

**REGION H WATER PLANNING GROUP
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Bailey, John Bartos, Arthur Bredehoft, Brad Brunett, Carl Burch, Jun Chang, Mark Evans, Robert Istre, Ken Kramer, Alisa Max, Byron Ryder, Loyd Smith, Aubrey Spear, and Cynthia Wagener.

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Sarah Kouba for Gary Ashmore, Veronica Osegueda for Mike Turco, Jake Hollingsworth for Brandon Wade, and Briana Gallagher for Kevin Ward.

MEMBERS ABSENT: W.R. Baker, Caleb Cooper, Greg Eyerly, Jason Garrard, Ivan Langford, Marvin Marcell, Mike O'Connell, and Danny Pierce.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 2, 2024 MEETING

Mr. Evans announced a correction to the October 2, 2024, minutes by adding Mr. Loyd Smith as present at the meeting. Mr. Bartos made a motion to approve the minutes of October 2, 2024, as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bredehoft and carried unanimously.

4. RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS 5 THROUGH 6

There were no public comments.

5. PLAN DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

a. Receive update from Consultant Team regarding status of investigation of water supply alternatives for the 2026 Region H Regional Water Plan (RWP)

Mr. Philip Taucer provided a status update regarding unmet needs, sources, Water Management Strategies (WMS), projects, and ongoing efforts related to the investigation of water supply alternatives for the 2026 Region H Regional Water Plan.

b. Receive update from Consultant Team regarding drought management as a potential Water Management Strategy (WMS).

Mr. Taucer provided an update regarding the potential for drought management as a WMS. He stated that this was a topic for the WMS Committee, however he explained the various challenges and benefits of this potential strategy.

c. Discuss anticipated schedule and activities for the Region H WMS Committee.

Mr. Taucer explained that the WMS Committee completed the potentially feasible and infeasible WMS analysis, the MSF approach, and the draft WMS analyses. He stated that the committee will provide a review of general recommendations, conservation and water loss assumptions, a path forward for drought management, messaging, Water User Group (WUG) level project assumptions, and post IPP priorities. Mr. Taucer stated that the WMS Committee will meet in early 2025.

d. Receive presentation from the Consultant Team regarding the Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) process.

Mr. Taucer provided a brief review of the IPP process, stating that the Water Planning Group must hold at least one public hearing, approximately one month following the submission of the IPP. He went on to explain more details related to the various requirements for the IPP process.

6. GENERAL UPDATES AND OUTREACH

a. Receive update regarding schedule and milestones for the development of the 2026 Region H RWP.

Mr. Taucer provided an update related to the development of the 2026 Region H RWP, announcing upcoming due dates for several scheduled events and tasks.

b. Receive updates from liaisons to other planning groups.

Ms. Alisa Max reported on the San Jacinto Flood Planning Group.

c. Receive report regarding recent and upcoming activities related to communications and outreach efforts on behalf of the Region H Water Planning Group.

Mr. Taucer stated that they attended the Texas Municipal League conference in October and discussed the State planning process.

d. Receive update from the Texas Water Development Board.

Ms. Heather Rose discussed various details related to the sixth planning cycle.

e. Other agency communications and general information.

It was mentioned that Texas Water would take place in March, 2025.

7. RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments, however Mr. Istre introduced his Region H Water Planning Group alternate, Mr. Tommy Arrendondo, Public Works Utility Manager, City of League City.

8. NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 5, 2025

Mr. Evans announced that the next meeting of the Region H Water Planning Group will take place on February 5, 2025.

9. ADJOURN

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.