

# **REGION H**

## **Water Planning Group**

### **MEETING MATERIALS**

**May 7, 2025**



## Common Region H Terms and Conversion Factors

### List of Abbreviations

CRU	Collective Reporting Unit
DCP	Drought Contingency Plan
DFC	Desired Future Condition
DOR	Drought of Record
EA	Executive Administrator
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FWSD	Fresh Water Supply District
GAM	Groundwater Availability Model
GCD	Groundwater Conservation District
GMA	Groundwater Management Area
GPCD	Gallons Per Capita Per Day
GRP	Groundwater Reduction Plan
IFR	Infrastructure Finance Report
IPP	Initially Prepared Plan
MAG	Modeled Available Groundwater
MPC	Master Planned Community
MUD	Municipal Utility District
MWP	Major Water Provider
PDSI	Palmer Drought Severity Index
PWS	Public Water Supply
RFPG	Regional Flood Planning Group
RHWPG	Region H Water Planning Group
ROR	Run-of-River
RWP	Regional Water Plan
RWPA	Regional Water Planning Area
RWPG	Regional Water Planning Group
SWIFT	State Water Implementation Fund for Texas
SWP	State Water Plan
TAC	Texas Administrative Code
TCEQ	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
TPWD	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
TWC	Texas Water Code
TWDB	Texas Water Development Board
UCM	Unified Costing Model
URS	Unique Reservoir Site
USS	Unique Stream Segment
WAM	Water Availability Model
WCID	Water Control and Improvement District
WCP	Water Conservation Plan
WMS	Water Management Strategy
WRAP	Water Rights Analysis Package
WUD	Water Utility Database
WUG	Water User Group
WWP	Wholesale Water Provider

### Water Measurements

1 acre-foot (AF) = 43,560 cubic feet = 325,851 gallons

1 acre-foot per year (ac-ft/yr) = 325,851 gallons per year = 893 gallons per day

1 gallon per minute (gpm) = 1,440 gallons per day = 1.6 ac-ft/yr

1 million gallons per day (mgd) = 1,000,000 gallons per day = 1,120 ac-ft/yr



**Region H Water Planning Group**  
**10:00 AM Wednesday**  
**May 7, 2025**  
**San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA) Office**  
**1577 Dam Site Rd, Conroe, Texas 77304**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to order.
2. Introductions.
3. Review and approve minutes of the February 5, 2025 meeting.
4. **Receive public comments on specific issues related to agenda items 5 through 7.** (Public comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker)
5. Planning Group Membership
  - a. Accept the resignation of Brandon Wade as voting member of the Region H Water Planning Group (RHWPG) and declare a vacant position for a voting member representing Water Utilities.
  - b. Receive Nominating Committee report.
  - c. Discuss and consider taking action to approve a member to fill the vacancy on the RHWPG.
6. Plan Development and Administration
  - a. Receive update from Consultant Team regarding the Initially Prepared Plan public hearing and comment process.
  - b. Discuss potential revisions for the development of the Final 2026 Region H Regional Water Plan (RWP).
  - c. Receive update from Consultant Team and Water Management Strategy (WMS) Committee and discuss drought management as a potential WMS.
  - d. Receive report from Consultant Team and WMS Committee regarding remaining Task 5 funds and consider taking action to approve a notice-to-proceed request and authorizing the Consultant Team and SJRA to coordinate with TWDB and execute the subsequent contract amendment issued.
  - e. Review and consider taking action to amend the budget for the development of the 2026 Region H RWP.
  - f. Discuss and consider authorizing SJRA to consider and execute a TWDB contract amendment to increase committed funds and execute amended contracts with subconsultants.
7. General Updates and Outreach
  - a. Receive update regarding schedule and milestones for the development of the 2026 Region H RWP.
  - b. Receive update from liaisons to other planning groups.
  - c. Receive report regarding recent and upcoming activities related to communications and outreach efforts on behalf of the RHWPG.
  - d. Receive update from TWDB.
  - e. Other agency communications and general information.
8. **Receive public comments.** (Public comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker)
9. Next Meeting: August 6, 2025.
10. Adjourn.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and would like to request auxiliary aids or services are requested to contact Sonia Zamudio at (936) 588-3111 at least three business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.



## Agenda Item 3

Review and approve minutes of the February 5, 2025 meeting.





[Minutes to be Inserted Here]



## Agenda Item 5a

Accept the resignation of Brandon Wade as voting member of the Region H Water Planning Group (RHWPG) and declare a vacant position for a voting member representing Water Utilities.



## **Agenda Item 5a**

### **Membership Update**

#### **Action:**

1. Accept the resignation of Brandon Wade as a voting member of the RHWPG.
2. Declare a vacant position for a voting member representing Water Utilities.



## Philip Taucer

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**From:** Brandon Wade [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 6, 2025 1:13 PM  
**To:** Mark Evans; Philip Taucer  
**Cc:** Jake Hollingsworth; Brad Matlock  
**Subject:** Region H

**Follow Up Flag:** Flag for follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Judge Evans

I appreciate the opportunity to have served under your leadership with the Region H Water Supply Planning Group.

At this time I think it time for me to resign my position in the group. Further, I recommend that my replacement be Jake Hollingsworth who has served us all well as my alternate. Jake is the Deputy General Manager of the Gulf Coast Water Authority. Recently, more often than not, Jake has stood in for me in the position and has proven himself as very capable.

If you or the nominating committee need any additional information regarding Jake I will be happy to provide it.

Again, it has been an honor to serve.

Brandon Wade

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## Agenda Item 5b

Receive Nominating Committee report.







# LOWER TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Gary Ashmore  
602 E Church St.  
Livingston, TX 77351  
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February 5, 2025

The Honorable Mark Evans, Chairman  
Region H Water Planning Group  
San Jacinto River Authority Office  
1577 Dam Site Rd  
Conroe, Texas 77304

Cc: Cynthia Bowman, Chief of Staff, Region H Water Planning Group  
Sarah Kouba, General Manager, Lone Star GCD

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SAN JACINTO  
RIVER AUTHORITY

Dear Chairman Evans,

I am writing to formally resign as the Primary Representative of GMA 14 for the Region H Water Planning Group, effective February 5, 2025. It has been a great honor to serve in this capacity, and I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the important work of the planning group.

I would like to take this opportunity to recommend that my current Alternate, Ms. Sarah Kouba, General Manager of the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District, transition into the role of Primary Representative for GMA 14. In my judgment, she is highly capable and well-prepared to assume this responsibility. I believe that her engagement in the regional water planning process will be of significant benefit to both the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District and the Region H Water Planning Group.

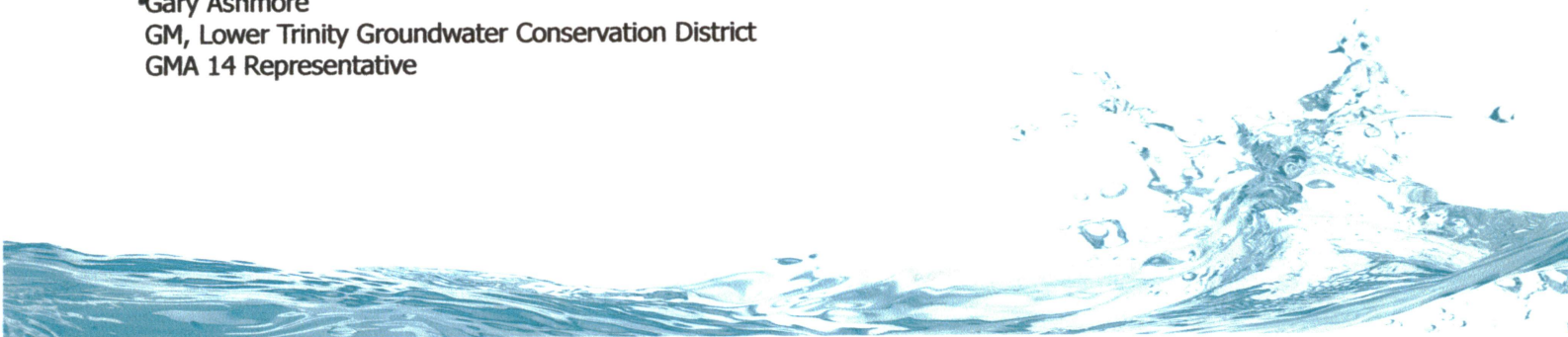
While I am stepping down as the Primary Representative, I remain committed to supporting Ms. Kouba and the group's mission. I plan to attend future meetings and will continue to offer my assistance as an Alternate Representative for GMA 14, should my participation be needed.

Serving as a member of the Region H Water Planning Group has been an invaluable experience, and I am deeply grateful for the knowledge and professional relationships I have gained during my tenure. I appreciate the collaboration and dedication of my colleagues and extend my best wishes for the continued success of the planning group.

Respectfully,

*Gary Ashmore*

Gary Ashmore  
GM, Lower Trinity Groundwater Conservation District  
GMA 14 Representative



## Philip Taucer

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**From:** Marty Kelly [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 11, 2025 3:11 PM  
**To:** info@regionhwater.org  
**Cc:** Lauren LaMonica  
**Subject:** TPWD Non-Voting Rep for Region H RWPG

Mr. Mark Evans, Chair  
Region H Water Planning Group  
c/o North Harris Co. Regional Water Authority  
3648 Cypress Creek Parkway Suite 110  
Houston, Texas 77068

Dear Mr. Evans,

Please include Lauren LaMonica as the TPWD non-voting member for the Region H Regional Water Planning Group. Lauren can be contacted directly by email at [REDACTED], by phone at [REDACTED], or by regular mail at:

Lauren LaMonica  
Ecosystem Resources  
Coastal Fisheries Division  
[REDACTED]

Sincerely,

Marty Kelly  
Water Resources Program Coordinator  
[REDACTED]

## Agenda Item 5c

Discuss and consider taking action to approve a member to fill the vacancy on the RHWPG.

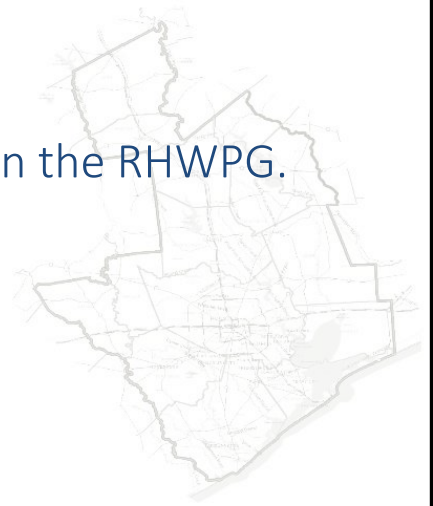


## **Agenda Item 5c**

### **Vacancies**

#### **Action:**

Approve member to fill the vacancy on the RHWPG.





## Agenda Item 6a

Receive update from Consultant Team regarding the Initially Prepared Plan public hearing and comment process.





## Agenda Item 6a IPP Updates



## Agenda Item 6a IPP Updates

- Initially Prepared Plan Available
  - [www.regionhwater.org](http://www.regionhwater.org)
  - [www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/plans/2026/index.asp](http://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/plans/2026/index.asp)
  - Office of the County Clerk in each county
  - Depository library in each county
- Deadline for Public Comments
  - 5:00 PM on July 18, 2025
- Documented in RWP

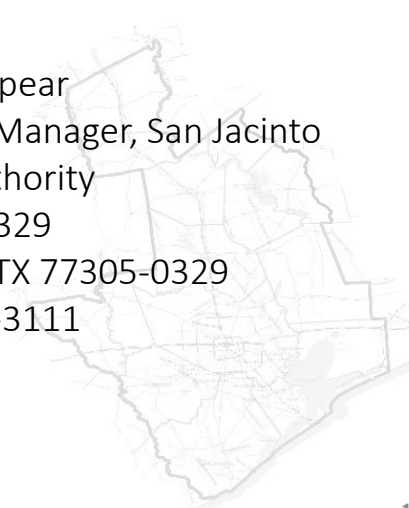
## Agenda Item 6a IPP Updates

### ■ To Submit Comments

- Hon. Mark Evans  
Chair, Region H Water Planning  
Group  
c/o San Jacinto River Authority  
P.O. Box 329  
Conroe, TX 77305-0329
- info@regionhwater.org

### ■ Questions and Info Request

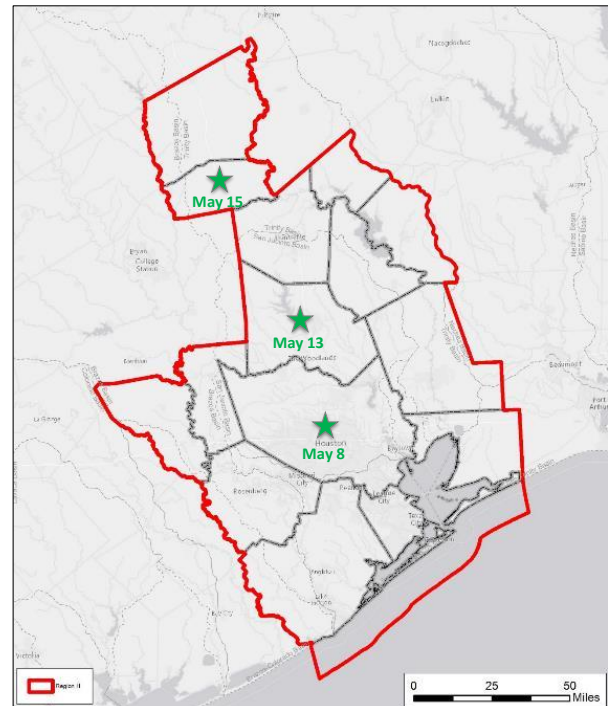
- Aubrey Spear  
General Manager, San Jacinto  
River Authority  
P.O. Box 329  
Conroe, TX 77305-0329  
936-588-3111



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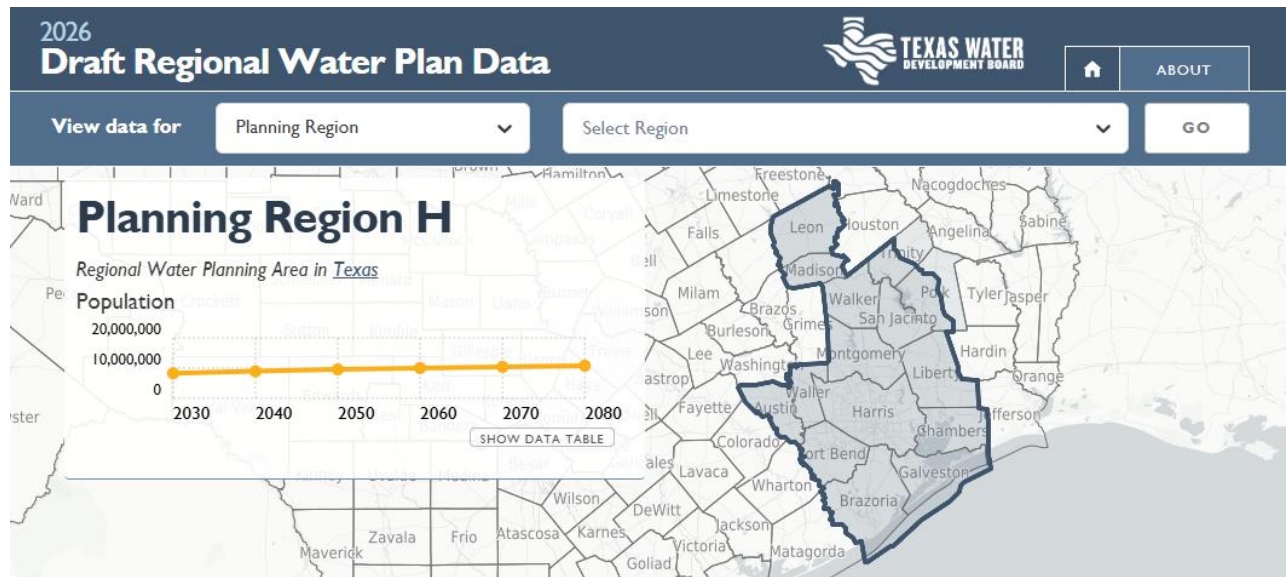
## Agenda Item 6a IPP Updates

- May 8, 6:00 p.m.  
Houston-Galveston Area Council  
3555 Timmons Lane  
Houston, Texas 77027
- May 13, 6:00 p.m.  
San Jacinto River Authority Boardroom  
1577 Dam Site Road  
Conroe, Texas 77304
- May 15, 6:00 p.m.  
Truman Kimbro Center  
111 West Trinity Street  
Madisonville, Texas 77864



# Agenda Item 6a

## IPP Updates







**REGION H WATER PLANNING GROUP**  
*Senate Bill 1 - Texas Water Development Board*  
c/o San Jacinto River Authority  
P. O. Box 329, Conroe, Texas 77305  
Telephone 936-588-3111 Facsimile 936-588-3043

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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

To All Interested Parties:

The Region H Water Planning Group area includes all or part of the following counties: Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Montgomery, Polk, San Jacinto, Trinity, Walker, and Waller.

Notice is hereby given that the Region H Water Planning Group (RHWPG) is requesting public review and comment on an Initially Prepared 2026 Region H Water Plan (the IPP).

***A summary of the content of the Draft Initially Prepared Plan:*** The *Initially Prepared Plan (IPP)* updates the 2021 Region H Water Plan that was included in the 2022 State Water Plan prepared by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). The 2026 IPP addresses the following topics:

- Projected population and water demands
- Existing water supply sources
- Analysis of needs
- Recommended water management strategies for meeting any identified water shortages
- Water conservation recommendations
- Impacts of the Regional Water Plan
- Drought response
- Regulatory, Administrative and Legislative Recommendations
- Comparison to previous regional planning

***Public Comment:*** Public hearings to receive public comment on the IPP will be held at the following dates and locations:

**May 8, 6:00 p.m.**

Houston-Galveston Area Council  
Conference Rooms A,B,C  
3555 Timmons Lane  
Houston, Texas 77027

**May 13, 6:00 p.m.**

San Jacinto River Authority Boardroom  
1577 Dam Site Road  
Conroe, Texas 77304

**May 15, 6:00 p.m.**

City of Madisonville, Texas - Truman Kimbro Center  
111 West Trinity Street  
Madisonville, Texas 77864

**The Agenda** for each public hearing will consist of (1) brief introductions on behalf of the RHWPG, (2) a summary of the planning effort and the IPP given by the consulting team, and (3) individual comments of members of the public.

The RHWPG will accept written comments upon posting of this notice until 5:00 p.m. CST July 18, 2025. Written comments should be provided to:

Mark Evans, Chair, RHWPG  
c/o San Jacinto River Authority  
P.O. Box 329  
Conroe, Texas 77305-0329

Written comments without attachments also may be emailed to **[info@regionhwater.org](mailto:info@regionhwater.org)**.

***Questions or requests for additional information may be submitted to:*** Aubrey Spear, General Manager, San Jacinto River Authority, P.O. Box 329, Conroe, TX 77305-0329, telephone 936-588-3111. The San Jacinto River Authority is the Administrator for the RHWPG.

***A copy of the Initially Prepared Plan for 2026 is available*** at the County Clerk's office and at a depository library in each county in Region H. A list of depositories and a copy of the IPP are available on the RHWPG website at **[www.regionhwater.org](http://www.regionhwater.org)**. A copy of the IPP also is at **<https://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/plans/2026/index.asp>**.

## REGION H DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES AND COUNTY CLERKS

### **AUSTIN COUNTY**

Knox Memorial Library  
6730 Railroad St.  
Wallis, TX 77485

### **AUSTIN COUNTY**

County Clerk  
County Courthouse  
265 N. Chesley Street, Ste. 7  
Bellville, TX 77418

### **BRAZORIA COUNTY**

Pearland Tom Reid Library  
3522 Liberty Dr.  
Pearland, TX 77581

### **BRAZORIA COUNTY**

County Clerk  
East Annex  
1524 E. Mulberry  
Angleton, TX 77515

### **CHAMBERS COUNTY**

Chambers County Library – Main Branch  
608 Washington St.  
Anahuac TX, 77514

### **CHAMBERS COUNTY**

County Clerk  
County Courthouse  
404 Washington Avenue  
Anahuac, TX 77514

### **FORT BEND COUNTY**

George Memorial Library  
1001 Golfview  
Richmond, TX 77469

### **FORT BEND COUNTY**

County Clerk  
301 Jackson (corner of Jackson and 3<sup>rd</sup>)  
Richmond, TX 77469

### **GALVESTON COUNTY**

Rosenberg Library  
2310 Sealy Avenue  
Galveston, TX 77550

### **GALVESTON COUNTY**

County Clerk  
600 Fifty Ninth Street, Suite 2001 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)  
Galveston, TX 77551

### **HARRIS COUNTY**

Houston Public Library – Central  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Bibliographic Information Center  
500 McKinney  
Houston, TX 77002

### **HARRIS COUNTY**

County Clerk  
County Civil Courthouse  
201 Caroline, Suite 330  
Houston, TX 77002

### **LEON COUNTY**

Buffalo Public Library  
1005 Hill  
Buffalo, TX 75831

### **LEON COUNTY**

County Clerk  
Leon County Courthouse  
155 North Cass  
Centerville, TX 75833

### **LIBERTY COUNTY**

Liberty Municipal Library (in Geraldine D.  
Humphreys Cultural Center)  
1710 Sam Houston Street  
Liberty, TX 77575

### **LIBERTY COUNTY**

County Clerk  
County Courthouse  
1923 Sam Houston, Room 209  
Liberty, TX 77575

**MADISON COUNTY**

Madison County Library  
605 South May  
Madisonville, TX 77864

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

Montgomery County Central Library  
104 Interstate 45 North  
Conroe, TX 77301

**POLK COUNTY**

Livingston Municipal Library  
707 North Tyler Avenue  
Livingston, TX 77351

**SAN JACINTO COUNTY**

Coldspring Area Public Library  
14221 State Highway 150 West  
Coldspring, TX 77331

**TRINITY COUNTY**

Blanche K. Werner Library  
203 Prospect Drive  
Trinity, TX 75862

**WALKER COUNTY**

Huntsville Public Library  
1219 Thirteenth Street  
Huntsville, TX 77340

**WALLER COUNTY**

Waller County Library -  
Brookshire/Pattison  
3815 Sixth Street  
Brookshire, TX 77423

**MADISON COUNTY**

County Clerk  
103 W. Trinity, Room 104  
Madisonville, TX 77864

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

County Clerk  
210 West Davis  
Conroe, TX 77301

**POLK COUNTY**

County Clerk  
101 West Mill Street, Suite 265  
Livingston, TX 77351

**SAN JACINTO COUNTY**

County Clerk  
County Courthouse  
1 State Highway 150, Room 2  
Coldspring, TX 77331

**TRINITY COUNTY**

County Clerk  
211 West First Street  
(across from County Courthouse)  
Groveton, TX 75845

**WALKER COUNTY**

County Clerk  
County Courthouse  
1100 University Avenue, Room 201  
Huntsville, TX 77340

**WALLER COUNTY**

County Clerk  
County Courthouse  
425 FM 1488, Ste. 112  
Hempstead, TX 77445



## 2026 Regional Water Plans

Summary of posting requirements for public hearings for Initially Prepared Plans (IPP), adoption of IPPs, and adoption of final regional water plans

[See 31 Texas Administrative Code § 357.21 for detailed posting information](#)

Posting requirements	Public hearing for IPP	Adoption of IPP	Adoption of final plan
<b>Minimum notice posting timeframe</b>			
7 days prior the meeting		✓	
14 days prior the meeting			✓
30 days prior the hearing	✓		
<b>Notice must contain</b>			
1) Date, time, and location of the public meeting or hearing; 2) summary of the proposed action(s) to be taken; 3) the name, telephone number, email address, and physical address of a contact person to whom questions or requests for additional information may be submitted; 4) a statement of how and when comments will be received from the members and public	✓	✓	✓
Locations of IPPs available for public inspection	✓		
<b>Minimum written comment period</b>			
14 days prior the meeting			✓
30 days prior to the hearing <b>and</b> until 60 days following the public hearing	✓		
<b>Entities notified</b>			
All voting and non-voting RWPG members	✓	✓	✓
Any person or entity who has requested notice of RWPG activities	✓	✓	✓
Each RWPG where a recommended or alternative WMS being considered would be located	✓	✓	✓
Each adjacent RWPG <sup>1</sup>	✓		
Each mayor of a municipality, located in whole or in part in the RWPA, with a population of 1,000 or more or which is a county seat <sup>1</sup>	✓		
Each county judge of a county located in whole or in part in the RWPA <sup>1</sup>	✓		
Each special or general law district or river authority with responsibility to manage or supply water in the RWPA (based upon list obtained from TCEQ) <sup>1</sup>	✓		
Each Retail Public Utility, defined as a community water system, that serves any part of the RWPA or receives water from the RWPA (based upon list obtained from TCEQ) <sup>1</sup>	✓		
Each holder of record of a water right for the use of surface water the diversion of which occurs in the RWPA (based upon list obtained from TCEQ) <sup>1</sup>	✓		
<b>Posting venues</b>			
RWPG website	✓	✓	✓
Texas Secretary of State website	✓	✓	✓
Published in a newspaper of general circulation in each county located in whole or part in the RWPA (before the 30th day preceding the date of the public meeting or hearing)	✓		

<sup>1</sup>These entities require a hard copy mailed out notice of the IPP hearing in accordance with statute and/or rule.

Posting requirements	Public hearing for IPP	Adoption of IPP	Adoption of final plan
<b>Document provision</b>			
Documents to be made available on the internet or in hard copy for public inspection prior to and following the meeting include: 1) meeting agenda, and 2) copies of all materials, reports, and/or plans presented or discussed at the meeting	✓	✓	✓
Copies of the IPPs must be available for public inspection in: 1) at least one public library in each county, <b>and</b> 2) either the county courthouse's law library, the county clerk's office, or some other accessible place within the county courthouse of each county having land in the RWPA. According to the capabilities of the facility, the RWPG may provide copies electronically, on electronic media, through an internet web link, or in hard copy	✓		
<b>Minimum document posting timeframe</b>			
3 days prior the meeting and 7 days following the meeting		✓	
7 days prior the meeting and 14 days following the meeting			✓
Copies of IPP: 30 days prior the hearing and 60 days following the hearing; additional meeting materials: 7 days prior to and 30 days following the hearing	✓		
<b>Open Meeting Act and Public Information Act</b>			
Each RWPG and any committee or subcommittee of an RWPG are subject to Chapters 551 [Open Meetings Act] and 552 [Public Information Act], Government Code. A copy of all materials presented or discussed at an open meeting shall be made available for public inspection prior to and following the meetings and shall meet the additional notice requirements when specifically referenced as required under subsections	✓	✓	✓

## Agenda Item 6b

Discuss potential revisions for the development of the Final  
2026 Region H Regional Water Plan (RWP).



## **Agenda Item 6b Potential Revisions**

MAG Peak  
Factor

Interregional  
Supplies

Socioeconomic  
Impacts

WCP and DCP

Minor Fine-  
Tuning

Looking Ahead:  
2026 RWP  
Lessons Learned

## **Agenda Item 6b Potential Revisions**

- **Comments**
  - Formal agency and public comment
  - Sponsor updates
- **Potential new WMS and Projects**
  - Montgomery County WCID 1
  - Pasadena
  - Rosenberg
  - Wallis
  - Waller
  - West University Place

## Socioeconomic Impact Analysis of Not Meeting Water Needs in the Regional Water Plans

Unreliable or insufficient water supplies would negatively impact existing businesses and industry, future economic development efforts, as well as public health and safety within Texas. To recognize the importance of water for the State, Regional Water Planning Groups (RWPG) are required by Texas Administrative Code §357.33 and §357.40 to evaluate the economic and social impacts of not meeting projected water needs (potential shortages) in their regional water plans.

At the request of the RWPGs, the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) performed a socioeconomic impact assessment of not mitigating future water needs in the event of a single year repeat of the drought of record for each of the 16 RWPGs. Impact results are reported for each Water Use Category with identified water needs. Water use categories include irrigation, livestock, manufacturing, mining, municipal and steam electric power.

Primary impact measures include lost income, jobs, and taxes, while supplemental measures address losses of utility revenue, consumer surplus, population, and school enrollment, as well as estimates of water hauling costs and additional purchases of electrical power.

The impact assessment for the primary measures is based on an input-output modeling approach, which relies on proprietary software known as IMPLAN. Sixteen planning region-specific IMPLAN models are developed to derive estimates of income, jobs, and taxes present in each area of interest.

The preliminary IMPLAN values are then combined with TWDB water use estimates within each sector to determine the value per acre-foot of use, and the resulting estimates are combined with region-specific IMPLAN multipliers to determine regional level estimates, taking into account the indirect impacts. Final impact estimates are obtained by adjusting for the degree of water shortage (assuming that adverse impact of water needs would likely vary depending upon the severity of a shortage), and then multiplying by the acre-feet of water needs within the sector.

Impact estimates for the supplemental measures

generally involve combining sector-specific data with the acre-feet of needs. Over thirty major sources of data from State, Federal and local sources, as well as output from the sixteen IMPLAN models, were employed in developing the primary and supplemental impact measure estimates.

The resulting impact estimates vary with the degree of shortage, are planning region-specific, and reflect the variability of the various types of economic activity within each county.

### Assumptions and Limitations:

- The analysis focuses on sectors with adequate water use data.
- Results are based on the static structure of the economy implicit within the IMPLAN data used.
- Impact estimates are a snapshot which might occur during a single year in drought of record conditions, and do not consider possible impacts of multi-year droughts.
- Spillover impacts on adjoining regions are not considered.
- Forwardly linked impacts within the economy are not considered.
- Possible building moratoriums, which address long term shortages, are not addressed within the analysis.
- All values are reported in the same dollar values as capital costs in the plans to be consistent with water management strategy cost estimates.

For additional information on the socioeconomic impact analysis and associated data, visit our website at: <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/data/analysis/index.asp>.

Features included on the website consist of the following:

- Interactive Dashboard for viewing region and county level impact results
- Socio Economic Impact Reports for the 16 Regional Water Planning Groups for the current Regional Water Plans and previous water plans
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQS)
- Contact: [EDA@twdb.texas.gov](mailto:EDA@twdb.texas.gov)

## Agenda Item 6c

Receive update from Consultant Team and Water Management Strategy (WMS) Committee and discuss drought management as a potential WMS.





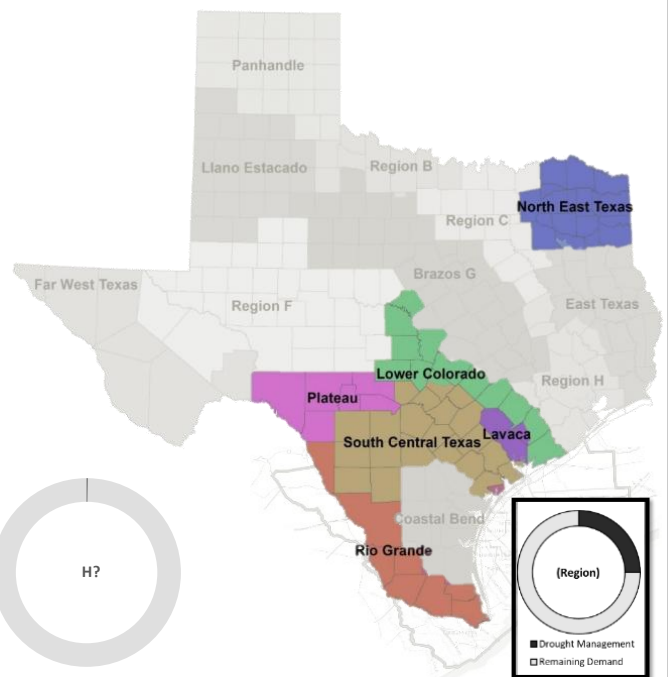
## Agenda Item 6c Drought Management

- Complex issue in RWP process
- Discussed with WMS Committee in November
- Time for fresh look
  - How are other RWPGs approaching?
  - Considerations
  - Potential savings?
  - Committee Observations



## Agenda Item 6c Drought Management

- How are other RWPGs approaching?



## Agenda Item 6c Drought Management

### BENEFITS

Promote planning

Quantify potential

Real-world measure

Clarity

Acceptance of impacts

Growth-driven need

Efficacy and overlap

Non-firm

### CHALLENGES

## Agenda Item 6c Drought Management

Refined  
assumptions

Percent of  
recent  
drought in  
DCP stages

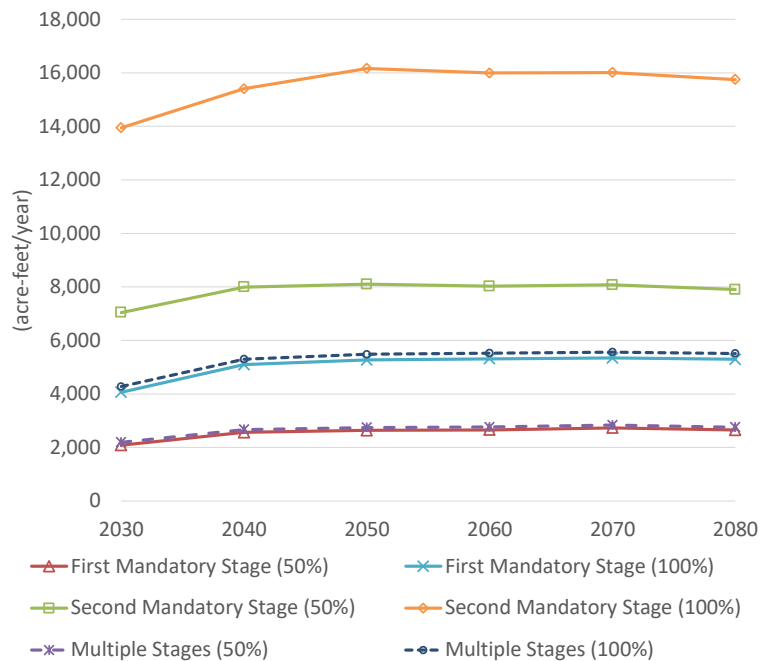
Remove  
overlap with  
conservation

Apply  
compliance  
factor

Cap at needs

## Agenda Item 6c Drought Management

- Multiple scenarios
  - Efficacy
  - Stage
- Overall limited WMS savings
  - Aggressive conservation
  - Growth-driven needs
  - Short-term focus
- ≈40 WMS & Projects



## Agenda Item 6c Drought Management

### Committee Key Observation: Plan must strongly promote proper drought response

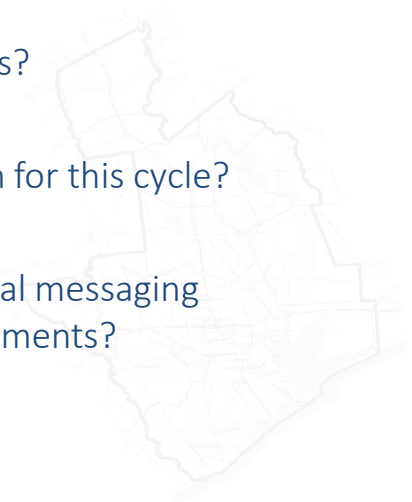
- Concerns as WMS
  - Uncertainties as WMS
  - Value as additional buffer
  - Time-limited / non-firm
- Value as WMS
  - Required under some conditions
  - Won't cause under-planning
  - Spotlight importance of DCP use
  - Linkages between DCPs and conservation

## **Agenda Item 6c**

### **Drought Management**



- Thoughts?
- Inclusion for this cycle?
- Additional messaging enhancements?



## Agenda Item 6d

Receive report from Consultant Team and WMS Committee regarding remaining Task 5 funds and consider taking action to approve a notice-to-proceed request and authorizing the Consultant Team and SJRA to coordinate with TWDB and execute the subsequent contract amendment issued.



## Agenda Item 6d WMS Funding

- \$144,450 remaining
  - Allocated to Region H
  - Not yet authorized
- WMS Committee discussed November 7.
- Recommendation to use for post-IPP adjustments

Task 5B Funding \$1,040,950

NTP #1 (\$896,500)

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Remaining \$144,450

## Agenda Item 6d WMS Funding

- Potential Item:

*Review input from stakeholders and identify requests to adjust recommended WMS and projects included in the IPP. This may include addition of new projects that have not been identified to date and will require further analysis and study in order to make them eligible for inclusion in the Final RWP. Effort will include revisions to DB27 to incorporate new projects as necessary.*

## **Agenda Item 6d**

### **WMS Funding**

#### **Action:**

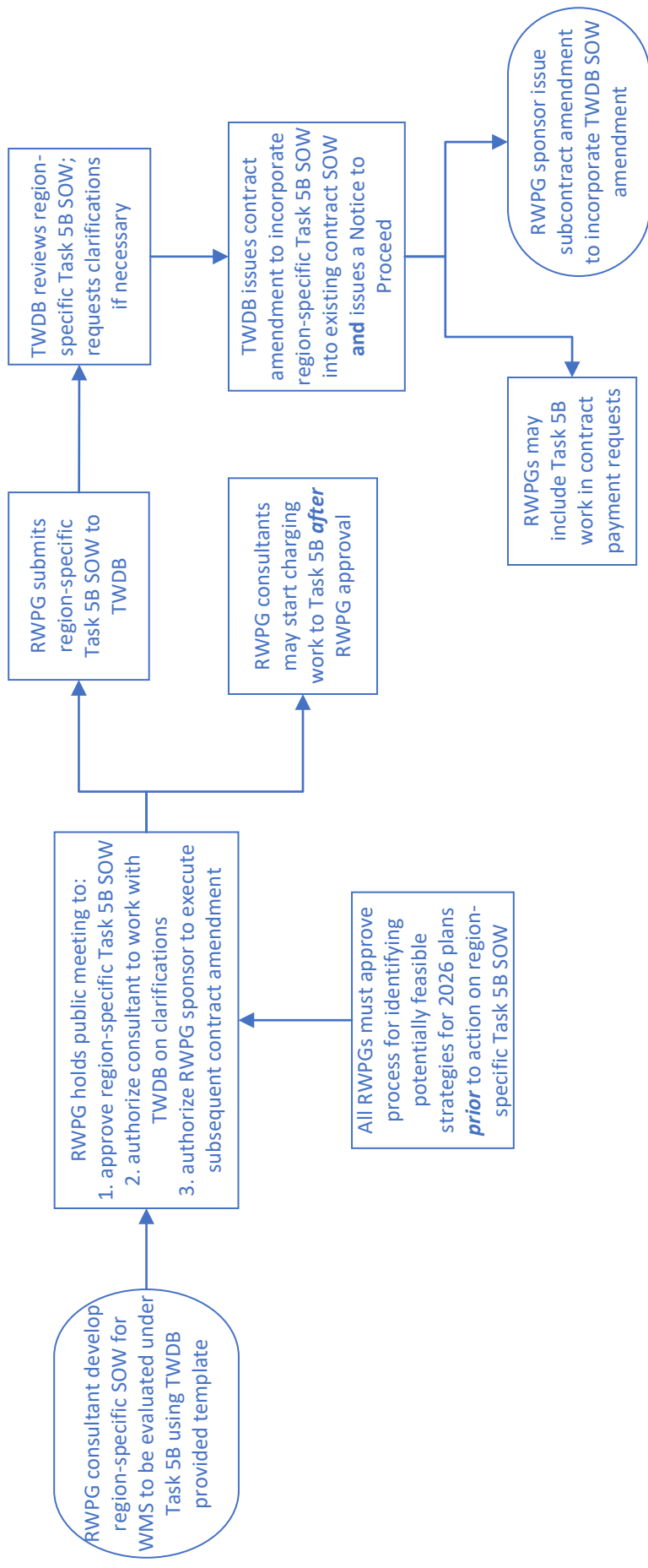
Approve the notice-to-proceed request and authorize the Consultant Team and San Jacinto River Authority to:

1. Submit the request to TWDB.
2. Coordinate with TWDB as needed on follow-up information.
3. Execute the subsequent contract amendment issued.





## Process for obtaining a Scope of Work Task 5B Notice to Proceed 2026 Regional Water Plans



SOW: Scope of Work

WMS: Water Management Strategy

Full details on the notice to proceed process are outlined in Regional Water Planning Contract Exhibit C, Section 2.5.6



## Agenda Item 6e

Review and consider taking action to amend the budget for the development of the 2026 Region H RWP.



## Agenda Item 6e Budget



- Task-level budget reallocation
  - Among tasks
  - Among consultants
- Same overall total
- Final adjustment at cycle end



	SCOPE TASK	CURRENT	PROPOSED	NET CHANGE	% INC. OR DEC.
1	RWPA Description	\$21,861	\$21,861	\$0	0%
2A	Non-Pop Demands	\$43,118	\$43,118	\$0	0%
2B	Pop Demands	\$152,769	\$155,769	\$3,000	2%
3	Supply	\$240,712	\$262,712	\$22,000	9%
4A	ID Needs	\$35,272	\$35,272	\$0	0%
4B	ID Infeasible WMS	\$48,670	\$48,670	\$0	0%
4C	Tech Memo	\$35,547	\$35,547	\$0	0%
5A	ID WMS	\$45,001	\$45,001	\$0	0%
5B	WMS Evaluation	\$1,040,950	\$965,950	-\$75,000	-7%
5C	Water Conservation	\$108,178	\$108,178	\$0	0%
6	Impacts of RWP	\$80,042	\$80,042	\$0	0%
7	Drought Response	\$121,824	\$153,824	\$32,000	26%
8	Recommendations	\$14,970	\$14,970	\$0	0%
9	Implementation	\$61,954	\$61,954	\$0	0%
10	Adoption	\$376,223	\$394,223	\$18,000	5%
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,427,091</b>	<b>\$2,427,091</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0%</b>

## **Agenda Item 6e**

### **Budget**

#### **Action:**

Approve budget amendment for 2026 round of  
Regional Water Planning.



## Agenda Item 6f

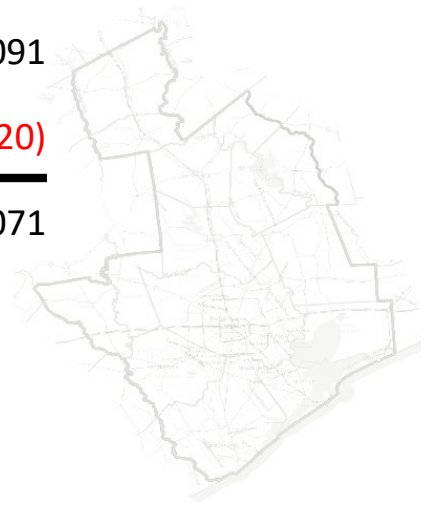
Discuss and consider authorizing SJRA to consider and execute a TWDB contract amendment to increase committed funds and execute amended contracts with subconsultants.





## Agenda Item 6f Contract Amendment

Total RWP Budget	\$2,427,091
Prior Committed	(\$2,145,020)
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Increase	\$282,071



## Agenda Item 6f Contract Amendment

### Action:

Approve authorizing San Jacinto River Authority to consider and execute a TWDB contract amendment to increase committed funds.





## Agenda Item 7a

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



# Agenda Item 7a 2026 RWP Schedule



\*Region H accepts public comment throughout the planning cycle and at each RWPG and committee meeting.

# Agenda Item 7a 2026 RWP Schedule

Date	Scheduled Events/Tasks
05/2025	RWPG Meeting
05/2025	IPP Public Hearings
06/2025	89 <sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature closes
07/2025	IPP Public Comment Period closes
08/2025	RWPG Meeting
10/2025	RWPG Meeting
10/2025	RWP due to TWDB



## Agenda Item 7b

Receive update from liaisons to other planning groups.





## Agenda Item 7b

### Liaison Updates



Region C	Brazos G	Region 6	Region 8
Kevin Ward	Zach Holland	Alisa Max	Brandon Wade
IPC / Chairs	GMA 12	GMA 14	Other
Mark Evans	David Bailey	Gary Ashmore	RWPG Members



## Agenda Item 7c

Receive report regarding recent and upcoming activities related to communications and outreach efforts on behalf of the RHWPG.



## **Agenda Item 7c**

### **Community Outreach**

- IPP Public Hearings
- Sponsor follow-up coordination
- Interested stakeholder groups





## Agenda Item 7d

Receive update from TWDB.





Region H Regional Water Planning Group Meeting

# Updates from the Texas Water Development Board

May 7, 2025, Conroe TX



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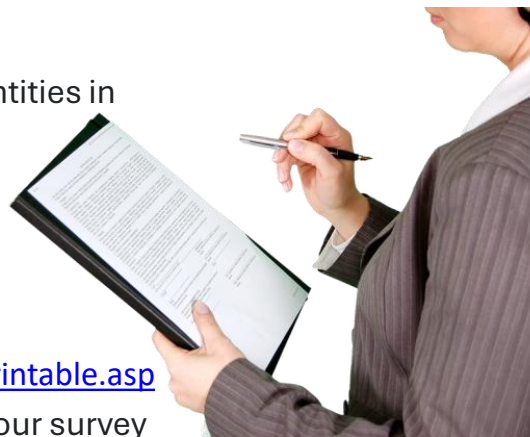
## Water Use Survey 2024

- Water Use Surveys were annual survey sent out to entities in December 2024.
- These data support the state water plan.
- Three years of survey data for *each* benefiting entity are **required to be eligible for state funds**.

More info can be found at:

[twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/waterusesurvey/survey/printable.asp](https://twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/waterusesurvey/survey/printable.asp)

- If you have any questions on completing survey or your survey status, please contact the Water Use Survey team  
[waterusesurvey@twdb.texas.gov](mailto:waterusesurvey@twdb.texas.gov), 512-463-7952



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# Financial Assistance Workshop

Thursday, **July 10, 2025** 1:30 p.m.  
at the  
**Madisonville City Hall**  
210 W. Cottonwood St. Madisonville, TX.

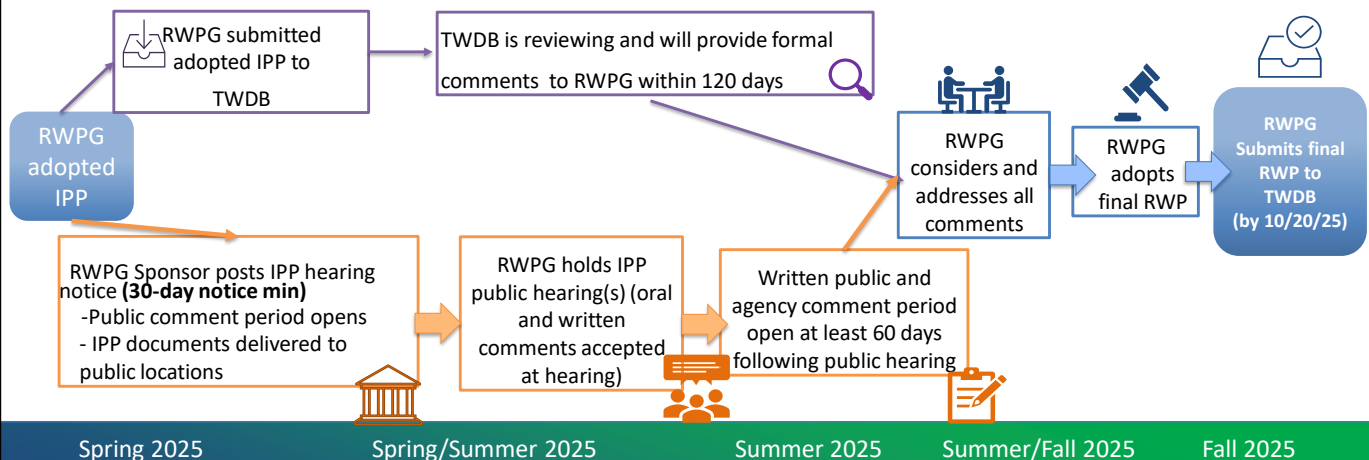
Talk with TWDB staff in our  
Water Supply and Infrastructure (WSI)  
office to get info on financial assistance  
opportunities through the state.



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## Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) and Final Regional Water Plan (RWP) process schematic

[View full process schematic here ->](#)



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Questions?

**Heather Rose** 

Regional Water Planner, TWDB

Heather.Rose@twdb.texas.gov



**From:** [RegionalWaterPlanning](#)  
**To:** [RegionalWaterPlanning](#)  
**Cc:** [RWPDataEntry](#); [OOP-WSP-RWP](#); [Temple McKinnon](#); [Reem Zoun](#); [Matt Nelson](#)  
**Subject:** Reminder: IPP Distribution Regarding Rule §357.50(b)  
**Date:** Thursday, February 20, 2025 1:23:14 PM  
**Attachments:** [20250218\\_DraftDB27Data-WMSSourceWUGPrimaryRegionDifferent.xlsx](#)

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Good afternoon,

This email is to remind regions of [TAC rule § 357.50\(b\)](#), which requires the following: “... *In the instance of a recommended WMS proposed to be supplied from a different RWPA, the RWPG recommending such strategy shall submit, concurrently with the submission of the IPP to the EA, a copy of the IPP, or a letter identifying the WMS in the other region along with an internet link to the IPP, to the RWPG associated with the location of such strategy.*”

The attached spreadsheet is filtered to show *recommended* water management strategies (entered into DB27 as of 2/18), where the source of the strategy is located in a different planning area from the benefiting WUG’s primary region.

If this requirement is applicable to your region, please confirm with your TWDB Regional Water Planner that you have met this rule requirement when you submit the IPP to the TWDB.

*RWPG Chairs, sponsors, and technical consultants are bcc’d on this email.*

Best,

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Manager, Regional Water Planning  
Water Supply Planning Division  
Texas Water Development Board  
P.O. Box 13231, Austin, TX 78711  
512-936-2387 | [sarah.lee@twdb.texas.gov](mailto:sarah.lee@twdb.texas.gov)  
[www.twdb.texas.gov](http://www.twdb.texas.gov)

## Philip Taucer

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**From:** Sarah Lee [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 4, 2025 3:33 PM  
**To:** Mark Evans  
**Cc:** Aubrey Spear; Philip Taucer; John Ellis; Courtney Corso; Jordan Skipwith; RWPDataEntry; Heather Rose; Temple McKinnon; Reem Zoun; Matt Nelson  
**Subject:** Region H Initially Prepared Plan - Administratively Complete

Dear Chairman Evans,

On February 27, 2025, the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) received the adopted Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) for Contract No. 2148302560 (Region H). As required by Section II, Article III, Item F of the referenced contract, the TWDB has received:

- two double-sided copies of the IPP,
- one electronic copy of the IPP in searchable PDF, and
- one electronic copy in Microsoft Word.

TWDB staff have completed an administrative review of the IPP and found the deliverable to be administratively complete in accordance with Contract Exhibit C, Section 2.12.2. Congratulations on completing this major deliverable!

Staff will begin reviewing the IPP to determine that it meets all statutory, rule, and contract requirements. TWDB anticipates providing the region with a preliminary draft version of TWDB review comments in early June. Regions will then have one week to provide any feedback to the TWDB. The TWDB's final review comments will be issued by **June 27, 2025**.

The state water planning database will be locked down after **March 4, 2025** as part of TWDB's IPP data review and for the remainder of the planning cycle. If data changes are necessary for your region, please contact TWDB's Water Supply and Strategy Analysis team at [rwpdataentry@twdb.texas.gov](mailto:rwpdataentry@twdb.texas.gov) and staff will assist in making appropriate database changes.

As a reminder, the deadline for planning groups to assert that a potential interregional conflict exists is 60 days following submittal of the IPP. Based on the IPP submittal date, the deadline for your region is **April 28, 2025**. If your planning group believes that an interregional conflict exists, the following information must be submitted in writing to the TWDB Executive Administrator and the other affected planning group, per 31 Texas Administrative Code § 357.50(d):

- identification of the specific recommended water management strategy from another RWPG's IPP;
- a statement of why the RWPG considers there to be an interregional conflict; and
- any other information available to the RWPG that is relevant to the Board's decision.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Heather Rose.

Best,

Sarah Lee  
Manager, Regional Water Planning  
Water Supply Planning Division

## Agenda Item 7e

Other agency communications and general information.





# **REGION C WATER PLANNING GROUP REGION C IPP PUBLIC HEARING**

## **NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025 AT 1:00 P.M.

THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD AT  
**NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
616 SIX FLAGS DRIVE, CENTERPOINT TWO BUILDING  
FIRST FLOOR TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL ROOM  
ARLINGTON, TX 76011**

## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that, at 1:00 P.M. on May 19, 2025, the Region C Water Planning Group (RCWPG) will hold a public hearing to receive verbal comments regarding the adopted 2026 Region C Initially Prepared Plan (IPP). The Region C area includes Collin, Cooke, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Freestone, Fannin, Grayson, Henderson (partial), Jack, Kaufman, Navarro, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant and Wise Counties, Texas. Comments submitted by the public regarding the IPP will be utilized in the development of the final 2026 Region C Regional Water Plan.

This public hearing will take place at the North Central Texas Council of Governments, 616 Six Flags Drive, Centerpoint Two Building, First Floor Transportation Council Room, Arlington, Texas 76011. If you plan to attend this hearing and you have a disability that requires special arrangements at the meeting, please contact Alyssa Knox at (817) 695-9221 or by email at [aknox@nctcog](mailto:aknox@nctcog) at least 72 hours in advance of the hearing. Reasonable accommodation will be provided to assist your needs.


The RCWPG will accept written comments upon posting of this notice through **5:00 P.M. on July 18, 2025**, and will accept verbal comments on the IPP at the above-described hearing. If you wish to provide written comments prior to the hearing, please utilize the online form available at <https://regioncwater.org/public-comment/>. Written comments, questions, or requests for additional information may also be submitted by delivery to:

J. Kevin Ward  
RCWPG Administrator  
c/o Trinity River Authority of Texas  
P.O. Box 60  
Arlington, Texas 76004  
[info@regioncwater.org](mailto:info@regioncwater.org)  
(817) 467-4343

A copy of the IPP is available on the Region C website (<https://regioncwater.org/>). A printed or electronic copy of the IPP will be available for viewing at the office of the County Clerk in each Region C county. A printed or electronic copy will also be provided for review to the public libraries identified at <https://regioncwater.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Region-C-County-Clerks-and-Public-Libraries.pdf>.

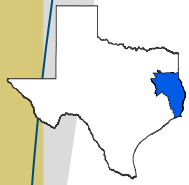
AGENDA

- I. Introduction and Opening Remarks
- II. Overview of the 2026 *Initially Prepared Region C Water Plan*
  - A. An electronic copy of the 2026 Region C IPP is available both on the Region C website (<https://regioncwater.org/>) as well as the TWDB website (<https://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/plans/2026/index.asp>).
- III. Public Comments (Limited to 2 minutes per speaker)
- IV. Adjournment

SUBMITTED BY:   
J. Kevin Ward, Administrative Officer

DATE: April 7, 2025

POSTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
TIME: \_\_\_\_\_  
LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_



# Region I

East Texas Regional  
Water Planning Group 

John Martin, Chair  
P.O. Box 1407  
Jasper TX 75951  
409-383-1577

March 3, 2025

Region H Regional Water Planning Group  
San Jacinto River Authority  
P. O. Box 329  
Conroe, Texas 77305

Re: Submission of the Region I, East Texas Regional Water Planning Group, 2026 Initially Prepared Plan of the Regional Water Plan

Dear Region H Regional Water Planning Group:

The Region I, East Texas Regional Water Planning Group (ETRWPG) met on February 6, 2025, and formally adopted the Region I 2026 Initially Prepared Plan (IPP). The complete IPP was submitted electronically to the TWDB by the Region I consultant team on February 28, 2025, and hard copies were delivered in person on March 3, 2025.

In accordance with Title 31 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 357.21(h), the ETRWPG is notifying the Region H Regional Water Planning Group (RWPG), an adjacent RWPG, that the 2026 Region I IPP is available for public review on the Region I website: <https://www.etexwaterplan.org/dc/final-2026-initially-prepared-plan/>.

Per the adopted 2026 IPP, the ETRWPG does not recommend any Water Management Strategies supplied from non-Region I sources.

The ETRWPG appreciates the opportunity to coordinate with the Region H RWPG and welcomes your comments. Should you have any questions regarding this submittal, please feel free to contact me or the Region I technical consultant, Brigit Buff PE PMP of Plummer Associates, Inc., at 972-996-5681 or [bbuff@plummer.com](mailto:bbuff@plummer.com).

Sincerely,

*John Martin*

John Martin, Chair  
East Texas Regional Water Planning Group

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE EAST TEXAS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP 2026 INITIALLY PREPARED REGIONAL WATER PLAN

Notice is hereby given that the East Texas Regional Water Planning Group (ETRWPG) is taking comment on and holding a public hearing for the East Texas Regional Water Planning Group (Region I) 2026 Initially Prepared Plan (IPP). The public hearing for the IPP will include a public comment period and will be held as follows:

**10:00 A.M. Thursday May 1, 2025 —  
C.L. Simon Recreation/Library 1112 North Street, Nacogdoches TX 75961**

The ETRWPG was established under provisions of Texas Senate Bill 1 (7<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature) to develop a regional water plan for the ETRWPG which includes the following counties: Anderson, Angelina, Cherokee, Hardin, Henderson, Houston, Jasper, Jefferson, Nacogdoches, Newton, Orange, Panola, Polk, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby, Smith, Trinity, and Tyler.

**Copies of (electronically accessible &/or hard-copy) IPP are available for review at the following County Clerk offices:**

Anderson County, Angelina County, Cherokee County, Hardin County, Henderson County, Houston County, Jasper County, Jefferson County, Nacogdoches County, Newton County, Orange County, Panola County, Polk County, Rusk County, Sabine County, San Augustine County, Shelby County, Smith County, Trinity County, and Tyler County.

**Copies of (electronically accessible &/or hard-copy) IPP are also available for review at the following public libraries:**

Kurth Memorial Library, 706 S. Raguet Street, Lufkin, TX 75904  
Palestine Public Library, 502 N. Queen Street, Palestine, TX 75801  
Jacksonville Public Library, 526 E. Commerce Street, Jacksonville, TX 75766  
Kountze Public Library, 800 Redwood Avenue, Kountze, TX 77625  
Henderson County Library - Clint W. Murchison Memorial Library, 121 S. Prairieville Street, Athens, TX 75751  
J.H. Wooters Crockett Public Library, 709 E. Houston, Crockett, TX 75835  
Jasper Public Library, 175 E. Water Street, Jasper, TX 75951  
Beaumont Public Library, 801 Pearl Street, Beaumont, TX 77701  
Nacogdoches Public Library, 1112 North Street, Nacogdoches, TX 75961  
Newton County Library, 212 High Street, Newton, TX 75966  
Orange Public Library, 220 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Orange, TX 77630  
Sammy Brown Public Library, 319 S. Market Street, Carthage, TX 75633  
Livingston Municipal Library, 707 N. Tyler Avenue, Livingston, TX 77351  
Rusk County Library, 106 E. Main St, Henderson, TX 75652  
J.R. Huffman Public Library, 375 Sabine Street, Hemphill, TX 75948  
San Augustine Public Library, 413 E. Columbia Street, San Augustine, TX 75972  
Fannie Brown Booth Memorial Library, 619 Tenaha St, Center, TX 75935  
Tyler Public Library, 201 S. College Avenue, Tyler, TX 75702  
Blanche K. Werner Public Library, 203 Prospect Drive, Trinity, TX 75862  
Allan Shivers Library, 302 N. Charlton Street, Woodville, TX 75979

**Virtual Meeting Option:**  
<https://www.microsoft.com/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting>  
**Meeting ID: 295 350 197 06**  
**Passcode: sS9Gz9oM**

Copies of the IPP are available for review on the Texas Water Development Board website at <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/plans/2026/index.asp>; on the East Texas Regional Water Planning Group website at [www.etexwaterplan.org](http://www.etexwaterplan.org), at the QR code at the bottom, and at the City of Nacogdoches, Office of the Region I Administrative Contact Cheryl Bartlett, 202 E. Pilar Street, Room 343 Nacogdoches, TX 75961. Written and oral comments will be accepted at the public hearing. The ETRWPG will also accept written comments submitted immediately following the 30-day public notice posting from **April 1, 2025 through July 1, 2025** and may be emailed or mailed to the address below:

**QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED TO:**

Brigit A. Buff, PE, PMP  
Plummer Associates, Inc.  
8911 N Capital of TX Hwy, Bldg 1 - Ste 1250  
Austin, Texas 78759  
Phone: 972.996.5681 or [bbuff@plummer.com](mailto:bbuff@plummer.com)

