

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, August 27, 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=mafb52918a14d5292214352751ce31cc4>. 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 the Recommendation of a Technical Consultant Firm to the SCTRWPG for assistance in preparing the 2031 Regional Water Plan
8. Discussion Regarding Review of Region L Guiding Principles and/or By-Laws
9. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding the Establishment of Additional Subcommittees
10. Schedule and Potential Agenda Items for the Next Meeting of the SCTRWPG
11. Public Comment (Limited to 3 minutes)
12. Adjourn

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
May 7, 2026**

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

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

Voting Members Present:

Tim Andruss	Gary Middleton
Ryan Bayle	Donovan Burton for Robert Puente
John Chisholm for John Byrum	Vanessa Puig-Williams
Curt Campbell	Humberto Ramos
Debbie Farmer	Weldon Riggs
Charlie Flatten	Roland Ruiz
Erin Cavazos for Steve Metzler	Ed Griffin for Darrell Brownlow
Michelle Shelton for Terrell Graham	Mitchell Sowards
Vic Hilderbran	Brian Perkins for Jonathan Stinson
Thomas Jungman	Ryan Kelso
Jason Ammerman	Dianne Wassenich
Andrew McBride	Dan Yoxall

Voting Members Absent:

Andra Wisian
Aarin Teague
Scooter Mangold
Daniel Meyer
Travis Pruski
Darren Simmons
Paul Kite
Adam Yablonski

Non-Voting Members Present:

Carly Rotzler, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD)
Angela Sander, South Texas Watermaster - TCEQ Region 13
Michele Foss, Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)

Non-Voting Members Absent:

Tony Franklin, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board
Tom Hegemier, Region K Liaison
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. De La O took roll call.

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

Ms. De La O stated that no 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. Burton 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 solicitations went out for Agricultural, Environmental, and Small Businesses after the last Region L meeting. The administrators received nomination forms for all interest areas. While the Executive Committee met to discuss these nomination forms to provide a recommendation at today's meeting, it was noted that there were two additional nomination forms that were not included for the committee to review thus the Executive Committee is seeking to postpone sharing a recommendation until all nominees have been rightfully considered.

Chair Campbell also stated that the administrators have received the resignation of Mr. Scooter Mangold representing Water Utilities. Chair Campbell recommended a motion to allow the San Antonio River Authority to solicit for a vacancy of Water Utilities interest area.

Mr. Burton motioned to approve the allow the San Antonio River Authority to solicit for Water Utilities interest area. Mr. Hilderbran 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 the TWDB regarding upcoming state and regional water planning activities. She reported that the TWDB Board approved posting the initial draft 2027 State Water Plan for public comment on April 16, 2026, with the public comment period running through May 29, 2026. She noted that a public hearing was scheduled for May 27, 2026, and that Board adoption of the initial State Water Plan was anticipated in June 2026, with a possible amendment to the plan expected later in 2026.

Ms. Foss also outlined the anticipated schedule for development of the 2031 Regional Water Plans. She stated that the TWDB Board was expected to consider authorizing planning contracts

in June 2026, with contracts between Regional Water Planning Group sponsors and TWDB anticipated to be executed in August or September 2026. She noted that sponsors would select technical consultants prior to the start of technical work and that Regional Water Planning Groups would hold pre-planning meetings in late 2026. Reviews of water user groups, population projections, and water demand projections are anticipated to begin in 2027.

Ms. Foss also provided an overview of the TWDB Water Supply and Infrastructure Grants (WSIG) Program. She explained that the program was established through a one-time \$1 billion appropriation to TWDB under House Bill 500 and provides 100 percent grant funding for eligible water supply and water infrastructure projects. She noted that wastewater and flood projects are not eligible and that water supply corporations and investor-owned utilities are ineligible for funding. Eligible projects must be consistent with the 2027 State Water Plan, and all funds must be committed and closed before August 31, 2027.

Ms. Foss reported that WSIG applications are due by July 30, 2026, and require submission of TWDB-specific application materials, including an application form, Average Median Household Income Worksheet, Environmental Affidavit, Water Rights Affidavit, and other supporting documentation. She also highlighted available TWDB resources, including application guidance, project prioritization criteria, financial assistance comparison tools, and frequently asked questions.

She concluded by encouraging stakeholders to participate in upcoming TWDB webinars and to utilize available resources on the TWDB website for additional information regarding the program.

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 stated that Executive Committee met and discussed the upcoming RFQ process and timeline. The San Antonio River Authority will be going to their board on June 8, 2026, to receive approval to submit the RFQ, once submitted in mid-June the RFQ will be on the market for 30 days. Once complete, the River Authority will have a kickoff meeting for all evaluators to review the evaluation process (the individual one) and set expectations. Chair Campbell informed the group that the evaluation team will be comprised of the Region L Executive Committee members plus Caye Castillo as the administrator of the RWPG. As a part of the River Authority's procurement policies, all evaluators are required to sign NDA's which is acceptable to all evaluators. Evaluators will have 2 weeks to do their individual evaluations. The evaluation team will be comprised of the Region L Executive Committee members plus Caye as the administrator of the RWPG. As a part of the River Authority's procurement policies, all evaluators are required to sign NDA's which is acceptable to all evaluators. Evaluators will have 2 weeks to do their individual evaluations. 2. Members of the RWPG that are interested in

having review-only access to submissions will need to follow the River Authority's NDA procurement policy.

Mr. Burton asked if the planning group will have the opportunity to interview the candidates. Chair Campell emphasized that the process will follow the River Authority's procurement policies. Mr. Andress commented that he would like the group to execute full transparency and receive basic knowledge of the candidates.

Chair Campell mentioned that once individual evaluations are complete, the evaluation team will come together to review, have the initial group discussion, and select who were moving forward with for award. Ultimately a recommended selection will be made by the Executive Committee and be brought to the full RWPG for final approval. We intend to have the evaluation / interview process completed and a recommendation for the full RWPG at the August 6th meeting.

Mr. Griffin provided an update on GMA 13

Mr. Hilderbran provided an update on GMA 7

Mr. Andruss provided an updated on GMA 15

Chair Campbell provided an update on GMA 9

AGENDA ITEM NO.7: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING REVIEW OF REGION L GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND/OR BY-LAWS

Chair Campbell readdressed the opportunity for the group to review the guiding principles and bylaws and asking if there were individuals interested in serving on a committee to review the guiding principles and bylaws. After discussion, below is the list of committee members interested in serving on the committee.

- Humberto Ramos
- Andrew McBride
- Dianne Wassenich
- Mitchell Sowards
- Tim Andruss
- Michele Foss (staff assistance)
- Steven Siebert (staff assistance)

AGENDA ITEM NO.8: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL SUBCOMMITTEES

No additional subcommittees were established.

AGENDA ITEM NO.9: SCHEDULE AND DISCUSS POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SCTRWPG

The next SCTRWPG meeting is scheduled for May 6th. Chair Campbell mentioned there is a possibility we may request postponing the August RWPG meeting until later in the month to accommodate the evaluation process.

The proposed date mentioned is September 10th.

AGENDA ITEM NO.10: PUBLIC COMMENT (LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES)

Mr. Boriack commented on his concern for Gonzales County's visibility in the Region L plan. He also mentioned the recommended slate from the last meeting does not have proper representation for Gonzales County.

AGENDA ITEM NO.11: ADJOURN

Chair Campbell adjourned the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:13am.

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

AGRICULTURAL

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

☒ **Agricultural**

☐ **Environmental**

☐ **Small Businesses**

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NOMINATOR

NAME: Steven Metzler, PE, PMP, CCM

ADDRESS: 100 E. Guenther, San Antonio, Tx 78205

PHONE: 210-302-3611 **FAX:** _____ **EMAIL:** smetzler@sariverauthority.org

OCCUPATION Civil Engineer, Director of Water Resources

NOMINEE

NAME: Michael Urrutia

ADDRESS: 7304 Linkmeadow, San Antonio, Texas 78240

PHONE: _____ **FAX:** _____ **EMAIL:** _____

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

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

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NOMINATOR

NAME: Darrell Nichols
ADDRESS: 2225 East Common Street, New Braunfels 78130
PHONE: _____ **FAX:** _____ **EMAIL:** dnichols@gbra.org
OCCUPATION: General Manager/CEO, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority

NOMINEE

NAME: Paul F. Barnhart, III
ADDRESS: 2121 Sage Road, STE 333., Houston, Texas 77056
PHONE: _____ **FAX:** _____ **EMAIL:** _____
INTEREST AREA: Agricultural
COUNTY: Gonzales, DeWitt
OCCUPATION: Oil and Gas operations, ranch management, cattle farming, real estate

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

Paul Barnhart is an active owner-operator of a multi-generation ranching business with deep ties to Gonzales and DeWitt Counties. His family has operated ranchland in the region since the 1950s, and today he helps oversee approximately 15,000 acres in Gonzales County as a working ranch, in addition to other South Texas ranch operations. Current activities include a cow-calf cattle operation selling nearly 1,000 head annually, hay production, oat planting, caliche production for roads and ranch infrastructure, and active stewardship of the land’s surface and natural resources.

Mr. Barnhart has been involved in ranch operations since childhood and brings the perspective of someone making current operating decisions affecting agriculture, land management, labor, infrastructure, and groundwater. His family has employed the same ranch family for decades, reinforcing his long-term commitment to rural stewardship and working lands. He also has direct experience with regional water issues; his family was involved in 1999 civic efforts that helped prevent the flooding of more than 100 square miles of ranchland and the loss of over 700 ranches in Gonzales and DeWitt Counties for a proposed San Antonio reservoir.

Professionally, Mr. Barnhart has experience in investment banking, private equity, and natural resource management, and he holds a BBA from the University of Texas and an MBA from Stanford. He would bring both practical agricultural experience and a strong understanding of infrastructure and long-term resource planning to the Group

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

- Owner / Operator – Barnhart Ranches (Gonzales County, Texas, Hebbronville, Texas)
- Agricultural producer (cattle, hay, oats)
- Natural resource landowner (surface, minerals, groundwater)

DATE SUBMITTED: _____

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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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☐ **Small Businesses**

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NOMINATOR

NAME: Gonzales County Judge & Commissioners Court

ADDRESS: 414 St. Joseph Street Gonzales, Texas 78629 Suite 200 (County Judge)

PHONE: FAX: 830-672-5477

EMAIL: <https://www.co.gonzales.tx.us/page/gonzales.County.Judge>

OCCUPATION: County Judge

APPROVED: by County Judge

SIGNED: Patrick C. Davis

Gonzales County Judge, Honorable Patrick C. Davis

NOMINEE

NAME: Ted Boriack, PE MBA

ADDRESS:

PHONE: FAX: NA - use email **EMAIL:**

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

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**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", is positioned above the typed name.

Alan Schoolcraft
State Representative
House District 44

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LOIS W. KOLKHORST

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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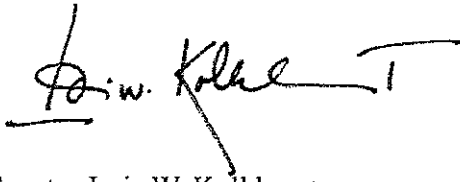
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actively involved in groundwater issues for over 12 years, focusing on protecting agricultural land and family farms. As a Texas Professional Engineer with an MBA, he brings over 30 years of experience in engineering, finance, and operations, particularly 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, appearing to read "Lois W. Kolkhorst". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Senator Lois W. Kolkhorst
Texas State Senator – District 18

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

ENVIRONMENTAL

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

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☒ **Environmental**

☐ **Small Businesses**

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NOMINATOR

NAME: Dianne Wassenich

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ **FAX:** _____ **EMAIL:** dianne@sanmarcosriver.org

OCCUPATION Retired, represent the public on Region L

NOMINEE

NAME: Vanessa Puig-Williams

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ **FAX:** _____ **EMAIL:** _____

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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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", written over a horizontal line.

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

SMALL BUSINESSES

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

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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

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

☐ **Agricultural**

☐ **Environmental**

☒ **Small Businesses**

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NOMINATOR

NAME: Ryan Kelso
ADDRESS: 263 Main Plaza New Braunfels, Texas 78130
PHONE: [REDACTED] FAX: EMAIL: rkelso@nbutexas.com
OCCUPATION Chief Executive Officer, New Braunfels Utilities (NBU)

NOMINEE

NAME: Shane Wolf
ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
PHONE: 214.616.7366 FAX: EMAIL: [REDACTED]@com
INTEREST AREA: Small Business Representative of Comal County
COUNTY: Comal
OCCUPATION: River outfitter

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

I have worked on the rivers as an outfitter for over 25 years in Comal County. I have consulted or assisted with other businesses on the Brazos, Frio, San Marcos and Trinity rivers. I have a vested interest with Paddle TX, LLC who is currently an outfitter serving both the Comal and Guadalupe River, Canyon Lake and Lake Dunlap. We also lease and manage the Landa Lake Paddle Boats in New Braunfels from the City. I have been part or associated with a few organizations in flood preparation and post flood cleanup services. I have physically witnessed and been involved during flood events and the impact it has on health and safety.

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

See attached

DATE SUBMITTED: 3-21-26 Shan Wall

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Affiliations:

- Texas Country Estates Board Member 2007 - 2010
- Gruene Merchants Association 2010 - 2023
- Water Strategies Task Force, Comal County 2010 - 2020
- Water Oriented Recreational District Board Member (Pres. & Treas.) 2011 - 2019
- New Braunfels Elks Club 2011 - Present
- For the Love of Kids & Harleys Board Member 2012 - 2013
- Hospitality & Visitors Association of Comal County (Founder, Pres., Treas.) 2012 - Present
- South Texas Water Safety Coalition 2012 - Present
- Leadership New Braunfels 2014 - Present
- The Greater New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee 2015 - 2019
- The City of New Braunfels River Activities Committee 2018 - Present
- The Greater New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce Committee Member 2018 - Present
- The City of New Braunfels Watershed Protection Program 2018 - 2021
- The City of New Braunfels Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee 2019
- The Greater of New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce Chair of the Board 2019
- The Greater of New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Blue Coat 2019 - Present
- The New Braunfels Foundation Trust Board Member, now regular member 2019 - Present
- The Texas Legislative Advisory Board Committee 2019 - Present
- International Rotary Member - Downtown Club 2022 - Present
- The River Management Society Member 2022 - Present
- The American Outdoors Association Member 2022 - Present
- The Greater of New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce Tourism Advisory Team 2022 - Present

WATER UTILITIES

SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP

Nomination for Interest Group (check One):

☐ Water Utilities

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NOMINATOR

NAME: Darrell Nichols

ADDRESS: 2225 E. Commerce St., New Braunfels, TX 78130

PHONE:

FAX:

EMAIL: dnichols@gbra.org

OCCUPATION General Manager/CEO, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority

NOMINEE

NAME: Aundrea Williams

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 1742, Canyon Lake, TX 78133

PHONE:

FAX:

EMAIL:

INTEREST AREA: Water Utilities

COUNTY: Comal, Hays, Kendall, and Medina

OCCUPATION: President, Texas Water Company

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

Aundrea Williams is a lifelong Texan and accomplished utility executive with more than 20 years of experience in utility operations, regulatory affairs, public policy and executive leadership. She currently serves as President of Texas Water Company, where she has led the organization since August 2023 and oversees water and wastewater operations serving over 30,000 customers across Bandera, Blanco, Comal, Hays, Kendall, Medina and Travis counties.

Raised in Alvin, Texas, by two educators, Aundrea developed an early appreciation for public service, accountability and community engagement. She earned a Bachelor of Business Administration from Stephen F. Austin State University and a master's degree in business administration and management from the University of Houston before beginning a career dedicated to serving Texas communities through utility leadership and public policy.

Prior to joining Texas Water Company, Aundrea held several executive leadership positions at NextEra Energy Resources, a publicly traded company on the New York Stock Exchange. She served as Executive Director of Regulatory Affairs and previously held leadership roles as President of NextEra Water Texas, Lone Star Transmission, NextEra Energy Transmission (NEET) Midwest and NEET Southwest. Before joining NextEra, she served as Vice President of Regulatory and Legislative Strategy and Policy at NRG, where she worked extensively on utility regulation, legislative affairs and long-range planning.

Throughout her career, Aundrea has demonstrated a deep commitment to serving customers, supporting communities, and helping address the evolving challenges facing utilities across Texas. Her experience spans water, wastewater and electric utility operations, regulatory affairs and public policy, providing her with a unique understanding of the needs of customers, communities, regulators and industry stakeholders alike.

As President of Texas Water Company, Aundrea leads one of the fastest-growing investor-owned water utilities in Texas. Texas Water Company provides water and wastewater services, helps ensure compliance with state and federal water quality standards, advances water reuse initiatives and supports the development of long-term water supplies for the communities it serves. Under her leadership, the company continues to make significant investments in water quality, system reliability, and long-term planning while serving communities across Central Texas.

Pending the completion of the Quadvest acquisition, Texas Water Company is expected to become the second-largest investor-owned water utility in Texas, further expanding the company's ability to serve customers and communities throughout the state.

In addition to her professional accomplishments, Aundrea is a recognized leader within the water industry. Aundrea's leadership style is rooted in relationships, communication, and accountability. During a recent Women in Construction leadership panel, she spoke about the importance of trust, collaboration and intentional engagement in building successful organizations and communities. She emphasized the value of leading with purpose, understanding the impact of one's actions, and remaining grounded in service to others. Her message to participants was simple but powerful: "You deserve to be in that room. Don't sell yourself short."

Known for her transparency, willingness to engage in difficult conversations and commitment to earning trust through action, Aundrea approaches leadership with humility, integrity and a deep sense of responsibility to the communities she serves.

Her combination of executive experience, regulatory expertise, industry leadership and commitment to Texas communities makes her exceptionally qualified to serve and contribute to the South Texas Regional Water Group.

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

Texas Association of Water Companies, President

She currently serves as President of the Texas Association of Water Companies (TAWC), where she works with utility leaders, policymakers and stakeholders to advance reliable, sustainable and affordable water service for Texans.

DATE SUBMITTED: June 23, 2026

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

■ Water Utilities

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NOMINATOR

NAME: John Fox
ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
PHONE: [REDACTED] FAX: [REDACTED] EMAIL: [REDACTED]m
OCCUPATION Board President, SS Water Supply Corporation

NOMINEE

NAME: Carlos Febus
ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
PHONE: [REDACTED] FAX: [REDACTED] EMAIL: [REDACTED]r.net
INTEREST AREA: Region L Water Utilities Representative
COUNTY: Wilson
OCCUPATION: General Manager, SS Water Supply Corporation

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

Carlos has served as General Manager for the past six years after serving as Assistant General Manager for one year, and is also a retired Navy Master Chief Petty Officer with 26 years of leadership and managerial experience. He holds TCEQ Class C Groundwater Operator and Customer Service Inspection licenses, and a BS degree.

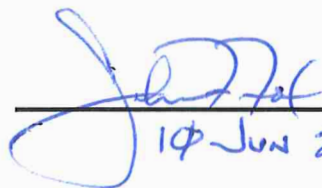
SS Water is Wilson County's largest water utility serving 21,000+ customers through 7,000+ connections. He successfully presided over the near doubling of the system's connection count, and has prudently postured the corporation to handle the unrelenting population growth in county by installing over \$7MM worth of new water distribution infrastructure and ancillary equipment. He efficiently manages \$30MM+ worth of corporate assets and a \$5MM+ yearly budget, and has never had a negative income statement as a result. He additionally works regularly with Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District on water issues and proposed rule making that affects permitting and water well drilling. He has been called on by the Texas Rural Water Association (TRWA) to testify in Austin during bill markups in committee and attends Texas Water Development Board meetings on their behalf, as well as with individual lawmakers.

Over 18 months he single-handedly drove SS Water's acquisition of a Investor Owned Utility in Receivership, and completed the applications required by TCEQ to add this system to the corporation's CCN. This action provided reliable water service to nearly 250 beleaguered customers, while also ensuring the corporation would be ready to serve the nearly 1,000 acres of raw land SS Water acquired from the state.

His steady and competent stewardship of the corporation's assets and mission to provide potable water to Wilson County's rural population has been exemplary. As proof, he is regularly consulted by peers from other systems. I believe he would make a great addition to the Region L Board.

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

District 6 Alternate Board Member, Texas Rural Water Association
National Rural Water Association
Canyon Regional Water Authority Board of Managers


14 Jun 2026

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

☐ **Water Utilities**

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NOMINATOR

NAME: YANCEY WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION/GREG ROTHE

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

PHONE: [REDACTED] **FAX:** 830-741-8009

EMAIL: [REDACTED]

OCCUPATION: INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER

NOMINEE

NAME: FRANKIE KAUFFMANN

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

PHONE: [REDACTED] **FAX:** [REDACTED]

EMAIL: [REDACTED]

INTEREST AREA: REGION L

COUNTY: MEDINA

OCCUPATION: MANAGER

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

Mr. Kauffmann is the President of the Board of Directors of Yancey Water Supply Corporation. He has served on the board for 25 years. He has provided leadership to his water utility as it has grown from a small rural water utility to the current day where the service area is developing as a municipal scale water utility serving significant industrial and housing developments in the fast growing area to the west of San Antonio. Yancey Water Supply Corporation has been successfully working through issues related to increasing demand, drought restrictions and new supplemental water sources.

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

Mr. Kauffmann is the Manager at Hondo Ag, which supports agricultural operations in the Hondo area. He is well acquainted with the irrigators in the area and aware of the regional water issues.

DATE SUBMITTED: 6/29/2026

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Yancey Water Supply Corporation



June 26, 2026

Mr. Curt Campbell, Chair
South Central Texas Regional Planning Group
c/o San Antonio River Authority

Attn: Caye Castillo
100 East Guenther Street
San Antonio, TX 78204

Mr. Campbell,

The Yancey Water Supply Corporation is nominating Mr. Frankie Kauffmann for the vacant Water Utilities position on the Planning Group. Please find the attached nomination form. If you require additional information from us, please advise.

Sincerely,

Gregory E. Rothe
Interim General Manager

PO Box 127 Yancey, TX 78886
Phone: (830)741-5264
Fax: (830)741-8009



MEDINA COUNTY, TEXAS

Keith Lutz
County Judge

Courthouse Annex
1300 Avenue M
Room 250
Hondo, Texas 78861
(830) 741-6020
countyjudge@medinatx.gov

June 30, 2026

Mr. Curt Campbell, Chair
South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group
C/o San Antonio River Authority

Attn: Caye Castillo
100 East Guenther Street
San Antonio, Texas 78204

Mr. Campbell,

Please accept this letter of support for Frankie Kaufmann, President of the Board of Directors of Yancey Water Supply Corporation, to be selected to the open Water Utilities position on the Region L Planning Group. Mr. Kaufmann has served on the Board of Directors of the Corporation for 25 years and has been President of the Board for 6 years.

Yancey Water Supply Corporation's service area contains a significant portion of the fastest growing water demand area of Medina County. The Corporation, among the other water utilities in the planning area, is on the front line dealing with exploding water demand, regulatory drought restrictions and development of additional water sources to supplement the limited Edwards Aquifer supply. Mr. Kaufmann's leadership has contributed significantly to the Corporation's successful navigation through these issues.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Keith Lutz
Medina County Judge

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

Region L Update August 27, 2026

Regional Water Planning Recent/Upcoming Milestones 2027 State Water Plan

- **July 23, 2026:** TWDB Board adoption of initial State Water Plan
- **August 21, 2026:** Draft Amended State Water Plan published; Public comment period begins
- **September 24, 2026:** Public hearing 1pm Room 170 SFA Building and virtual option
- **September 25, 2026:** Public comment period for Initial State Water Plan closed
- **December 2026:** Amended State Water Plan expected to be adopted by TWDB Board

Region L Update August 27, 2026

2031 Regional Water Plans – *Anticipated* Schedule

- **September/October 2026:** Contracts between RWPG Sponsor and TWDB executed
- **Fall/Early Winter 2026 (prior to technical work):** RWPGs hold pre-planning meetings for 2031 RWPs
- **Spring 2027:** WUG, population, and water demands review begins

Region L Update August 27, 2026

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Financing Workshop

- **Pearsall October 6, 2026 10am - noon**
- **City of Pearsall, 214 South Ash Street**

Texas Water Development Fund (DFund)

- **Deadline to apply: September 30, 2026**
- **Contact Diana Sanchez to schedule a pre-application**

Texas Water Supply Corporations (TWSC) Grant Opportunity

Planning Questions?

Michele Foss

michele.foss@twdb.texas.gov

Stay connected:



AGENDA ITEM NO.8 – DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING REVIEW OF REGION L
GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND/OR BY-LAWS

Guiding Principle	Current Status	Summary of What We Did
Principle I — Demand and Need Determination	Modified, but still relatively close to original structure	The draft keeps the basic principle that SCTRWPG generally defers to TWDB population and demand projections while retaining a case-by-case review role. It appears to tighten the circumstances for forwarding adjustment requests to TWDB, including where a WUG makes a request and justification can be provided. It also updates dated references from the 2026 plan cycle toward language that can apply to “each Regional Water Plan.”
Principle II — Population Growth and Land Use	Substantially rewritten	The revised language now clearly states that population growth, economic development, land use, and water demand are interconnected, but that SCTRWPG neither promotes nor discourages growth, development, or land-use decisions. It reframes the group’s role as evaluating water implications and providing transparent information to decision-makers and the public, not making recommendations about whether, where, or how growth should occur.
Principle III — Conflicts / Relevant Interests	Substantially rewritten and broadened	The old conflicts principle has been replaced with a broader disclosure principle. The new language distinguishes ordinary multiple perspectives from potential conflicts, emphasizes timely disclosure of financial, ownership, employment, fiduciary, familial, contractual, or other substantive interests, and clarifies that disclosure does not automatically prohibit participation, deliberation, or voting. It also ties disclosure expectations into the nomination and vetting process and points members back to the Bylaws for operative requirements.
Principle IV — Water Development Plans of Water Suppliers	Modified and reframed	The title is softened from the group’s role “in influencing” water development plans to the group’s role “regarding” such plans. The substance shifts from saying the group “ensures” needs are met to saying the SCTRWPG diligently engages in identifying potentially feasible WMSs for identified needs. It preserves the boundary that the group should not influence or interfere with local water planning decisions and may evaluate/report impacts where needs remain unmet.
Principle V — Permitting Entities	Lightly modified / title softened	The title is similarly softened from “influencing permitting entities” to “regarding permitting entities.” The core substance is retained: SCTRWPG decisions are non-regulatory and for planning purposes only, and the group should not influence or interfere with regulatory decisions made by permitting entities.

Guiding Principle	Current Status	Summary of What We Did
Principle VI — Environmental / Instream Flows / Bays and Estuaries	Substantially updated	The title and text broaden the environmental focus from freshwater inflows to San Antonio Bay to instream flows, freshwater inflows, and bays/estuaries more generally. The language now emphasizes that environmental assessments should meet or exceed regulatory/statutory requirements and industry best practice, and it keeps the structural improvements: earlier environmental assessments, avoiding current-vs-past plan comparisons, consolidating threatened/endangered species information, updating baseline data, improving tabular presentation of flow information, and adding high-level climate variability discussion.
Principle VII — Minimum Standards for WMSs	Mostly retained with clarification	The principle continues to define the minimum requirements for a proposed strategy to be designated as a WMS: it must address an identified need, be evaluated consistently with SCTRWPG/TWDB standards, satisfy TWDB and environmental/resource requirements, identify willing and able sponsors, identify affected infrastructure/permit holders where reasonably possible, and identify GCD/TCEQ/other jurisdictional entities.
Principle VIII — Recommended WMSs	Modified	The revised language keeps the goal of recommending strategies sufficient to meet identified needs to the greatest extent possible, but adds recognition that additional strategies may be recommended to address uncertainties such as drought worse than drought of record, water-rights availability, or other uncertainties. It also adds feasibility to the list of factors reviewed before designating strategies as recommended.
Principle IX — Management Supply	Retained / no substantive revision expected	The draft includes a note that the July 20 workgroup concluded no revisions were needed if a glossary is included, and no revisions were made for non-responsive entities with potentially unmet needs. The principle continues to allow recommended WMS supply to exceed identified need to account for uncertainty, implementation problems, weather changes, sponsor flexibility, and project viability; it also retains sections on unmet needs, alternative strategies, and conceptual approaches needing further study.
Principle X — Reuse	Retained	The principle remains focused on TAC-based surface water supply analysis, use of current TCEQ Water Availability Models, assumption of full utilization of existing water rights and no return flows, and treatment of effluent only where there is a direct/indirect reuse WMS or preexisting reuse contract.

Guiding Principle	Current Status	Summary of What We Did
Principle XI — Special Studies / Funding / Innovation	Substantially rewritten / retitled	The revised language moves away from the older, plan-specific framing and toward a process principle about identifying funding sources for special studies that can enhance the SCTRWPG process. It acknowledges potential funding sources such as TWDB, TCEQ, EPA, USGS, and public/private sources, and preserves the group’s willingness to consider innovative WMSs and special studies allowed under TWDB planning rules.

SCTRWPG GUIDING PRINCIPLES

PRINCIPLE I APPROPRIATENESS AND ADEQUACY OF HOW DEMAND AND NEED ARE DETERMINED

Adopted: August 4, 2016; Amended: February 17, 2022

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. When 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," and when a "request to adjust" the TWDB's projections is made by a WUG within the SCTRWPG, this request can be forwarded to the TWDB. Therefore TWDB – in consultation with TDA, TCEQ, and TPWD – may adjust population and/or water demand projections accordingly (see generally General Guidelines for Development of each Regional Water Plan).

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PRINCIPLE II ROLE OF REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUPS IN INFLUENCING POPULATION GROWTH AND LAND USE

Adopted August 4, 2016

The South-Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (SCTRWPG) recognizes that population growth, economic development, land use patterns, and water demands are closely interconnected. The Regional Water Plan shall, to the greatest extent practicable, evaluate and develop strategies to meet projected future water needs based upon the best available data, methodologies, and planning assumptions.

It is neither the role nor the responsibility of the SCTRWPG to influence population growth or land use. The SCTRWPG neither promotes nor discourages population growth, economic development, or particular land use decisions. Decisions concerning growth management, development permitting, zoning, and land use policy are local governmental responsibilities and remain independent of the regional water planning process.

In fulfilling its planning responsibilities, the SCTRWPG shall strive to maintain transparency regarding the demographic, economic, and water demand assumptions used to develop the Regional Water Plan. The SCTRWPG may identify and communicate the potential water supply, infrastructure, financial, environmental, and drought-resiliency implications associated with projected growth and development scenarios; however, such analyses are intended to inform decision-makers and the public and shall not be construed as recommendations regarding whether, where, or how growth should occur.

PRINCIPLE III DISCLOSURE OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS AND RELEVANT INTERESTS

Adopted August 4, 2016

The purpose of this principle is to encourage timely disclosure of relevant interests, and preserve public confidence in the fairness, transparency, and credibility of SCTRWPG decisions.

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The SCTRWPG recognizes that each planning group member is selected to represent a designated interest, while also bringing individual experience, professional knowledge, civic perspective, property interests, community involvement, and other personal or professional relationships. The existence of multiple perspectives does not, by itself, create a conflict of interest or prevent a member from participating fully in the regional water planning process.

At the same time, the integrity and credibility of the regional water planning process depend on transparency when a member or designated alternate has a financial, ownership, employment, fiduciary, familial, contractual, or other substantive interest that could reasonably be perceived to affect participation in a specific matter before the SCTRWPB. Such matters may include water management strategies, planning decisions, procurement decisions, contractual services, project sponsorship, permitting matters, or other actions that could have a particularized effect on the member, alternate, employer, client, business partner, family member, or affiliated entity.

Planning group members and designated alternates are responsible for identifying and disclosing potential conflicts of interest in accordance with the SCTRWPB Bylaws and applicable law. Disclosure is intended to protect the planning process, the individual member, and the SCTRWPB as a whole. Disclosure does not necessarily mean that a member or alternate is prohibited from participating, deliberating, or voting. The appropriate response to a disclosed potential conflict should be determined based on the nature of the interest, the specific matter under consideration, the SCTRWPB Bylaws, and applicable law.

Where the SCTRWPB is soliciting nominations to fill vacancies on the planning group, nominators shall provide information regarding the nominee's current employer, affiliations, experience, and relevant interests sufficient to allow the Executive Committee and voting membership to evaluate both the nominee's qualifications to represent the designated interest and the nominee's ability and willingness to comply with the SCTRWPB Bylaws and Code of Conduct.

The SCTRWPB should give special attention to potential conflicts of interest during the nomination, vetting, and selection of planning group members.

Members, designated alternates, nominators, and prospective members should consult the SCTRWPB Bylaws, including Article V, Sections 3, 4, and 6, and Article VII, for the specific provisions governing membership qualifications, nomination and selection, member obligations, designated alternates, code of conduct, and potential conflicts of interest.

PRINCIPLE IV THE ROLE OF THE PLANNING GROUP REGARDING WATER DEVELOPMENT PLANS OF WATER SUPPLIERS

Adopted: November 3, 2016

The role of the SCTRWPB is to diligently engage in the identification of potentially feasible water management strategies for various water needs. It is not the role of the SCTRWPB to influence or interfere with local water planning decisions. In the absence of a SCTRWPB recommended management strategy, the SCTRWPB may evaluate and report, as required, the social, environmental and economic impacts of not meeting the identified need.

PRINCIPLE V THE ROLE OF THE PLANNING GROUP REGARDING PERMITTING ENTITIES

Adopted: November 3, 2016

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

PRINCIPLE VI THE ADEQUACY OF EVALUATING THE PLAN'S EFFECTS ON INSTREAM FLOWS, FRESHWATER INFLOWS TO BAYS AND ESTUARIES, AND THE ADEQUACY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS OF

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Potential conflicts of interest shall be clearly stated by the voting member or designated alternate prior to any deliberation or action on an agenda item with which the joint member or designated alternate may be in conflict. Where the potential conflict is restricted to a divisible portion of an agenda item, the Chair may divide the agenda item into parts for deliberation and voting purpose. An abstention from participation in deliberations, decisions or voting and the reason therefore shall be noted in the minutes. (see SCTRWPB Bylaws, Article V, Section 6, (b))¶

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Nomination Process¶

Where the SCTRWPB 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 SCTRWPB Bylaws (see SCTRWPB Bylaws, Article V, Section 6). As per the Bylaws, the Executive Committee will conduct an interview process ... [1]

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INDIVIDUAL WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

Adopted: November 2, 2017

The SCTRWP recognizes that developed water management strategies may directly or indirectly impact downstream resources and their associated ecosystems. Because these impacts have wide-ranging social and economic repercussions, as well as ecological effects, to the region and the State of Texas, the SCTRWP strives to ensure that its evaluations of the Plan's effect on instream flows and freshwater inflows to the San Antonio Bay and other bays and estuaries. And ensure the Plan's environmental assessments of individual water management strategies meet or exceed the regulations and statutes for regional water planning and industry best practice. The SCTRWP believes that it is critically important that stakeholders (including project sponsors), policymakers, and members of the public have a clear understanding of the potential benefits and risks of projects. Accordingly, the SCTRWP will:

- a) Initiate environmental assessments earlier into the regional planning process;
- b) Consolidate threatened and endangered species information into the appendix rather than repeating in each water management strategy write-up;
- c) Update baseline year data to the most current available for potential impacts to vegetation and terrestrial habitat;
- d) Adjust project boundaries for cultural resource sites as needed;
- e) Include current conditions and streamflow protected by environmental flow standards in the plan in tabular form;
- f) Include target flow regimes based on environmental freshwater inflow standards in the plan in tabular form; and
- g) Include high level narrative of climate variability and discuss how these concepts may impact proposed projects, environmental assessments, associated streamflow and bay and estuary ecology.

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PRINCIPLE VII MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

Adopted: November 2, 2017

For a proposed strategy to be designated by the SCTRWP 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 SCTRWP and its technical consultants as required by TWDB Rules;
- satisfy all relevant requirements established by the TWDB, including instream flows, environmental flow standards, water quality standards, and natural and agricultural resource protection;
- 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, TCEQ, and/or other entities with jurisdiction over the proposed strategy.

PRINCIPLE VIII RECOMMENDED WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

Adopted: November 2, 2017

The SCTRWP 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 to the greatest extent possible. Additional water management strategies may be recommended to address potential shortages which may arise from drought worse than the drought of record, water rights availability issues, or other uncertainties.

The SCTRWP 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 SCTRWP will review the water management strategies to evaluate costs, environmental sensitivity, and feasibility of each water management strategy per TWDB rules.

PRINCIPLE IX MANAGEMENT SUPPLY

Adopted: November 2, 2017

Considerations stated in principle still meet statute requirements for planning. During discussions in July 20, 2026 workgroup meeting it was decided that no revisions to this principle were needed if a glossary of terms was present at beginning or end of document, and no revisions made to address non-responsive entities with potentially unmet needs (see above in Principle VIII).

PRINCIPLE X THE ROLE OF REUSE WITHIN THE REGIONAL WATER PLAN

Adopted: November 2, 2017

The SCTRWP 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 SCTRWP 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 SCTRWP will assume full utilization of existing water rights and no return flows when using Water Availability Models.

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For water needs that are not satisfied by recommended water management strategies, the SCTRWP will provide a narrative explaining why the need is not satisfied.¶ Alternative Strategies in the Regional Water Plan¶ The SCTRWP 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 SCTRWP will acknowledge conceptual and innovative approaches to developing water supplies, reducing water

The SCTRWPWG agrees that effluent will be depicted in the Regional Water Plan only in cases of direct and/ or indirect reusewater management strategies, or where a preexisting contract for the supply of reuse is in place. Additionally, the SCTRWPWG 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 // IDENTIFYING FUNDING SOURCES FOR SPECIAL STUDIES IMPORTANT TO ENHANCE THE SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS WATER PLANNING GROUP PROCESS

Adopted: November 2, 2017; Amended: February 17, 2022

While outside funding sources for conducting special studies or evaluations are often limited, the SCTRWPWG and its technical resources may identify various funding sources such as the TWDB, TCEQ, EPA, USGS, and other public and private sources, as well as collaborative opportunities that may exist with these entities.

The SCTRWPWG also strongly believes that innovative strategies may continue to drive the success of the region's water planning efforts. As such, the SCTRWPWG remains willing to consider evaluating any proposed water management strategies and special studies allowable under TWDB's water planning rules.

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