

**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

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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)

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.

AGENDA ITEM NO.3: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP (SCTRWPG)

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.