puente
Curt Campbell	Vanessa Puig-Williams
Debbie Farmer	Humberto Ramos
Charlie Flatten	Weldon Riggs
Steve Metzler	Roland Ruiz
Michelle Shelton for Terrell Graham	Darrell Brownlow
Vic Hilderbran	Mitchell Sowards
Thomas Jungman	Jonathan Stinson
Aarin Teague	Paul Kite
Jason Ammerman	Mike Short for Ryan Kelso
Scooter Mangold	Dianne Wassenich
Andrew McBride	Dan Yoxall

Voting Members Absent:

Andra Wisian
Daniel Meyer
Darren Simmons
Adam Yablonski

Non-Voting Members Present:

Tom Hegemier, Region K Liaison
Michele Foss, Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)
Tony Franklin, Texas Soil & Water Cons. Board

Non-Voting Members Absent:

Carly Rotzler, TX Department of Parks and Wildlife
Carl Crull, Region N Liaison
Jami McCool, TX Dept. of Agriculture
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)

Chair Campbell informed the RWPG that three written comments were received via email requesting additional planning effort focus during this upcoming planning cycle on sustainable groundwater supply management.

Ms. Castillo stated that no additional comments were provided.

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Mr. Ammerman motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Mr. Riggs 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 stated that as per the last meeting, the RWPG voted to handle term expiration for 2026 at the first meeting of the year. Solicitations went out at the end of last year for those 11 expiring terms and Region L received submittals from 7 incumbents and 1 new nominee.

Chair Campbell included that the Executive Committee met in January to review and discuss the nomination forms and meet with new nominees. The Executive Committee consensus was to provide a recommendation to approve 7 incumbent members to the Planning Group.

Recommended slate:

- Counties
 - Travis Pruski, Wilson County
- Municipalities
 - Gary Middleton, City of Victoria
 - Robert Puente, San Antonio Water System
- Environmental
 - Charlie Flatten, Hill Country Alliance
- River Authorities
 - Jonathan Stinson, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority
- Water Districts
 - Debbie Farmer, Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District
- Water Utilities
 - Scooter Mangold, Yancey Water Supply Corporation

Mr. Brownlow motioned to approve the recommended slate of nominees to renew terms for the Region L Planning Group. Mr. McBride seconded, the motion passed by consensus.

Chair Campbell also stated that the remaining RWPG members whose term expires this year that did not submit a nomination form signified they do not wish to serve another term. While they remain a member until the end of the year, until they are replaced, or choose to resign, Chair Campbell recommended that we allow the San Antonio River Authority to solicit for the following positions: Agricultural, Environmental, and Small Businesses

Mr. Pruski motioned to allow the San Antonio River Authority to solicit for the Agricultural, Environmental, and Small Businesses interest areas. Mr. Stinson seconded, the motion passed by consensus.

Ms. Wassenich noted the letter of recommendation she submitted for Ms. Vanessa Puig-Williams was due to her believing she would be applying for this solicitation cycle. Ms. Wassenich stated that she plans to resubmit her recommendation letter for her next time.

AGENDA ITEM NO.5: ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE 2026 SCTRWPG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair Campbell stated that according to Region L Bylaws Article VIII, Sections I and II, officers and executive committee members serve a term of one year. Elections must be held at the first meeting of the year. There are no term limits for officers.

Current Officers include: Chair Curt Campbell, Vice Chair Humberto Ramos, Secretary Gary Middleton. Executive At-Large include: Steve Metzler, Jason Ammerman.

Chair Campbell informed the RWPG that the current officers are seeking to stay in their positions.

Mr. Stinson motioned to approve the current slate as the 2026 SCTRWPG Executive Committee. Mr. Riggs seconded, the motion passed by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM NO.6: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING REVIEW OF SCTRWPG REGIONAL LIAISONS

Chair Campbell stated that we should review the SCTRWPG Regional Liaisons at this point in the cycle to ensure we have active participation for our regional liaisons and ensure they are filled. He opened the meeting up for nominations and discussions.

According to minutes from the beginning of the 6th Cycle – the following are the liaisons:

Region P: Tim Andruss, Region J: Adam Yabloksi, Region K: Dianne Wassenich, Region M & N: John Byrum.

Discussion ensued to agree on if the current liaisons are still willing to serve their respective regions.

Mr. Ramos motioned for the approval of the nominations as follows: Region P: Tim Andruss, Region K: Dianne Wassenich, Region M & N: John Byrum. Mr. Middleton seconded, and the motion was passed.

The RWPG agreed to continue to look for someone to be the liaison for Region J as Mr. Yablonski does not plan to continue to term after expiration.

AGENDA ITEM NO.7: STATUS REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS BY TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD (TWDB)

Ms. Foss provided an update from TWDB, including a recap of the 2026 South Central Texas Regional Water Plan. She highlighted key data showing the region's projected population growth from 3.9 million in 2030 to 7.7 million in 2080, with total water demands increasing from 1.1 million acre-feet to 1.6 million acre-feet over the same period. She noted that water needs will grow from 185,132 acre-feet in 2030 to 513,712 acre-feet in 2080, with the largest increases in municipal needs. The plan recommends 519 water management strategies providing 810,933 acre-feet of supply by 2080, with total capital costs of approximately \$19.3 billion. The top ten strategies by supply volume include GBRA WaterSECURE (94,151 acre-feet), Weather Modification (76,579 acre-feet), and various municipal conservation and water reuse projects. Municipal conservation represents the largest share of recommended strategies by type at approximately 23 percent.

Ms. Foss reported that the final 2026 Regional Water Plans were submitted to TWDB on October 20, 2025, and the TWDB Board approved the plans on January 22, 2026. She outlined the anticipated timeline for the next planning cycle, with the 2031 RWP contracting process beginning in March 2026, applications due in late March/early April, and contracts executed by August 31, 2026. The TWDB Board is expected to consider posting the initial draft State Water Plan for public comment in April or May 2026.

Ms. Foss provided updates on TWDB financial assistance programs, including an upcoming Financial Assistance Workshop in Uvalde on February 12, 2026. She noted that Project Information Forms for the Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Funds are due March 6, 2026, and Agricultural Water Conservation Grants applications are open through March 18, 2026. She confirmed that Proposition 4 passed in November 2025, dedicating \$1 billion per year to the Texas Water Fund from 2027-2047. Her presentation is available online at www.regionltexas.org.

AGENDA ITEM NO.8: 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 an update from GMA 9. He stated the GMA 9 Joint Planning Committee is wrapping up this fourth planning cycle. Since November of last year, the Committee has met monthly to review the most recent model runs (still using the old Hill Country Trinity GAM) and discuss potential Desired Future Condition statements. The Committee is meeting on February 24th for a few final discussions on proposed DFCs and plan to meet again on March 31st to adopt “Proposed Desired Future Conditions” and aquifer relevancy statements. The Joint Planning Committee has recently received the Draft Southern Trinity GAM and plans to begin working with that model in the near future to begin for the next Planning cycle.

Mr. Brownlow provided an update on GMA 13 stating that on February 13th Dr. Hutchinson will review final comments related to the Carrizo GAM and will begin the process for recommending DFCs.

Mr. Andruss provided an update on GMA 15 stating that they are concluding the joint management process and are prepared to proceed the DFC for adoption which will most likely be amended. He included that in mid-March they will hold their next meeting to take the next administrative actions.

Mr. Hilderbran provided an update on GMA 7 stating that their next meeting will be on March 18th.

Ms. Wassenich stated that Region K met in Austin and there was nothing unusual to report.

AGENDA ITEM NO.9: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY AS THE REGION L POLITICAL SUBDIVISION/RWPG SPONSOR TO PROVIDE PUBLIC NOTICE AND HOLD A PRE-PLANNING MEETING TO OBTAIN PUBLIC INPUT ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2031 REGIONAL WATER PLAN

Michele Foss provided some background on the purpose of this item.

Mr. Riggs motioned to authorize the San Antonio River Authority as the Region L Sponsor to provide public notice and hold a pre-planning meeting to obtain public input on development of the 2031 Regional Water Plan. Mr. Hilderbran seconded, and the motion was passed.

AGENDA ITEM NO.10: 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

Chair Campbell stated that TWDB provided legal clarification which included that RWPG sponsors must go through a formal RFQ process and does not recommend they renew for the same technical consultant for the next cycle. The River Authority will be following the direction of the TWDB.

Mr. Ammerman motioned to authorize the San Antonio River Authority as the Region L Sponsor to issue a Request for Qualification to procure professional services for the 7th Cycle of Regional Water Planning. Mr. Riggs seconded, and the motion was passed.

AGENDA ITEM NO.11: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING REVIEW OF REGION L GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND/OR BY-LAWS

Chair Campbell stated that this was a conversation brought up during the Executive Session and they wanted to check with the planning group on their thoughts.

Mr. Ramos mentioned the by-laws highlighting making sure everyone comes to the meetings and follows schedules.

The RWPG agreed to keep this as a standing item for now in case there is future discussion.

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

No additional subcommittees were established.

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

The next SCTRWPG meeting is scheduled for May 7th.

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

Mr. Boriack commented on the bylaws, raising concerns regarding compliance with the plan and bylaws — specifically Guiding Principles 2, 7, and 8. He expressed that Region L is not abiding by its governing laws due to impacts to Gonzales County reflected in the plan. He noted that projects included in the plan have associated groundwater studies that raise concerns, and urged that Region L not move forward until those impacts are fully addressed. He also refuted any groundwater pumping and ASR.

AGENDA ITEM NO.12: ADJOURN

Chair Campbell adjourned the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:23am.

AGENDA ITEM NO.4 – DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING FILLING EXISTING VACANCIES AND VACANCIES TO RESULT FROM FUTURE TERM EXPIRATIONS OR RESIGNATIONS

**SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING
GROUP Nomination for Interest Group (check one):**

Agricultural

Environmental

Small Businesses

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NOMINATOR

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PHONE: 210-302-3611 **FAX:** _____ **EMAIL:** smetzler@sariverauthority.org
OCCUPATION Civil Engineer, Director of Water Resources

NOMINEE

NAME: Michael Urrutia
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PHONE: 210-313-4042 **FAX:** _____ **EMAIL:** urrutiafarm@gmail.com
INTEREST AREA: Agriculture
COUNTY: Karnes
OCCUPATION: Rancher, part time water/wastewater operator class instructor, and part time water and wastewater operations consultant

PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE NOMINEE'S EXPERIENCE THAT WOULD QUALIFY HIM/HER FOR THE POSITION (please use additional pages if needed):

Michael Urrutia along with his father, operates a cow/calf, and hay production operation in Karnes County on a farm that was purchased by his grandfather in 1924. He also holds a private pesticide applicators license from the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Michael Urrutia is an adjunct instructor for the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service teaching water operator and wastewater operator classes. He is also a part time water and wastewater consultant, assisting small water and wastewater systems with operations, compliance issues, operator license tutoring, and permit applications.

Michael Urrutia holds a Class "A" TCEQ Water Operator license, a Class "A" TCEQ Wastewater operator license, a Level "A" TWUA Certified Laboratory Analyst Certificate and is a TEEX Certified Water/Wastewater Professional #292.

Michael Urrutia obtained a B.S. in Biology from the University of Texas San Antonio and an M.S. in Aquatic Biology from Texas State University. He worked for the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) and retired after 35 years of service as the Deputy Executive Manager of Operations.

Michael's lifelong commitment to the water resources industry as an operator and rancher make him the ideal candidate for the Region L planning process.

PLEASE LIST ANY PERTINENT AFFILIATIONS (please use additional pages if needed):

**Water Environment Federation
Texas Water Utilities Association**

DATE SUBMITTED: 3/25/2026

PLEASE ATTACH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IF DESIRED

TO: Curt Campbell, Chair, South Central Texas RWPG
c/o San Antonio River Authority
Attn: Caye Castillo, by emailccastillo@sariverauthority.org

FROM: Gonzales County Judge, Honorable Patrick C. Davis
414 St. Joseph Street Gonzales, Texas 78629 Suite 200


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Agricultural **Environmental** **Small Businesses**

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NOMINATOR

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OCCUPATION: County Judge
APPROVED: by County Judge

SIGNED: 
Gonzales County Judge, Honorable Patrick C. Davis

NOMINEE

NAME: Ted Boriack, PE MBA
ADDRESS: 2984 FM1296 Waelder TX 78959
PHONE: 361-443-2547 **FAX:** NA - use email **EMAIL:** tedboriack@gmail.com
INTEREST AREA: Agriculture
COUNTY: Gonzales
OCCUPATION: self-employed (engineering, consulting, ranching)

PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE NOMINEE’S EXPERIENCE THAT WOULD QUALIFY HIM/HER FOR THE POSITION (please use additional pages if needed):

Ted Boriack, P.E., MBA, BSEE, holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) and a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering (BSEE).

Ted, as a resident and owner of agricultural land for raising cattle in Gonzales County, and also a small business owner, depends on groundwater produced on his land, making him a direct stakeholder in agriculture and water sustainability. Ted has submitted substantial comments to the Region L planning process on agriculture concerns for family farms and ranches. Ted's home county (Gonzales County) is noted in the Region L plan as being a leading producer of agriculture products in Region L's 21 county area as summarized in the table below which Ted previously prepared from Region L planning data and submitted to Region L as public comment during the last planning round:

Gonzales County Ranking in Agriculture in Region L

Rank	Category	Quantity	Reference
1/21	Chickens (Layers & Pullets)	9,876,002 99.4% of Region L production	Table 1.10.3 Livestock production
1/21	Chickens (Broilers)	94,447,112 94.9% of Region L production	Table 1.10.3 Livestock production
1/21	Cattle & Calves	143,254 15.9% of Region L production	Table 1.10.3 Livestock production
4/21	Grain Sorghum	315,227 bushels	Table 1-9 Farm Production by County
6/21	Hay	39,522 tons	Table 1-9 Farm Production by County
5/21	Farm and Ranch Land Area	630,773 acres	Table 1-5 Agricultural Resources
5/21	# of Farms and Ranches	1,870	Table 1-5 Agricultural Resources

Ted is also a licensed Professional Engineer in Texas with over 30 years of experience in the refining and power systems industry, including consulting, asset management, plant engineering, budgeting and audit, and operations-maintenance. Ted has been active in groundwater protection for Gonzales County for over 12 years.

Please note Ted's recent activity in groundwater issues:

- active contributor to GCUWCD rulemaking, groundwater management planning, and well mitigation policy -- providing detailed input during numerous revision cycles.
- submitted extensive comments on behalf of Gonzales County landowners to GMA 13 as part of the current planning cycle, to shape Desired Future Conditions for the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer in Gonzales County.
- submitted extensive comments on behalf of Gonzales County landowners to Region L (SCTRWPG) during the 2026 planning cycle, raising concern over groundwater management strategies in Gonzales County and advocating for in-county aquifer protection.
- testified before Texas House and Senate committees during the 89th Legislative Session on groundwater bills affecting Gonzales County.
- represented himself pro se in a contested case hearing against the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority to prevent excessive pumping and export of groundwater adjacent to his unleased agricultural land.
- authored news articles for the Gonzales County newspaper (Gonzales Inquirer), educating residents on matters related to groundwater in Gonzales County, risks of excessive pumping, and the need to protect the aquifers for family farms, ranches, and small towns in Gonzales County.
- continued education on water issues, water technologies for increasing supply and reuse of water resources being currently discarded, and learning groundwater modeling (USGS MODFLOW).

Since Region L's inception, Gonzales County has had no direct voting representative — despite multiple regional water management strategies in Gonzales County. Ted, as a Gonzales County stakeholder and being active in agriculture and water planning and policy, makes him qualified to serve as a voting member in the Agriculture interest category at Region L.

PLEASE LIST ANY PERTINENT AFFILIATIONS (please use additional pages if needed):

- Water Protection Association of Gonzales County (WPA) – Vice-president of grassroots organization focused on sustainable water management, local aquifer protection, and ensuring that water is available for agriculture, farms and ranches, and public supply wells serving residents in Gonzales County.
- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) – Member; global technical society supporting engineering standards, research, and innovation in electrical systems.
- Licensed Professional Engineer (P.E.), State of Texas – License 69089

DATE SUBMITTED: 3-23-2026

Nominations must be received by **5:00 p.m., Thursday, March 26, 2026**, addressed to Curt Campbell, Chair, South Central Texas RWPG, c/o San Antonio River Authority, Attn: Caye Castillo, 100 East Guenther St., San Antonio, Texas 78204 or email to ccastillo@sariverauthority.org



**ALAN
SCHOOLCRAFT**
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 44

March 13, 2026

Dear Chairman Campbell,

I wish to reaffirm my support of Ted Boriack's nomination to be a voting member of the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group, Region L interest category (Agriculture), to represent Gonzales County.

Mr. Boriack is a Texas Professional Engineer with over thirty years of engineering, financial, and operational experience in large-scale infrastructure and utility systems. He has testified before legislative committees on a multitude of issues relating to the Gonzales County community. He has made formal technical comments to GMA 13 and Region L during a more than twelve year period of active, documented engagement in local issues.

Mr. Boriack being a long-time landowner and rancher in Gonzales County he understands the needs of the community better than most. He has spent these twelve years working to protect the integrity of his own agricultural land, family, and cattle. This is why I strongly support Mr. Boriack to be approved to represent the interests of agricultural land owners of Gonzales County.

I respectfully urge the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group to seat Mr. Boriack on Region L so that Gonzales County has the opportunity to be represented.

Please confirm when this letter has been received.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan Schoolcraft", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Alan Schoolcraft
State Representative
House District 44

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STATE SENATOR
DISTRICT 18

March 20, 2026

The Honorable Curt Campbell, Chairman
South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (Region L)
San Antonio River Authority
100 East Guenther Street, San Antonio, Texas 78204

VIA EMAIL

Dear Chairman Campbell:

I am pleased to support the Gonzales County Commissioners Court's unanimous nomination of Ted Boriack for membership in the Agricultural Interest Group with the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group. Mr. Boriack is a longtime and active Gonzales County resident with a sincere interest in and concern for the issues facing his community and the future of water in the county. I thank Judge Davis and the Commissioners Court for their prompt and unanimous action in putting forward this qualified and independent nominee.

Gonzales County is one of Region L's most important agricultural areas, home to hundreds of family farms and ranches and small rural communities depending almost entirely on groundwater. There are several major groundwater export projects located in the county that will directly impact local residents and the long-term sustainability of the aquifers they rely on. Currently, this vital area of Region L has no direct voting representative among the group's 25 voting members.

Approval of Mr. Boriack's nomination would provide Gonzales County and all agricultural landowners in Region L with a knowledgeable and independent voice in the Agricultural Interest Group. Mr. Boriack manages his own farm and cattle ranch in Gonzales County and has been

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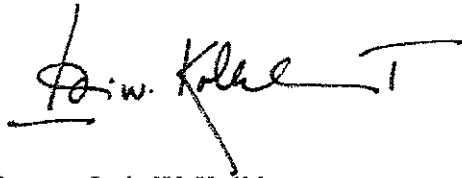
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actively involved in groundwater issues for over 12 years, focusing on protecting agricultural land and family farms. As a Texas Professional Engineer with an MBA, he brings over 30 years of experience in engineering, finance, and operations, particularly in large-scale infrastructure and utility systems, including water treatment. I fully support his nomination as he will be an active and informed member of the Agricultural Interest Group.

I thank the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group for its dedication to responsible water management and respectfully urge full consideration of Gonzales County's nomination of Ted Boriack.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lois W. Kolkhorst". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Senator Lois W. Kolkhorst
Texas State Senator – District 18

cc: Honorable Patrick C. Davis, Gonzales County Judge
Ted Boriack, PE, MBA

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NOMINATOR

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OCCUPATION: Retired, represent the public on Region L

NOMINEE

NAME: Vanessa Puig-Williams

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PHONE: 512-826-1026 **FAX:** _____ **EMAIL:** vpuigwilliams@edf.org

INTEREST AREA: Environmental

COUNTY: Travis/Hays (own property outside Wimberley)

OCCUPATION: Senior Director, Texas Water Program, Environmental Defense Fund. Attorney.

PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE NOMINEE’S EXPERIENCE THAT WOULD QUALIFY HIM/HER FOR THE POSITION (please use additional pages if needed):

As senior director of the Texas Water program, Vanessa Puig-Williams leads EDF’s efforts to advance sustainable groundwater management in Texas. The program focuses on enabling the state’s groundwater conservation districts to effectively manage groundwater resources, considering the long-term needs of all users. This includes rural communities, surface water users, and ecosystems that depend on groundwater or groundwater-dependent rivers and streams.

A Texas native, Vanessa is passionate about educating partners, funders and people about why Texas must sustainably manage our water resources to ensure a resilient future.

Before joining EDF, Vanessa served as executive director and general counsel of the Trinity Edwards Springs Protection Association, a nonprofit focused on legal and policy initiatives to protect groundwater resources in the Hill Country. She spearheaded consensus-based legislation at the Texas Water Conservation Association and ultimately at the Legislature, initiating the development of stakeholder-driven science related to groundwater and surface water interactions in the Blanco River watershed, and developing joint funding proposals with other conservation groups.

She has served on numerous boards, water associations and stakeholder committees, including the Wimberley Valley Watershed Association, the Austin One Water Working Group Onsite Water Reuse Subcommittee and the Travis County Citizens Bond Advisory Committee. Vanessa is a strong believer that water unites Texas.

PLEASE LIST ANY PERTINENT AFFILIATIONS (please use additional pages if needed):

Board President, Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District

Member, Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts

Member, Texas Bar Association

Member, Texas Water Conservation Association

Fellow, Meadows Center for Water and the Environment

DATE SUBMITTED: 3/23/26

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TEXAS HOUSE *of* REPRESENTATIVES



CODY HARRIS

DISTRICT 8

CHAIRMAN OF NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

February 20, 2026

Curt Campbell, Chair
South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group
100 Each Guenther Street
San Antonio, Texas

Attn: Cayethania Castillo, ccastillo@sariverauthority.org

Dear Chair Campbell and members of the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group,

It is my pleasure to support the nomination of Vanessa Puig-Williams as an Environmental Interests stakeholder on the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group. Vanessa is the Senior Director of Environmental Defense Fund's Texas Water Program and received her law degree from the University of Texas.

Having had the pleasure of working with Vanessa on legislation that our office introduced last session to create a grant program for groundwater conservation districts in Texas at the Texas Water Development Board as well as other water related policy, I found Vanessa to be thoughtful and solution oriented. I have no doubt that Vanessa will represent Environmental Interests well on Region L, as she has demonstrated in her engagement on water policy issues at the Legislature.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cody Harris".

Representative Cody Harris
House District 8

11 Tanglewood

San Marcos Tx 78666

March 12, 2026

Region L Water Planning Board:

I nominate Vanessa Puig Williams for the Environmental seat, to be re-elected at our next meeting. Please accept this letter, and she will send in the nomination form after filling out the various information blanks.

Vanessa is currently serving on the Region L Board and has served her term. She is also Senior Director at Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) where she leads EDF's water program in Texas. Prior to joining EDF five years ago, she was the Executive Director of Trinity Edwards Springs Association (TESPA), a nonprofit working with landowners in the Texas Hill Country to protect groundwater and springs. She is a licensed attorney in Texas, previously serving as an Assistant Attorney General in the Natural Resources Division under Greg Abbott.

I believe Vanessa has the credentials to be re-elected to the Region L seat, representing Environmental interests. She speaks at water conferences all over Texas, and knows Texas water laws well.

Thank you for considering her.

Dianne Wassenich

SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING
GROUP Nomination for Interest Group (check one):

Agricultural

Environmental

Small Businesses

Pursuant to official Bylaws and Guiding Principles adopted by the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (SCTRWPG), 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. Please refer to section 357.11 (e) (see addendum) of the Texas Administrative Code for the definitions of the interest categories represented on the SCTRWP.

NOMINATOR

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NOMINEE

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OCCUPATION: ATTORNEY

PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE NOMINEE'S EXPERIENCE THAT WOULD QUALIFY HIM/HER FOR THE POSITION (please use additional pages if needed):

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.

PLEASE LIST ANY PERTINENT AFFILIATIONS (please use additional pages if needed):

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.

DATE SUBMITTED: 03-25-2026

PLEASE ATTACH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IF DESIRED

Nominations must be received by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, March 26, 2026, addressed to Curt Campbell, Chair, South Central Texas RWPG, c/o San Antonio River Authority, Attn: Caye Castillo, 100 East Guenther St., San Antonio, Texas 78204 or email to ccastillo@sariverauthority.org

DUANE CROCKER APPLICATION ATTACHMENT

PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE NOMINEE'S EXPERIENCE THAT WOULD QUALIFY HIM/HER FOR THE POSITION.

I am an attorney in solo practice whose work is largely dedicated to representing small and locally owned businesses. In my role as outside general counsel, I frequently advise my clients on a wide range of operational, regulatory, and strategic issues, including those related to infrastructure, land use, utilities, and long-term sustainability. These are areas where water availability and reliability are material considerations.

In addition to my private business clients, I also represent quasi-governmental entities engaged in economic and community development, where water supply, planning, and resource management frequently arise as key considerations in supporting growth and maintaining economic viability.

I also serve as Mayor of the City of Victoria, where I am directly involved in addressing water availability, infrastructure planning, and responsible resource management to support both residential needs and small business development. I am directly engaged in municipal policy and planning decisions involving water infrastructure, conservation, and allocation.

These combined experiences provide me with a practical and policy-level understanding of the importance of sustainable water planning and its direct impact on small businesses and regional economic health.

PERTINENT AFFILIATIONS

- Owner of solo law practice (focused on small business representation)
- Counsel to quasi-governmental and economic development entities
- Mayor, City of Victoria, Texas
- Board of Directors, Victoria Sales Tax Development Corporation
- Board of Directors and Executive Board, Victoria Economic Development Corporation
Regional Partnership

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

Region L Update May 7, 2026

Regional Water Planning Recent/Upcoming Milestones 2027 State Water Plan

- **April 16, 2026:** TWDB Board approved posting initial draft State Water Plan for public comment/hearing
- **Public comment period April 16 through May 29**
- **May 27, 2026:** Public hearing 1pm Room 170 SFA Building and virtual option
- **June 2026:** Anticipated Board adoption of initial State Water Plan
- **Late 2026:** Anticipated amendment to State Water Plan

Region L Update May 7, 2026

2031 Regional Water Plans – *Anticipated Schedule*

- **June 2026:** TWDB Board to consider authorizing contracts
- **August/September 2026:** Contracts between RWPG Sponsor and TWDB executed
- **2026 (prior to technical work):** RWPG Sponsors conduct selection process for technical consultants
- **Fall/Early Winter 2026 (prior to technical work):** RWPGs hold pre-planning meetings for 2031 RWP's
- **2027:** WUG, population, and water demands review

Planning Questions?

Michele Foss

michele.foss@twdb.texas.gov

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TWDB Water Supply and Infrastructure Grants (WSIGs)

- **\$1B One time** appropriation to TWDB via House Bill 500 (89th Session)
- **100% grant funding to implement water supply/water infrastructure projects**
 - Wastewater and flood projects are not eligible to receive these grant funds
- **Water Supply Corporations and Investor-Owned Utilities are not eligible**
 - Texas Constitution prohibits private entities from receiving general revenue grants
- Projects must be consistent with the 2027 State Water Plan
- Funds must be committed and closed prior to August 31, 2027
- TWDB will be holding application submission webinars:
 - May 13, 2026
 - Followup Q&A Session – date later in May TBD
 - Registration link/button for webinars: <https://www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/WSIG/index.asp>

TWDB Water Supply and Infrastructure Grants (WSIGs) Application Information

- Applications are due no later than **11:59pm July 30, 2026**
- **Use of WSIG-specific application materials is required**
 - Application Form
 - Average Median Household Income (AMHI) Worksheet
 - Environmental Affidavit
 - Water Rights Affidavit
 - Other Required Attachments (See Application Form)
- **Forms available on TWDB Website, accessible forms available via email**
- **<https://www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/WSIG/index.asp>**
- **Email WSI_Grants@twdb.Texas.gov**

TWDB Water Supply and Infrastructure Grants (WSIGs) Resources

- Requirements for Water Supply and Infrastructure Grants
- Application materials and instructions
- Side-by-side TWDB Financial Assistance Comparison
- Financial Assistance Comparison Timeline
- WSIG Project Prioritization Criteria
- WSIG Frequently Asked Questions Document

<https://www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/WSIG/index.asp>

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Questions?

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