

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
REGION F WATER PLANNING GROUP  
10:00 A.M., THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2013 AT THE OFFICE OF THE  
COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT,  
400 E. 24<sup>TH</sup> ST. BIG SPRING, TEXAS**

The Region F Water Planning Group (WPG) met at 10:00a.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2013 at the Office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District in Big Spring, Texas. Voting members present were: Wendell Moody, Don Daniel; Designated Alternate for Terry Scott, Larry Turnbough, Len Wilson, Richard Gist, Charles Hagood, Caroline Runge, Tim Warren, Scott Holland, Kenneth Dierschke, John Grant, John Shepard, Paul Weatherby, Raymond Straub, and Gilbert Van Deventer. Merle Taylor, Stephen Brown, Robert Moore, Woody Anderson, Ben Shepperd, and Jerry Bearden were absent. Notices were received from Merle Taylor and Jerry Bearden that they would not be able to attend the meeting. Non-voting members present were: Doug Shaw, Winton Millif, Stuart Purvis, Michael McCulloch, Jon Cartwright, and Joe David Ross. Other interested parties present were Simone Kiel and Lissa Perry, Freese & Nichols; Christopher Mayben, TCEQ; Jim Polonis, SUTUWCD; Allan Lange, Lipan-Kickapoo WCD; Slate Williams, Crockett County GCD; Jim Blischke, Permian Basin Master Gardeners; Stan Weiner, STW; Kevin Krueger, City of San Angelo; Darrell Peckham, Water Quest; Meghan Russel, USGS; Gregg Blair, K-Bar Water & Electric; Alan Murphy, Bob Johnson & Associates; Jennifer Posey and Katharine Rubio (recorder of minutes) from the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

**Call to Order**

Chair, John Grant, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

**Introductions and Opening Remarks**

Voting and non-voting members and audience attendees introduced themselves.

**Consider Approval of Minutes for the Region F Meeting on August 16, 2012**

Motion was made by Wendell Moody and seconded by Len Wilson to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**Consider Interim or Designated Political Subdivision for Region F**

John Grant stated that the City of San Angelo had submitted a letter of resignation as the designated political subdivision for Region F. John Shepard motioned and Scott Holland seconded to accept the resignation of the city of San Angelo as the designated political subdivision. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Grant then stated that the Colorado River Municipal Water District is extending an offer to become the designated political subdivision for the remainder of this planning cycle, through 2016. Motion was made by Caroline Runge and seconded by Larry Turnbough to approve CRMWD as the new designated political subdivision. The motion passed unanimously.

**Consider Approval of Transferring the TWDB Planning Grant Contract from the City of San Angelo to a New Designated Political Subdivision**

Wendell Moody made a motion seconded by Kenneth Dierschke to transfer the TWDB Planning Grant Contract from the City of San Angelo to CRMWD. The motion passed unanimously.

**Consider Approval of Transferring the Professional Services Contract from the City of San Angelo to a New Political Subdivision**

Gil Van Deventer motioned and Tim Warren seconded to transfer the Professional Services contract from the City of San Angelo to CRMWD. The motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Report**

John Grant stated that because of the transitional period of the designated political subdivisions, there is not a financial report to present. At the next meeting there will be an updated report.

**Consider Voting Membership**

John Grant stated that at the last meeting, the planning group approved the designated political subdivision to post the notices for the terms expiring. Because of the transition, that has not been done. There are several positions that have expired. The notice will be posted and the planning group will take nominations for the terms that have expired to bring back to the planning group, hopefully at the next meeting. Mr. Grant also stated that the planning group has received the resignation of voting member Will Wilde.

**Consider Designated Alternates**

No action was taken.

**Consider Non-voting Members**

No action was taken.

**Consider Planning Group Officers**

Kenneth Dierschke nominated seconded by Caroline Runge to appoint John Grant as Chair. Larry Turnbough moved that the nomination be accepted. Motion passed unanimously. Scott Holland nominated Len Wilson as Vice Chair. Paul Weatherby seconded. Charles Hagood motioned and Wendell Moody seconded to accept the nomination. Motion passed unanimously. Charles Hagood nominated Wendell Moody as Secretary. John Shepard seconded the nomination. Larry Turnbough motioned and Charles Hagood seconded to accept the nomination. The motion passed unanimously. The At-Large members of the executive committee are Stephen Brown and Richard Gist. Motion was made by Caroline Runge and seconded by Gil Van Deventer to retain the At-Large members. Motion passed unanimously.

## **TWDB Report**

Doug Shaw presented the report. There are new requirements based on 2012's rule revisions. There are new rules for new statutes, new rules for new requirements, reorganized rules for existing content, and emphasized rules for existing content. The purpose and nature of the rule changes are statutory changes, problems encountered during the 2011 drought, and outcomes from agency coordination. Rule changes will require RWPGs to report additional information in plans, collect, analyze, and consider additional information, and make additional recommendations. Some of the Regional Water Plan Chapters have been affected by the rule changes. Chapters 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 10 all have revised requirements. Chapters 7 (Drought Response) and 11 (Implementation and Comparison) are new.

## **Reconsider Livestock Water Use**

Mr. Grant then reported that the TWDB would not approve the 10% increase in livestock water demands for exotics and wildlife. Simone Kiel stated that the amount is 1,134 ac. ft. per wildlife, so as the amount is actually very small when you look at it on a regional level.

## **Discuss and Consider Updated Mining Projections**

Simone Kiel presented the report in James Beach's absence. Mining projections are from TWDB contract report prepared by Texas Bureau of Economic Geology (BEG). When these numbers were last presented to the group, it was the consensus that the figures were off in concerns to the numbers for hydraulic fracturing. Changes were made in BEG estimates of water demand for hydraulic fracturing. All of the mining in Region F is estimated to be 50,000 ac. ft. in the year 2020, peaking in 2030, and tapering off from there. It was the consensus of the group that the numbers did not appear to reflect what was currently happening in the region concerning hydraulic fracturing. Simone stated that it might be helpful if a summary by county of demands by type of mining, as well as total water demands and fresh water demands, was created. John Grant asked that the summary report be broken down by county, year, and type of mining.

## **Discuss Population and Municipal Water Use Projections**

Simone Kiel presented the report. The state population projections from the State Data Center are county projections, with demographic trends and 50% net migration rate (2000-2010). The TWDB did not decline populations. The Region F population is expected to increase. If the group doesn't agree with the changes, the TWDB cannot increase regional population. The criteria for county population changes are census undercount, different net migration rate, and different birth/survival rates. There are some changes to WUGs. Balmorhea is no longer a WUG and there are 3 SUDs that fall into multiple regions. The criteria for WUG population changes are census undercount, growth rate greater than growth between 2000-2010, expansion of city/utility CCN boundaries, and growth limits (build out). For municipal demands, the methodology used is water use (GPCD) times projected population. The year 2011 GPCD was used, and this includes plumbing code reductions. The GPCD was calculated by the net municipal water use minus industrial and wholesale sales. A minimum of 60 GPCD was

used. There is a difference in about 20,000 ac. ft less between the 2011 plan and the TWDB demand projections. In order to make changes to municipal demands, the year 2011 must be used as the base year. Criteria for municipal demand changes are errors in 2011 water use reporting, evidence that 2011 had temporary constraints, evidence of changing demographics that warrants higher GPCD, and evidence of different plumbing code replacement schedule. In reference to changes to WUGs, there are some significant differences in GPCD. There is low GPCD due to drought restrictions, high GPCD that needs to be reviewed, and a reporting error for Early. The year 2011 was the highest water use for most cities, yet 10 cities show 2006 as highest water use year. The next steps that the planning group needs to take are sending a survey to municipal WUGs, review water use reports, coordinate with TWDB on any errors and data needs, the RWPG approval of requested changes needs to be done in July, and changes need to be submitted to TWDB by August 16.

### **Planning Schedule**

At the July 2013 meeting, the population and municipal demands need to be approved. At the October 2013 meeting, the water needs and feasible water management strategies need to be discussed. By March 2014, there will be a draft technical memorandum to review at the March meeting. The memorandum needs to be submitted to the TWDB by May 1, 2014. In July 2014, there will be an update on the water management strategies and legislative recommendations. November 2014, the financing report, any changes to the region description, and implementation strategies will be reviewed. March 2015, the RWPG needs to approve the initially prepared plan, which needs to be submitted to the TWDB by May 1, 2015. There needs to be a public hearing 30 days after the distribution of the IPP, which would be either May or June 2015. In September 2015, any comments on the IPP will be heard and RWPG needs to approve the Final RWP. The final Region F Plan needs to be submitted to TWDB by November 1, 2015.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting date will be Thursday July 18, 2013.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

  
Wendell Moody, Secretary  
Region F Water Planning Group

  
John Grant, Chair  
Region F Water Planning Group