

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
REGION F WATER PLANNING GROUP  
10:00 A.M., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023 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 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 19, 2023 at the Office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District in Big Spring, Texas and. Voting members present were: Cole Walker, Kenneth Dierschke, Gil Van Deventer, Richard Gist, Raymond Straub, John Allen, Eli Torres, Schuyler Wight, Shane Kelton, Rhetta Hector and Ty Edwards. Non-voting members present were: Heather Rose, TWDB; Dale Adams, Nolan County; Melanie Barnes, JJ Weatherby, Reagan County; and Diana Thomas, Sterling County. Other interested parties present were: Lissa Gregg with Freese & Nichols; Jill Johnson, GMA 2; Amy Bush, PBUWCD; Angela Lance, PBUWCD; Ken Rainwater, Reg O; Tom Hazelt, IMS; James Beach, ACS; Carl Craig, City of Midland; Leon Braden, Lipan-Kickapoo WCD; Greg Revor, GMA-2; Shain Howard, PBUWCD; and Audra Hoback and Mary Nelson from Colorado River Municipal Water District.

**Call to Order**

Chair, Cole Walker, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. A quorum was present.

**Introductions and Opening Remarks**

Voting and Non-Voting members and audience attendees introduced themselves.

**Public Comment**

Cole Walker, Chair, read a written comment submitted by David Huie of the Hickory UWCD #1 that pointed out a typo in the water availability report. FNI made note and will make correction.

**Region F Administrative Matters**

- a. Consideration of the Minutes of the July 20, 2023 meeting:  
Motion to accept made by Kenneth Dierschke and seconded by Gil Van Deventer. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Financial Report: CRMWD is the designated Political Subdivision for Region F and contracts with the Water Development Board, manages funds and keeps meeting minutes. The Administrative Fund had a balance of \$29,971.36 as of June 30, 2023. The Planning Fund had a balance of \$90,999.44 as of June 30, 2023. Motion to accept made by Rhetta Hector and seconded by John Allen. Motion passed unanimously.

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## **Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Report**

Heather Rose, TWDB Project Manager, provided Region F and TWDB updates and information on rule changes and revisions to the State Water Plan, changes to the regional water planning process, Sixth Cycle Planning updates, Upcoming Contract Amendment, IPC update, and reminder of upcoming critical deadlines.

### **Planning Process**

Lissa Gregg, FNI, asked the group to review and consider adoption of Major Water Providers for Region F. The proposed Major Water Providers remained unchanged from the previous planning cycle and include: Colorado River Municipal Water District, Brown County Water Improvement District No. 1, City of Odessa, City of Midland, and the City of San Angelo. Motion to approve was made by Kenneth Dierschke and seconded by Gil Van Deventer. Motion passed unanimously.

Lisa Gregg, FNI, reviewed Infeasible Water Management Strategies from the 2021 Region F Plan. Infeasible Strategies were identified for the following entities: City of Junction, City of Balmorhea, City of Bronte, and Mitchell County Steam Electric Power. No action was necessary.

Lissa Gregg, FNI asked the group to review and adopt a process for Identifying Potentially Feasible Strategies for the 2026 Region F Plan. Motion to approve was made by Ty Edwards and seconded by Raymond Straub. Motion passed unanimously.

Lissa Gregg, FNI asked the group to consider approval of a partial scope of work for Task 5B and authorize the political subdivision (CRMWD) to submit a request to the TWDB for a notice to proceed with the partial scope of work for Task 5B. Motion to approve was made by Ty Edwards and seconded by Raymond Straub. Motion passed unanimously.

Lissa Gregg, FNI and James Beach, ACS presented on water availability. No action was necessary.

### **Planning Group Comment**

Region F had no further comments.  
Ken Rainwater gave a brief update from the Region O Planning Group.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting date will be February 1, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

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**Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Gil Van Deventer and seconded by Raymond Straub. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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

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Cole Walker, Chair  
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