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, November 5, 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=m1c334239535067497ace49ad81afbef5. The planning group members will consider and may take action regarding:

1. (9:30 AM) Roll-Call
2. Public Comment (Limited to 3 minutes)
3. Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting of the South-Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (SCTRWPG)
4. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding Vacancies to Result from Future Term Expirations or Resignations
5. Status Reports and Communications by Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)
6. Status Reports and Communications Related to Regional Water Planning including reports by the Chair, Regional Liaisons, Groundwater Management Area Representatives, and Members of the Planning Group
7. Consideration and Appropriate Action on Technical Consultant Presentation Regarding Schedule
8. Discussion Regarding Review of Region L Guiding Principles and/or By-Laws
    a. Guiding Principles & By-Laws Subcommittee Progress Update
9. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding the Establishment of Additional Subcommittees
    a. Population and Water Demands Workgroup
    b. Rural Communities Outreach Workgroup
10. Schedule 2027 SCTRWPG Meetings and Discuss 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
August 27, 2026

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

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

Voting Members Present:

Tim Andruss
John Chisholm for John Byrum
Curt Campbell
Andra Wisian
Charlie Flatten
Vic Hilderbran
Thomas Jungman
Jason Ammerman
Andrew McBride
Daniel Meyer
Gary Middleton
Travis Pruski
Robert Puente
Vanessa Puig-Williams
Humberto Ramos
Weldon Riggs
Roland Ruiz
Darrell Brownlow
Mitchell Sowards
Jonathan Stinson
Ryan Kelso
Dianne Wassenich
Dan Yoxall

Voting Members Absent:

Ryan Bayle
Steve Metzler
Terrell Graham
Aarin Teague
Scooter Mangold
Darren Simmons

Non-Voting Members Present:

Carly Rotzler, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD)
Tony Franklin, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board
Michele Foss, Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)

Non-Voting Members Absent:

Angela Sander, South Texas Watermaster - TCEQ Region 13
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. Castillo took roll call.

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

Ms. Castillo 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. Riggs motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Mr. Middleton seconded, the motion passed by consensus.

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

The Executive Committee met with all nominees for the Agriculture, Environmental, Small Business, and Water Utilities interest areas and recommends the following individuals for appointment to Region L:

- **Agriculture**
  - Michael Urrutia
  - Paul Barnhart
- **Environmental**
  - Vanessa Puig-Williams
- **Small Business**
  - Duane G. Crocker
- **Water Utilities**
  - Frankie Kauffman

Mr. Ruiz motioned to approve the Executive Committee's recommendations for the Agriculture, Environmental, Small Business, and Water Utilities interest area appointments. Mr. Stinson seconded, and the motion passed by consensus.

Additionally, Debbie Farmer, representative for the Water Districts interest area, has retired and resigned from Region L, creating a vacancy. Paul Kite, representative for the Municipalities interest area, is no longer with the City of San Marcos, and the City has requested that the position be deemed vacant.

The San Antonio River Authority is requesting approval from Region L to solicit nominees for the Water Districts and Municipalities interest areas.

Mr. Burton motioned to approve to allow the San Antonio River Authority to solicit for Water Districts and Municipalities interest area. Mr. Middleton 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 recent and upcoming state and regional water planning activities. She reported that the TWDB Board adopted the initial 2027 State Water Plan on July 23, 2026, and that the Draft Amended State Water Plan was published on August 21, 2026, initiating a public comment period. She noted that a public hearing on the amended plan is scheduled for September 24, 2026, and that adoption of the Amended State Water Plan is anticipated in December 2026.

Ms. Foss also provided an overview of the anticipated schedule for development of the 2031 Regional Water Plans, including execution of contracts between Regional Water Planning Group sponsors and TWDB in September and October 2026, pre-planning meetings in Fall and Early Winter 2026, and the initiation of water user group, population, and water demand reviews in Spring 2027.

Additionally, Ms. Foss highlighted upcoming funding opportunities, including a Financing Workshop to be held in Pearsall on October 6, 2026, the September 30, 2026 deadline for applications to the Texas Water Development Fund, and the availability of grant opportunities for Texas Water Supply Corporations.

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 shared that the contract with the TWDB and the San Antonio River Authority has officially been fully executed as of this week for the 7th Cycle of RWP.

Mr. Griffin provided an update on GMA 13. The next meeting, at which the proposed Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) will be considered for adoption, is scheduled for October 9 at 10:00 a.m. in Pleasanton. He also discussed challenges related to the DFCs and GAMs, noting that water districts and utilities continue working toward agreement.

Daniel Meyer provided an update on GMA 10, noting that comments will be addressed on September 21.

Mr. Hilderbran provided an update on GMA 7. A meeting has not yet been scheduled; however, notices regarding the Sonora Water District have been posted on the GMA website.

Mr. Andruss provided an update on GMA 15. The committee will meet on October 8 to consider input from member districts received during the public comment period.

Chair Campbell provided an update on GMA 9. The individual districts have completed their public hearings on the proposed DFCs. Three of the nine districts received comments, which have been posted on the GMA 9 website. The committee plans to meet on September 29 to review the comments and again on October 20 to review the draft Explanatory Report. The committee will then meet on November 17 to adopt the Explanatory Report, the DFCs, and non-relevant aquifer classifications. Following adoption, the committee will await the Texas Water Development Board's (TWDB) determination of administrative completeness. Individual district hearings will then be held again before final adoption at the district level.

AGENDA ITEM NO.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

The Chair reminded the Planning Group that, at the previous Region L meeting, the Executive Committee and Caye Castillo (Administrator) were designated to serve as the evaluation committee for the Region L Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process. Throughout the selection process, communications were provided to Planning Group members, and members were given the opportunity to review submitted responses.

The RFQ was released on June 16, 2026, with submittals due on July 16, 2026. Two firms submitted qualifications in response to the solicitation:

- Black & Veatch
- Schaumburg & Polk, Inc.

The Executive Committee evaluated and scored both submittals based on the established criteria. Following review and deliberation, the Committee determined that Black & Veatch clearly demonstrated its qualifications and ability to serve as the Region L technical consultant for the 2031 Regional Water Plan. Based on the evaluation results, the Committee elected not to conduct respondent interviews.

The Executive Committee recommended selection of Black & Veatch as the technical consultant for Region L's Cycle 7 planning process.

Mr. Pruski motioned to approve the recommendation of the Executive Committee and select Black & Veatch as the technical consultant for Region L's 2031 Regional Water Plan. Mr. McBride seconded, and the motion passed by consensus.

Planning Group members discussed the RFQ procurement process and expressed a desire for greater awareness of respondent participation earlier in the process. Members requested additional communications and opportunities to review qualifications prior to final selection meetings. The Planning Group discussed considering enhanced member notifications and review procedures for future procurements.

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

Mr. Sowards provided an update on the ongoing review and revision of the Region L Guiding Principles. The proposed revisions reflect the work of the Guiding Principles and By-Laws Committee and include updates intended to clarify the Planning Group's role, modernize language, improve disclosure expectations, and align the principles with current regional water planning practices. Several principles were substantially revised, including those related to population growth and land use, conflicts and disclosure of interests, environmental considerations, and special studies and funding opportunities, while other principles received minor modifications or were retained largely as written. The revised draft continues to emphasize the Planning Group's non-regulatory role, transparency in decision-making, and the identification of feasible water management strategies to meet regional water needs.

Discussion ensued regarding the incorporation of member comments and proposed revisions into the draft document. Ms. Puig-Williams inquired about the Region's authority to adopt bylaws and guiding principles. Ms. Hilderbran explained that the Region is permitted to establish such governance documents. Mr. Ruiz noted that the bylaws and guiding principles are self-imposed and cautioned against creating unnecessary complexity in the process.

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

No additional subcommittees were established.

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

The next SCTRWPG meeting is scheduled for November 5.

During discussion of future agenda items, Ms. Foss suggested developing a new member orientation workshop for the November or February meeting. She noted that a brief orientation or "recalibration" session at the start of Cycle 7 could help members better understand the Planning Group's statutory responsibilities and planning process.

Mr. Stinson requested a presentation from the TWDB regarding the Brackish Trinity Aquifer, including any new information on brackish groundwater resources and an overview of water sources within Region L. Members discussed the potential for such a presentation to occur at the November meeting, taking into consideration upcoming legislative activities.

Mr. Brownlow requested information regarding groundwater management areas and their role in regional water planning. Members discussed incorporating groundwater-related topics into the proposed new member orientation workshop.

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

Ms. Castillo stated that no comments were provided.

AGENDA ITEM NO.11: ADJOURN

Chair Campbell adjourned the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:41am.

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

MUNICIPALITIES

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

☐ **Municipalities** ☐ **Water Districts**

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NOMINATOR

NAME: Timothy Samford

ADDRESS: _____

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

OCCUPATION Assistant Director of Water Utilities

NOMINEE

NAME: Blake Neffendorf

ADDRESS: _____

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

INTEREST AREA: Municipal

COUNTY: Hays County

OCCUPATION: City of Kyle Assistant Director of Water Utilities

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

Blake has served in several capacities that make him an ideal candidate to serve with Region L. His professional experience includes serving as a former employee of the Texas Water Development Board, an Alliance Regional Water Authority Board Member, Director of Public Works for the City of Buda, and Assistant Director of Water Utilities for the City of Kyle.

Through these diverse roles, Blake has gained extensive experience and knowledge in water planning, regional water resources, utility operations, infrastructure development, and intergovernmental coordination. His experience provides him with a broad understanding of the challenges facing water providers and communities throughout the region.

This combination of state-level, regional, and local government experience would allow Blake to bring a well-rounded perspective to Region L and make a meaningful contribution to regional water planning and the development of long-term water supply strategies.

I will gladly make myself available at your convenience to answer any questions that you may have regarding my nomination.

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

See attached

DATE SUBMITTED:_____

PLEASE ATTACH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IF DESIRED

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October 5, 2026

Chair Campbell & Region L Members
Attn: Caye Castillo
100 East Guenther St.
San Antonio, TX 78204
Transmitted via email, ccastillo@sariverauthority.org

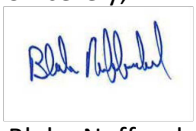
Chair Campbell & Region L Members:

This letter is to express my interest to serve as Region L as a representative for municipalities. I have attended and actively participated in meetings for both Region K and Region L consistently since joining the City of Buda in 2018 and more recently with the City of Kyle in 2026. I have 19 years of professional experience in the water field serving various roles in support of water planning efforts throughout the State.

My appreciation for water and water planning started early in my life growing up in Fredericksburg, Texas and working on our family's land raising livestock and various crops for grazing. Recently our family was honored under the Family Land Heritage Program by the Texas Department of Agriculture for having owned and ran a continuous agricultural operation for over 100 years. I spent my first year out of college working for the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District gathering scientific data to better inform policy decisions and served as interim General Manager for several months. My water career path then flowed towards a 10-year stent at the Texas Water Development Board serving in the Water Science and Conservation Division. I managed the Statewide near real-time groundwater network gathering continuous data to help improve water models and drought response. I was lucky enough to have visited every county within the State of Texas and trained numerous groundwater conservation district staff in monitoring techniques. In 2018 I returned to Hays County and joined the City of Buda, where I oversaw an Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) project along with numerous water conservation and water supply planning initiatives. Managing these projects from initial planning and development through construction and implementation has been extremely rewarding. In early 2026, I had the opportunity to join the City of Kyle as Assistant Director of Water Utilities, where I continue to advance critical water supply initiatives, including ASR and IPR/DPR. Planning and investing in infrastructure for a rapidly growing community like Kyle is essential to ensuring our residents have a safe, reliable, and sustainable water system for generations to come. I have also served on the Board of Directors for the Alliance Regional Water Authority since 2020, including serving as Chair during my tenure with Buda. I was recently reappointed to the Board as a representative of the City of Kyle, allowing me to continue contributing to regional water supply planning and collaboration.

My well-rounded experience in water; from rural and agricultural roots, to working with local groundwater conservation districts, supporting State-level data collection for Regional Water Plans, and now managing water resources in one of the fastest growing areas of the United States; would allow me to bring a valuable perspective to Region L. I have a passion for water and developing sustainable solutions for future generations of Texans, and I would welcome the opportunity to contribute my knowledge and experience to Region L and its stakeholders.

Sincerely,



Blake Neffendorf

BLAKE **NEFFENDORF**

[redacted] Wimberley, TX 78676 · [redacted]
[redacted]gmail.com

EXPERIENCE

MARCH 2026 – CURRENT

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF WATER UTILITIES, CITY OF KYLE

- Oversee various aspects of Water and Wastewater operations, including Plan Review, Capital Projects, Customer Service, regulatory compliance, and employee management. Manage the Plan Review Team, Water and Wastewater Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) as assigned by the Director, and budget planning.
- Departmental Liaison with Planning and Development Services.
- Fosters a positive workplace culture and leads by example, which encourages teamwork, trust, and respect among employees.
- Collaborates effectively across departments including Development Services, Finance, Capital Improvements Program, and Transportation-Public Works, to coordinate resources, support organizational goals, and deliver high-quality City services efficiently.
- Reappointed to serve on the Board of Directors of the Alliance Regional Water Authority

APRIL 2023 – FEBRUARY 2026

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, CITY OF BUDA

- Planned and evaluated the work of the Public Works Department; developed, implemented and monitored long-term plans, goals and objectives focused on achieving the city's mission and council priorities. Provided leadership and worked with department staff in order to develop and retain highly competent, customer service-oriented staff through selection, compensation, training and day-to-day management practices which support the city's mission and values.
- Prepared and managed annual Public Works budget of approximately $19 million, which included water, wastewater, streets/drainage, and fleet.
- Served as Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator.
- Served as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Alliance Regional Water Authority
- Lead and managed the water, wastewater, and reuse portions of the City's capital improvement plan.

FEBRUARY 2022 – APRIL 2023

ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, CITY OF BUDA

- Assisted in overseeing the water and wastewater operations of the Public Works Department. Including organizing, directing, and supervising assigned divisions and employees. Provided support in the management of the Department in completing daily activities, long-range goals, project management, and City Council activities.
- Performed a variety of administrative tasks including planning, budgeting, purchasing, and reporting.
- Served on the Board of Directors of the Alliance Regional Water Authority and Chair of the Technical Committee.
- Served as the Staff Liaison to the Sustainability Commission and Chair of the City's Sustainability Team.
- Served as Project manager for numerous water, wastewater, and reuse capital improvement projects.

MARCH 2018 – FEBRUARY 2022

WATER RESOURCE COORDINATOR, CITY OF BUDA

- Exercised oversight authority and broad discretionary judgment in order to manage functions and resources of the city water strategies that achieve the city's strategic priorities.

- Developed strategic partnerships with community representatives, external agencies, and other organizations to develop a sense of relevant water issues facing the community and to respond as a representative of the city.
- Oversaw multiple water and wastewater capital improvement projects including the City's Aquifer Storage and Recovery Well and implemented the City's AMI System and replacement of all City water meters.
- Served as a technical and professional resource and Engineering Department liaison to the Public Works department on a variety of projects

NOVEMBER 2007 – MARCH 2018

RECORDER PROGRAM SUPERVISOR/NATURAL RESOURCE SPECILIST II, TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

- Oversaw the daily operation of the statewide recorder program and its employees. Performed senior-level, highly complex scientific work under minimal supervision. Field work involved maintaining, repairing, and installing automated satellite telemetry equipment and other associated scientific instrumentation throughout the state of Texas. Office work included data management and routine QA/QC of all recorder data, along with the co-administration of the groundwater page on the waterdatafortexas.org website.
- Increased well network by 77 sites to a total of 187 GOES equipped groundwater sites.
- Increased cooperator participation from 5 to 17 cooperating entities
- Co-produced Annual Recorder Report 2011-2014 (http://www.twdb.texas.gov/publications/reports/technical_notes/index.asp)
- Co-produced TWDB drought reports for areas experience critical water shortages

DECEMBER 2006 – NOVEMBER 2007

FIELD TECH/INTERIM GM, HAYS TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

- Handled daily district operations for 3 months before training the new general manager.
- GIS and database work for well permits and geologic stratigraphy data.
- Preformed fieldwork including measuring waterlevels, obtaining water quality samples, gps data, and drilling samples

EDUCATION

DECEMBER 2006

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - AUSTIN

Bachelor's degree in Geography with emphasis in Earth Science
McCombs Business Foundations Certificate

ORGANIZATIONS

- AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION
- AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
- WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCATION OF TEXAS
- ALLIANCE FOR WATER EFFICIENCY
- CENTRAL TEXAS WATER SYMPOSIUM PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

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NOMINATOR

NAME: Robert Goode

ADDRESS:

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

OCCUPATION Interim Director of Utilities

NOMINEE

NAME: Ekaterina Fitos

ADDRESS:

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

INTEREST AREA:

COUNTY: Hays

OCCUPATION: Director of Utilities

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

Ekaterina Fitos, GISP, MBA, is a senior utility executive with more than 20 years of combined experience in executive leadership, organizational management, project delivery, strategic planning, and data analytics. As Director of Utilities for the City of San Marcos, she provides strategic leadership for the City's water, wastewater, and electric utilities, with a focus on long-range infrastructure planning and preparing the utility systems to support a rapidly growing community within the Region L planning area.

Prior to joining the City of San Marcos, Ekaterina served with City of Houston Public Works, where she focused on utility development and planning for water and wastewater systems, including initiatives to strengthen system resilience, redundancy, capacity, and long-term reliability.

Her experience combines hands-on municipal utility leadership with extensive multi-utility infrastructure planning and development. This unique perspective provides a strong foundation for addressing the interconnected challenges of water supply, system capacity, infrastructure investment, growth, resilience, and long-range planning facing communities throughout the region.

Ekaterina holds a Master of Business Administration from Saint Leo University and a Master of Arts in Geography with a specialization in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) from the University of South Florida. She also earned a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science from the University of South Florida. Her interdisciplinary education provides a strong foundation for strategic decision-making, infrastructure planning, data-driven management, and the complex operational challenges of municipal utilities.

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

Ekaterina has demonstrated a strong commitment to professional leadership and industry engagement through active service in regional and professional associations. She served on the Board of Directors of the Texas Water Association (TWA) as a member of the Municipal Panel, a position she held from 2023 to September of 2026. She has also served as an alternate voting member for the City of Houston on the Region H Regional Water Planning Group.

DATE SUBMITTED: 09/09/2026

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WATER DISTRICTS

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NOMINATOR

NAME: Barbara Smith, GCGCD President

ADDRESS: [redacted]

PHONE: [redacted] **FAX:** [redacted] **EMAIL:** [redacted]

OCCUPATION Retired; Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District President

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NOMINEE

NAME: Michelle Shelton

ADDRESS [redacted]

PHONE:

INTEREST AREA: Water District Management, Conservation & Representation, Groundwater Resources & Regional Planning

COUNTY: Goliad

OCCUPATION: GCGCD General 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):

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

DATE SUBMITTED: October 2, 2026

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GOLIAD COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
118 S. Market St., P.O. Box 562, Goliad, Texas 77963-0562
Telephone: (361) 645-1716
website: www.goliadcogcd.org | email: gcgcd@goliadgcd.org

Board of Directors:
President – Barbara Smith
Vice-President – Gene Moreland
Secretary – Colt Williams
Directors – Art Dohmann, Terrell Graham, Reagan Sahadi, Tate Bammert

September 24, 2026

Curt Campbell
Chair, South Central Texas RWPG
c/o San Antonio River Authority
Attn.: Caye Castillo
100 East Guenther Street
San Antonio, Texas 78204

Mr. Campbell:

Michelle Shelton brings more than five years of direct groundwater conservation district experience, encompassing both hands-on field operations and executive management, supported by more than 20 years of regulatory compliance, environmental review, infrastructure development, and project management experience.

Mrs. Shelton currently serves as General Manager of the Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District (GCGCD), where she oversees groundwater management and regulatory compliance, permitting, monitoring, financial and contract administration, legal and governmental coordination, stakeholder engagement, and public outreach. Throughout most of her tenure as General Manager, she has also continued to perform field responsibilities, providing practical experience with the day-to-day implementation of groundwater district rules and resource management.

Her groundwater field experience includes static water-level measurements; groundwater and water-quality sampling; USGS isotope testing and SARA water-quality programs; groundwater well database development; GIS and mapping; and collection and evaluation of field data. Prior to groundwater management, Mrs. Shelton spent more than 20 years in the telecommunications and infrastructure industry, with responsibilities including NEPA and environmental compliance, FAA/FCC requirements, Phase I and II environmental assessments, zoning and permitting, land development, construction and project management, budgeting, and contract administration.

This combination of executive leadership, regulatory and infrastructure experience, and direct groundwater field work provides Mrs. Shelton with a practical understanding of the relationship between groundwater resources, regulatory requirements, land use, infrastructure and economic development, and long-range water planning. As General Manager of a locally governed groundwater conservation district, she would bring a practical, locally informed perspective to the SCTRWPG and effectively represent the interests and challenges of water districts and the communities they serve.

Sincerely,

Barbara Smith

Barbara Smith
GCGCD Board President

May we be responsible stewards of our natural resources

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NOMINATOR

NAME: Darrell Nichols

ADDRESS:

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

OCCUPATION General Manager/CEO, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority

NOMINEE

NAME: Phillip K. Gage

ADDRESS:

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

INTEREST AREA: Special Utility District

COUNTY: Guadalupe

OCCUPATION: General Manager, Green Valley Special Utility District

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

Phillip "Phil" K. Gage serves as the General Manager of Green Valley Special Utility District (GVSUD) since June 2024. As the General Manager, Mr. Gage reports to the Board of Directors as the principle executive spearheading strategic development and growth, resource management and fiscal responsibility, and developing a customer centric culture of service for the District. Mr. Gage serves as the Chair of the Canyon Regional Water Authority Board of Managers and routinely deals with regional wholesale water acquisition, and water supply planning for member entities.

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

Canyon Regional Water Authority - Chair, Board of Managers
Texas Alliance of Special Utility Districts - Secretary/ Treasurer
WEAT - Member
TRWA - Member

DATE SUBMITTED:_____

PLEASE ATTACH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IF DESIRED

Nominations must be received by **5:00 p.m., Monday, October 5, 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

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

☐ **Municipalities** ☑ **Water Districts**

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 Codefor the definitions of the interest categories represented on the SCTRWPG.

NOMINATOR

NAME: Kerry Averyt

ADDRESS [redacted]

PHONE: [redacted]

OCCUPATION General manager, CRWA

NOMINEE

NAME: Stephen W. Bisinger

ADDRESS [redacted]

PHONE: [redacted]

INTEREST AREA: Water Districts

COUNTY: Comal / Guadalupe

OCCUPATION: Water Resources Manager, Canyon Regional Water Authority

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

Stephen Risinger is the Water Resources Manager for Canyon Regional Water Authority (CRWA), where he supports long-range water-supply planning and development for a regional wholesale water provider. His work includes evaluation and development of surface-water and groundwater supplies; regional water-planning coordination; groundwater leasing and permitting; conservation and drought considerations; funding strategy; and coordination with CRWA member entities, groundwater districts, agencies, and regional partners. He regularly works at the intersection of projected water demands, available supplies, water management strategies, regulatory requirements, and implementation of regional water projects. Before joining CRWA, Stephen served as Director of Conservation and Stewardship at Guadalupe River Conservancy, focusing on water conservation, natural-resource stewardship, and responsible resource management. Earlier, as Watershed Coordinator for the Plum Creek Watershed, he worked in a collaborative watershed setting supporting implementation of watershed-protection priorities, stakeholder coordination, outreach, and water-quality and natural-resource stewardship activities. That experience developed practical skills in bringing local governments, landowners, agencies, and other water-resource interests together around shared watershed objectives. Together, these roles provide experience spanning regional water-supply development, conservation, watershed planning, stakeholder engagement, and resource stewardship. That background is directly relevant to representing the Water Districts interest in the Region L regional water-planning process.

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

- Canyon Regional Water Authority (CRWA) - Water Resources Manager
- Region L / South Central Texas regional water-planning activities through CRWA
- Guadalupe River Conservancy - Former Director of Conservation and Stewardship
- Plum Creek Watershed - Former Watershed Coordinator

DATE SUBMITTED: Oct. 5, 2026

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

Region L Update November 5, 2026

Regional Water Planning
2027 State Water Plan Milestones

- **August 21, 2026:** Draft Amended State Water Plan published; Public comment period began
- **September 24, 2026:** Public hearing held for draft Amended State Water Plan
- **September 25, 2026:** Public comment period closed
- **December 3, 2026:** Amended State Water Plan to be considered by TWDB Board

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2031 Regional Water Plans – Population and Water Demand Projections

- **Early Spring 2027 (Jan/Feb):** Anticipated release of Water User Group (WUG) Lists
- **March 2027:** Anticipated release of non-municipal water demand projections
- **June/July 2027:** Anticipated release of population and municipal water demand projections
- **December 2027**: Submittal of revised final projections to TWDB for review/adoption
  - TWDB Board consideration of population and water demand projections in **April 2028**

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GENERAL UPDATES

RWP Grant Contracts have been executed between TWDB and RWPG sponsors

RWP Technical Stakeholder Meetings
- **October 27, 2026**
- **November 16, 2026**

RWP Chairs, Technical Consultants, TWDB Staff

Interregional Planning Council nominations – Summer 2027
(Pending legislative session activities/charges)

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Texas Water Supply Corporations (TWSC) Grant Opportunity
- **Deadline to apply: January 13, 2027**

For Water Supply Corporations serving existing residential customers
One-time 100% grant funding

Additional information and application materials:
https://www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/TWSCG/index.asp

Planning Questions?

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AGENDA ITEM NO.7 – CONSIDERATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION ON TECHNICAL CONSULTANT PRESENTATION REGARDING SCHEDULE

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

CONSIDERATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION ON TECHNICAL CONSULTANT PRESENTATION REGARDING SCHEDULE

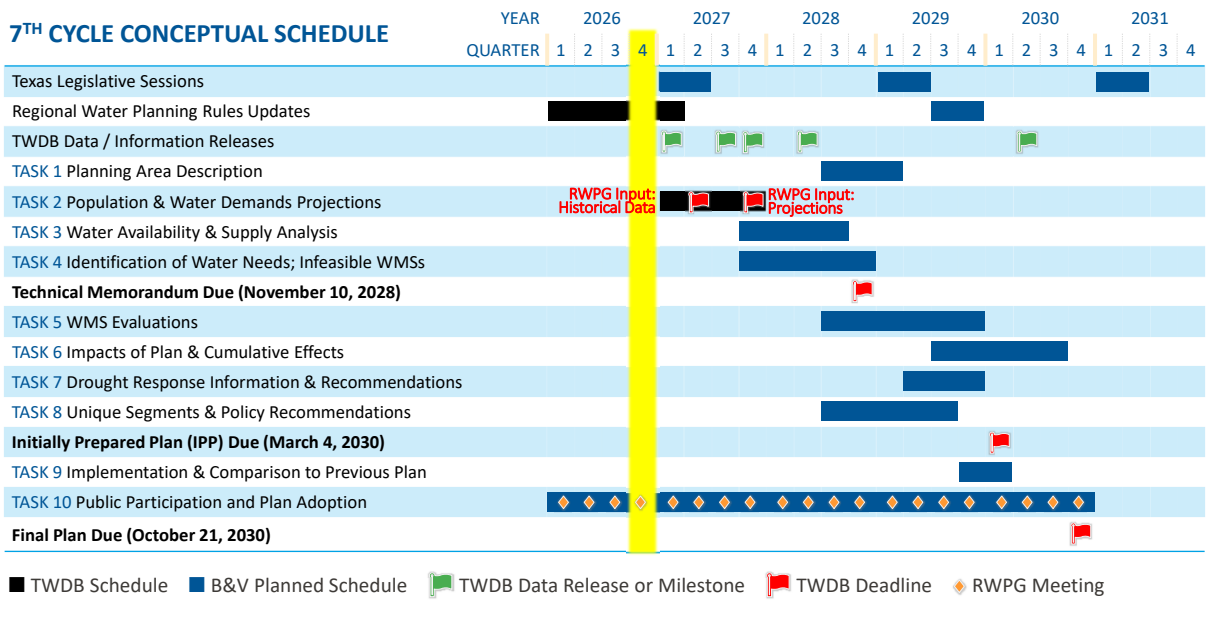
Topics:

A. Preliminary Schedule

B. Initial Scope of Work

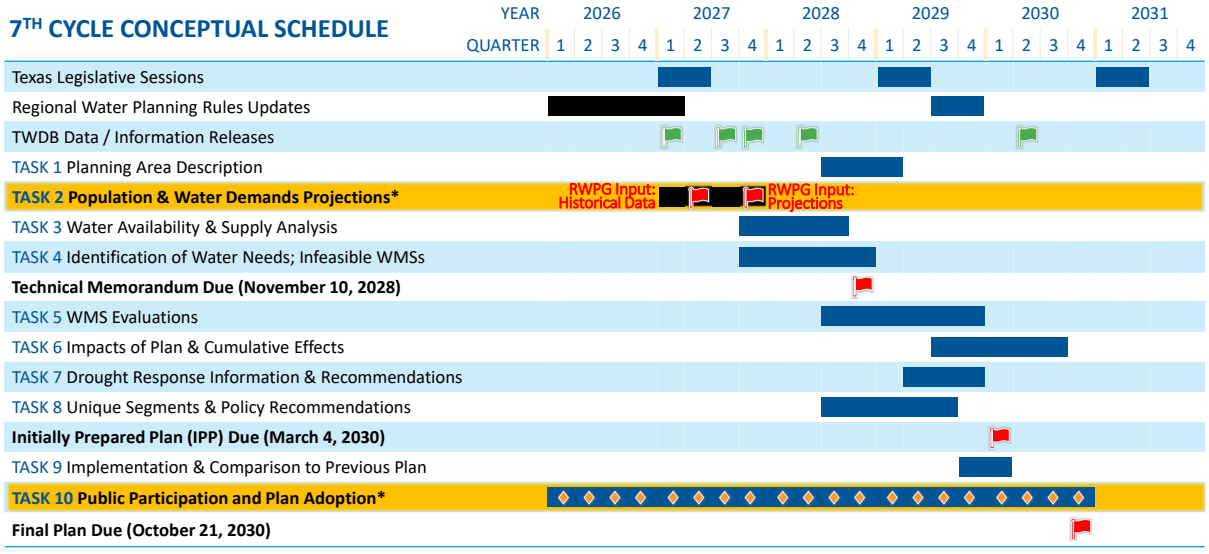
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A Preliminary Schedule



A Preliminary Schedule

7TH CYCLE CONCEPTUAL SCHEDULE



TWDB Schedule B&V Planned Schedule TWDB Data Release or Milestone TWDB Deadline RWPG Meeting

* Initial Scope of Work

B Initial Scope of Work

Tasks 2A, 2B, and 10 (partially) are funded by the TWDB under the Initial Scope of Work. The remaining tasks would be included in Future Scopes of Work and are contingent upon funding from the Texas legislature.

Task and Description	Anticipated Schedule
Task 2A – Non-Municipal Water Demand Projections	Mar. 2027 to Dec. 2027
Task 2B – Population and Municipal Water Demand Projections	Jan. 2027 to Dec. 2027
Task 10 – Public Participation and Plan Adoption	Sep. 2026 to Nov. 2030

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B Initial Scope of Work

Anticipated Date	Responsibility	Activity
Jan. 2027	TWDB	**Release Data:** Municipal water user group (WUG) list, gallons per capita daily (GPCD), and historical population and water use data
Mar. 2027	TWDB	**Release Data:** Draft non-municipal demand projections
Apr. 2027	RWPG	**Review and Provide Feedback:** Municipal WUG list, GPCD, and historical population and water use data
Jun. 2027	TWDB	**Release Data:** Draft population and municipal demand projections
Dec. 2027	RWPG	**Review and Provide Feedback:** Draft population projections, and municipal and non-municipal demand projections
Spring 2028	TWDB	Board adopts projections

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

A. GUIDING PRINCIPLES & BY-LAWS SUBCOMMITTEE PROGRESS UPDATE

Region L Guiding Principles & By-Laws Committee Meeting - Update

Summary of Review Process

On September 23, 2026, the Region L Planning Group was provided with the draft Guiding Principles revisions developed by the Guiding Principles and Bylaws Subcommittee and invited to review and provide feedback by October 7, 2026. Members were asked to comment on the proposed revisions, identify areas requiring clarification or modification, recommend additions, deletions, or reorganization, and provide input regarding how the Planning Group should approach consideration and adoption of any updates. Members were also encouraged to consider the original purpose, intent, and historical context of the Guiding Principles, recognizing that many current members were not involved in their initial development.

Comments Received

Comments were received from **Black & Veatch** and **Jonathan Stinson**. Consistent with the review request, the comments addressed both specific proposed revisions and broader questions regarding the role and purpose of the Guiding Principles.

Key themes included:

- Maintaining consistency with the intent and structure of the currently adopted Guiding Principles.
- Evaluating whether proposed revisions were necessary or provided sufficient value to justify changes from existing language.
- Preserving flexibility within the regional water planning process and avoiding language that could be interpreted as creating new requirements, evaluation criteria, or policy directives.
- Clarifying terminology and aligning language with established regional water planning terminology and practices.
- Considering whether certain revisions would be better addressed through Planning Group discussion and decision-making rather than codification within the Guiding Principles.
- Recommending that some sections be revised, simplified, or reverted to existing language where appropriate.

The attached clean draft reflects staff's effort to incorporate feedback received and align proposed revisions with the discussions and direction provided through the review process. Areas where comments reflected differing perspectives or where additional policy direction may be warranted are identified for Planning Group consideration as part of the ongoing discussion of potential Guiding Principles updates.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Guiding principles are the guardrails bylaws can miss

WHY

01 Prior cycles exposed serious late-stage issues that detailed bylaws did not necessarily address.

02 The stakes were high: unresolved issues threatened plan approval.

03 Overarching principles were crafted to guide decisions and smooth future plan development.

A shared decision framework when granular rules are not enough

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WHY REVIEW NOW

The review is timely—before the next plan begins

01

Rules & guidance

TWDB rules and guidance have changed; some language is outdated or inapplicable.

02

External conditions

Conditions have changed—or no longer apply—in ways the current principles do not reflect.

03

Clarity & efficiency

Language can be streamlined and repetition with existing bylaws reduced.

Best window **Approve changes before significant work on a new plan begins.**

02

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CURRENT STATUS

The review has moved from input to provisional agreement

REVIEW

Volunteer subcommittee

Reviewed the principles and proposed changes across a series of meetings.

LISTEN

Broad feedback

Planning group member and Black & Veatch input was considered.

REFINE

Modified revisions

Revisions are provisionally agreed upon and ready for further review.

For today's review **Current language is included in the packet.**

With thanks to long-tenured planning group members and Black & Veatch for the institutional knowledge that informed the review.

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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 relatedto 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).

PRINCIPLE II: ROLE OF REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUPS IN INFLUENCING POPULATIONGROWTH AND LAND USE

Adopted August 4, 2016

The South-Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (SCTRWPG) recognizes that population growth, 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, or particular land use decisions. Decisions concerning growth management, development permitting, zoning, and land use policy are local governmental responsibilities and remain independent the regional water planning process.

In fulfilling its planning responsibilities, the SCTRWPG shall strive to maintain transparency regarding the demographic 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 decisionmakers 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

a) 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 SCTRWPG. 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 SCTRWPG Bylaws and applicable law. Disclosure is intended to protect the planning process, the individual member, and the SCTRWPG 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 SCTRWPG Bylaws, and applicable law.

Where the SCTRWPG 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 SCTRWPG Bylaws and Code of Conduct.

The SCTRWPG 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 SCTRWPG 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 SCTRWPG is to identify potentially feasible water management strategies for identified water needs. It is not the role of the SCTRWPG to influence or interfere with local water planning decisions. In the absence of a SCTRWPG recommended water management strategy, the SCTRWPG 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 somedecisions made by the SCTRWPG could inevitably affect some decisions made by the governing boards of permitting entities, itis neither the responsibility, nor the role of the SCTRWPG to influence or interfere with the regulatory decisions made by the governing boards of permitting entities.

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 INDIVIDUAL WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

Adopted: November 2, 2017

The SCTRWPG 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 SCTRWPG 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 SCTRWPG 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 SCTRWPG 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.

PRINCIPLE VII: MINIMUM STANDARDS FORWATER MANAGEMENTSTRATEGIES

Adopted: November 2, 2017

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

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

PRINCIPLE VIII: RECOMMENDED WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

Adopted: November 2, 2017

The SCTRWPG strives to develop a regional water plan that recommends water management strategies sufficient to supply water to all identified needs projected in the planning horizon for the region. 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 SCTRWPG prefers designating water management strategies as recommended or alternative using a consensus approach while respecting the strategy sponsor(s)' wishes.

Prior to designating any water management strategies as recommended, the SCTRWPG will review the water managementstrategies to evaluate costs, environmental factors, 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 SCTRWPG generally defers to the TWDB rules for regional water planning as contained in the TAC on matters related to surface water supply analysis. For surface water supply analysis,the SCTRWPG will use the most current Water Availability Models from the TCEQ to evaluate supplies, as required by section

357.32 (c) of the TAC. As per section 357.32 of the TAC, the SCTRWPG will assume full utilization of existing water rights andno return flows when using Water Availability Models.

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

PRINCIPLE XI: IDENTIFYING SPECIAL STUDIES OR EVALUATIONS DEEMED IMPORTANT TO ENHANCE THE PLAN, THE IDENTIFICATION OF OUTSIDE FUNDING SOURCES,AND THE EXTENT TO WHICH INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES SHOULD BE USED

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

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

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

A. POPULATION AND WATER DEMANDS WORKGROUP
B. RURAL COMMUNITIES OUTREACH WORKGROUP

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL SUBCOMMITTEES

Topics:

A. Existing & Potential Work Groups / Subcommittees

B. Establishment of New Work Groups / Subcommittees

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Region L has Historically Established Work Groups to:

- Continue and enhance stakeholder engagement
- Tackle complex technical subjects
- Evaluate topics of significance to the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (SCTRWPG)

A Existing & Potential Work Groups / Subcommittees

Subcommittee Name	Responsibilities	Potential Kick-Off Date
Staff Work Group (existing)	• Review and refine SCTRWPG meeting agendas and materials	2026, Q1
Guiding Principles and By-Laws Subcommittee (existing)	• Review Region L Guiding Principles and by-laws • Recommend potential updates to the SCTRWPG for consideration	2026, Q2
Population and Water Demands Work Group	• Review draft TWDB WUG list, population, and demand projections • Develop recommended revisions for SCTRWPG consideration and submittal to the TWDB, with focused evaluation of non-municipal demands (including manufacturing and data centers)	2027, Q1
Rural Communities Outreach Work Group	• Expand engagement with rural and previously unresponsive stakeholders • Identify and coordinate WMSs benefiting rural communities	2027, Q1
Water Availabilities Work Group	• Combine the Groundwater Availabilities and Modeling and Reuse Work Groups • Consider and recommend surface water availability model approaches and potential hydrologic variances to the SCTRWPG • Consider and recommend potential RWPG-estimated groundwater availabilities to the SCTRWPG	2027, Q4
Policy and Legislative Recommendations Work Group	• Develop, refine, and recommend Chapter 8 language to the SCTRWPG • Review Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Ecologically Significant Stream Segment updates (anticipated in 2028)	2028, Q3

B Establishment of New Work Groups / Subcommittees

SCTRWPG input requested regarding establishment of:

Population and Water Demands Work Group



- Review draft WUG list, population, and demand projections
- Develop recommended revisions for SCTRWPG consideration and submittal to TWDB, with focus on non-municipal demands

Rural Communities Outreach Work Group



- Expand engagement with rural and previously unresponsive stakeholders
- Identify and coordinate WMSs benefiting rural communities

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