

Regional Water Planning Group (RWPG) voting membership costs

1. RWPG membership relies upon volunteerism at its core. Although members' time is not a reimbursable activity, their responsibilities of time commitments include:
 - a. Attend meetings and represent their interest category in the planning process
 - b. Become familiar with and follow the bylaws of their respective RWPG
 - c. Become informed on regional water planning rules and guidelines as well as topics on which RWPG voting members are asked to make decisions
 - d. Review meeting materials in advance of meetings
 - e. Actively participate in, and contribute supporting information to, the development of the regional water plan (RWP) and take into consideration the water needs of all interests in the region
 - f. Engage or solicit information relevant for the interest category they represent in the region
 - g. Consider local plans developed by local entities when developing the RWP
 - h. Participate in directing work the technical consultants perform on the RWPG's behalf to develop the RWP
 - i. Review and provide feedback on draft plan content developed by consultants
 - j. Coordinate with other RWPGs for data consistency, opportunities for shared water management strategies and projects, and conflict avoidance where possible
 - k. Ensure adoption of an RWP that meets all requirements by the statutory deadline
 - l. Complete the Office of Attorney General's [Open Meetings Act](#) and [Public Information Act](#) training
2. As of 1/9/23, the following RWPGs are meeting in person only (no virtual option): Regions B, C, D, F, G, H, K, and N. Virtual options could reduce travel time and travel expenses for membership.
3. RWPG member and alternate mileage expenses for travel to RWPG meetings are reimbursable if their RWPG has allocated those costs in their contract expense budgets, and the member certifies that mileage expenses cannot be reimbursed by another entity. In our RWPG membership survey in 2021, several comments were received about the expense of traveling to meetings and the need to fund this expense. Currently, 6 RWPGs don't have contract funds allocated to voting member travel (D, J, L, N, O, P).