

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
REGION F WATER PLANNING GROUP
10:30 A.M., THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2018 AT THE OFFICE OF THE
COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
400 E. 24TH ST. BIG SPRING, TEXAS**

The Region F Water Planning Group (WPG) met at 10:30a.m. on Thursday, November 15, 2018 at the Office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District in Big Spring, Texas. Voting members present were: Raul B. Rodriguez, Kim Halfmann, Allison Strube, Merle Taylor, Jimmy Carlile, Kenneth Dierschke, Don Daniel, Gil VanDeVenter, Tommy Ervin, Tim Warren, John Grant, Raymond Straub and Ty Edwards. Non-voting members present were: Elizabeth McCoy, Rhetta Yanez, Dale Adams, Ryland Howard and Jon Cartwright. Other interested parties present were: James Beach, WSP; Simone Kiel and Lissa Gregg, Freese & Nichols; Greg Perring, RCGCD; John Barnard, TWDB; John Allen and Dale Weaver, BCWID#1; Mark Harral; Dennis Owens, IWDA; Leon Braden, Lipan-Kickapoo WCD; Judy Albus, TSSWCB; Larrisa Place, TX Dept. of Agriculture; Tami Russell, MCUWD; Kevin Krueger, Jairo Holguin and Mary Nelson (recorder of minutes) from Colorado River Municipal Water District.

Call to Order

Chair, John Grant, called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. A quorum was present.

Introductions and Opening Remarks

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

Consider Approval of Minutes of the Region F Meeting held on July 19, 2018.

Motion was made by Kenneth Dierschke and seconded by Merle Taylor to approve the minutes, motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

John Grant presented the financial reports for the Planning and Administrative Funds. CRMWD is the Designated Political Subdivision for Region F and contracts with the Water Development Board, manage funds and keep meeting minutes. The Administrative Fund had a balance of \$27,880.86 as of August 31, 2018 and there was a balance of \$74,469.62 in the Planning Fund as of August 31, 2018. A motion was made by Allison Strube, seconded by Ty Edwards to accept the Financial Reports, motion passed unanimously.

Consider Designated Alternate

One nomination for a Designated Alternate for Scott Holland was Rhetta Yanez, employee of Glasscock GCD, Rhetta accepted the designated alternate position. Ty

Edwards made a motion to accept Rhetta Yanez as the Designated Alternate for Scott Holland, seconded by Raymond Straub. The motion passed unanimously.

TWDB Report

Elizabeth McCoy, TWDB Project Manager provided information and several topics of interest along with the TWDB website to access the information.

Review of GMA 7 MAG Availability

James Beach presented a Power Point and information on GMA 7 MAG Availability.

Review and consider approval of Other Aquifer and Non-Relevant Aquifer Availability

James Beach gave information on Other Aquifer and Non-Relevant Aquifer Availability and requested approval. After discussion, Ty Edwards made a motion to consider approving Other Aquifer and Non-Relevant Aquifer Availability, and was seconded by Tommy Ervin. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of Hydrologic Variance Request for River Basin Split for Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) in Upton County

James Beach presented information on Hydrologic Variance Request for River Basin Split for Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) in Upton County. The TWDB planning process requires that groundwater availability be split by county and basin. However, because basin splits are usually not contemplated in developing the desired future conditions (DFCs) and resulting modeled available groundwater (MAGs), the resulting TWDB MAG splits along county and basin boundaries can cause artificial needs. These artificial needs can cause a paper shortage but have no physical relevance to the DFC and can be reconciled by shifting a portion of the MAG from one river basin to another within the same county. Tommy Ervin made a motion to consider approving Hydrologic Variance Request for River Basin Split for Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) in Upton County, seconded by Ty Edwards. The motion passed unanimously.

Review and Discussion of Technical Memorandum

Simone Kiel provided a review on several topics within the Technical Memorandum. Summary of Demands; Summary of Existing Supplies; Review identified Water Needs/Surpluses by Water User Group; List of Potentially Feasible WMSs; Declaration of whether the RWPG intends to pursue simplified planning for the RWPA. After discussion there was a Public Comment Period.

Public Comment on Technical Memorandum

John Grant gave information that a Public Notice was published on October 30, 2018 for the Technical Memorandum, Public Comment Period is open through November 29, 2018

for any comments after the Region F RWPG meeting. Public Comment Period was opened at 11:50 a.m. and closed at 11:56 a.m. Raymond Straub commented on the Non-Relevant Aquifer in Northeast Midland County.

Consider Approval of the Technical Memorandum and Authorize the Executive Committee to Approve Changes to the Technical Memorandum in Response to Public Comment

John Grant said there is still an Open Comment Period through the end of November 2018 and asked if there were any comments on the approval of the Technical Memorandum and Authorize the Executive Committee to Approve Changes to the Technical Memorandum to Public Comments. Merle Taylor made the motion to consider approval of the Technical Memorandum, seconded by Jimmy Carlile. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of Request for TWDB to Conduct Socio-Economic Study

Simone Kiel gave a brief explanation of a Socio-Economic Study. The TWDB requires a Socio-Economic Study on the impact of an entity not being able to meet identified water needs for inclusion in the 2021 Regional Water Plans. The TWDB looks at the loss of income and loss of employment should a region not be able to provide water to demands needed. Tommy Ervin made a motion to approve the Request for TWDB to Conduct Socio-Economic Impact Analysis, seconded by Gil VanDerventer. The motion passed unanimously.

Task 5A Additional Funding

Simone Kiel provided an explanation that TWDB has a contract with CRMWD for regional water planning to develop a detailed scope of work for the water plan. Task 5A requires the consultant to develop a region-specific scope of work, which must be approved by the RWPG and submitted to the TWDB. Work under this task is to be performed only after TWDB approval and written notice to proceed. On March 15, 2018 a partial scope of work for Task 5A was approved. This agenda item considers the approval of the remainder of the scope and fee necessary to complete Task 5A.

Public Comment on Request for Task 5A Funds

John Grant opened Public Comment period for the Request for Task 5A Funds at 12:03 p.m., Public Comment Period for Request for Task 5A Funds at 12:04 p.m., no comments made.

Consider Approval of Request for Remainder of Task 5A Funds and Authorize the Designated Political Subdivision to Submit a Request to the TWDB for a Notice-to-Proceed with the Approved Scope of Work for Task 5A and Execute and Required Contract Amendments

Kenneth Dierske made a motion to approve the Request for Remainder of Task 5A Funds and Authorize the Designated Political Subdivision to Submit a Request to the TWDB for a Notice-to-Proceed with the Approved Scope of Work for Task 5A and Execute and Required Contract Amendments, seconded by Allison Strube. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date will be Thursday, February 21, 2019.

Planning Group Comments

There were no Planning Group Comments.

Adjourn

There was no further discussion and the meeting adjourned at 12:07 P.M.

Raymond Straub, Jr., Secretary
Region F Water Planning Group

John Grant, Chair
Region F Water Planning Group