

Regional Water Planning Group Chairs Call

TWDB Water Supply Planning Division
January 16, 2024

Agenda

1. Introductions and Opening Comments
2. Sixth Cycle of Regional Water Planning Activities
3. Interregional Planning Council
4. Chairs Discussion
5. Wrap-up and next call topics and date

Agenda Item 1: Introductions and Opening Comments

- Introductions and RWPG roll call

Agenda Item 2: Sixth Cycle of Regional Water Planning Activities

- a) Upcoming materials for RWPGs (*anticipated release dates*)
- County water supply planning information & resources documents and list of rural entities – *release by February*
 - Conservation resources – *release in Spring*
 - Drought resources
 - List of entities required to submit DCPs to TCEQ – *release in January*
 - Updated drought management costing tool – *release in March*
 - Drought Preparedness Council recommendations to RWPGs
 - Updated uniform costing model – *release in Spring*

Agenda Item 2: Sixth Cycle of Regional Water Planning Activities (cont.)

b) Technical memorandum review timeline

- Due to the TWDB 3/4/24
- TWDB administratively complete review -> TWDB to accept or reject within 30 days
- Required components listed in contract Exhibit C, Section 2.12.1
- TWDB to provide submittal folders in early February
- TWDB water science staff to conduct source methodology review
- Informal comments on source methodologies provided to RWPGs early June

Agenda Item 2: Sixth Cycle of Regional Water Planning Activities (cont.)

- c) RWP amendment guidance and infeasible amendment timeline
 - TWDB updating external guidance document on plan amendments
 - Update to include list of materials to be provided with each type of amendment
 - TWDB to provide updated database reports for adopted amendment materials
 - RWPG discretion to document changes throughout plan
 - For infeasible amendments

Agenda Item 2: Sixth Cycle of Regional Water Planning Activities (cont.)

- c) RWP amendment guidance and infeasible amendment timeline (cont.)
- For RWPGs with infeasible WMS, must take action to commence amendment process when Technical Memorandum is approved
 - Most RWPGs with amendments will need to submit minor amendment determination request to the TWDB
 - If potentially major amendment, RWPGs should proceed with major amendment hearing
 - Adopted amendments due to the TWDB 6/5/24

Agenda Item 2: Sixth Cycle of Regional Water Planning Activities (cont.)

d) Notice to proceed process

- RWPG approval to submit notice to proceed request for region-specific scope of work to TWDB
 - Specific to scope of work Task 5B (Evaluation and Recommendation of WMS/Projects)
 - Consultants may not commence work on any Task 5B work prior to approval
 - Regions must approve methodology for identifying potentially feasible WMS **prior** to action on notice to proceed
 - Reimbursement of funds for Task 5B prohibited until TWDB issues notice to proceed

Agenda Item 2: Sixth Cycle of Regional Water Planning Activities (cont.)

e) Socioeconomic impact analysis process and timeline

- TWDB to conduct analysis of socioeconomic impact of not meeting identified needs for all RWPGs
- Analysis required as part of RWP Chapter 6
- TWDB to provide reports to RWPGs in August 2025
- RWPGs do not have to take action/submit formal request to TWDB

Agenda Item 2: Sixth Cycle of Regional Water Planning Activities (cont.)

- f) Upcoming regional water planning rule revision
 - Revisions to 31 TAC 357.34 to implement House Bill 1565, 88th R.S.
 - HB 1565 requires RWPs to include information on implementation of large projects
 - Rule proposal to be presented at 2/8/24 TWDB Board meeting
 - Requirements already incorporated into scope of work and RWP guidance

Agenda Item 2: Sixth Cycle of Regional Water Planning Activities (cont.)

g) Chairs feedback

Agenda Item 3: Interregional Planning Council

a) General status

- Next meeting 2/8/24, 1:00 PM
- Report due to TWDB 3/4/24

b) Chairs feedback

Agenda Item 4: Chairs Discussion

- Open discussion with Chairs

Agenda Item 5: Wrap-up and Next Call

- Next call topics and date options

Questions?

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