

REGION H WATER PLANNING GROUP
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 6, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Bailey, John Bartos, Robert Bruner, Brad Brunett, James Comin, Mark Evans, Yvonne Forrest, Jace Houston, Kathy Jones, Glenn Lord, Marvin Marcell, Carl Masterson, William Teer, Michael Turco, Kevin Ward, and Pudge Willcox.

DESIGNATED ALTERNATES: Alisa Max for John Blount and Jun Chang for Jimmie Schindewolf.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Hebert, Art Henson, Robert Istre, Ivan Langford, James Morrison, and Ruth Stultz.

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Kristen Lambrecht, Scott Hall, and Lann Bookout.

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Evans welcomed Director Kathleen Jackson with the Texas Water Development Board. She thanked everyone for the work that is being done relative to the Regional Water Planning process. Mr. Evans also welcomed former Region H Water Planning Group member David Collinsworth.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2018 MEETING

Mr. Bartos made a motion to approve the minutes of April 4, 2018, with the suggested change to the spelling of Mr. Brunett. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chang and carried unanimously.

4. RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS 5 THROUGH 11

There were no public comments.

5. RECEIVE UPDATE FROM CONSULTANT TEAM REGARDING THE SCHEDULE AND MILESTONES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2021 REGION H REGIONAL WATER PLAN (RWP)

Mr. Taucer provided an update regarding the schedule and milestones for the development of the 2021 Region H Regional Water Plan (“RWP”), stating that it is moving along well. He stated that the first

major submittal after the population demand projections will be prior to September 10, 2018, which will be presented and considered by the planning group at the August Region H Water Planning Group meeting. Mr. Taucer stated the analysis of the existing supply is moving along and they are wrapping up the examination of supply availability contracts. He stated that the next meeting is scheduled for August 1, 2018, whereby several issues will be considered, however one large issue is the consideration and approval of a technical memorandum required for the process.

6. RECEIVE UPDATE FROM CONSULTANT TEAM REGARDING DRAFT SURFACE WATER AND REUSE SUPPLY AVAILABILITY ANALYSES

Mr. Taucer provided a recap of the last meeting's update related to the rules, methodology, and initial results for the surface water assessment for each of the basins and coastal basins, as well as potential exceptions to modeling under development for several of the basins. He stated that since that time, the request has been developed and submitted and continued by asking for exceptions relative to the default model for the Trinity, Brazos, and Brazos-Colorado Coastal Basins. He explained that there has been substantial inter-regional coordination, and detailed the efforts between Region H, Region C, Region G, and Region K, to finalize the models. Mr. Taucer stated that based on incoming data, reuse has grown over every planning cycle and asserted a review of that analysis continues. Mr. Taucer explained that the increase in reuse is mainly due to municipal use.

7. RECEIVE UPDATE FROM CONSULTANT TEAM AND GROUNDWATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE REGARDING MAG PEAK FACTORS

Mr. Taucer stated this is a new concept for this planning cycle. He explained that this does not change the modeled available groundwater determined for the counties in the region, however for planning purposes, it allows a multiplier to be applied greater than 100% and, based on various district rules, the ability to go over the Modeled Available Groundwater ("MAG") temporarily while still meeting the Desired Future Conditions ("DFCs"), going a long way to making the regulatory availability and the ability to do short-term peaking during dry periods line up better with the availability shown in the plan. Mr. Taucer explained that this concept needs to be approved by Groundwater Conservation Districts ("GCDs"), Groundwater Management Area ("GMA"), and TWDB Executive Administrator and staff. Mr. Taucer stated that based on the analysis and by reviewing the peak factors in the Region H area, the potential peak factor spans between the 1.2 to 1.3 range. Further, he explained that this will be a non-issue for areas where the projected demand is well below the base availability without applying a multiplier. He stated that coordination with the GCDs continues for committee review and comment.

8. RECEIVE UPDATE FROM CONSULTANT TEAM REGARDING THE PROCESS FOR ALLOCATION OF EXISTING SUPPLIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2021 REGION H RWP.

Mr. Taucer provided a detailed overview of the various factors involved in the process for allocation of existing supplies for the development of the 2021 RWP. He stated that the process is arduous, however the end result is an accurate reflection of existing supplies. Finally, he stated that once all of the individual pieces are compiled, it is replicated in the State's database.

9. RECEIVE REPORT FROM CONSULTANT TEAM REGARDING THE REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESS FOR THE RWP TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM.

Mr. Taucer explained that this step is intended to be a check on the planning process prior to the Initially Prepared Plan (“IPP”). He stated that the technical memorandum contains TWDB DB22 reports, assumptions and unmodified values, model files and documentation, methodology for RWPG-estimated groundwater availability, process for potentially feasible WMS, the latest list of potentially feasible WMS, and declaration of intent for simplified planning. Mr. Taucer explained the process for public input, approval by the Region H WPG, public comment period, TWDB Executive Administrator review process, and the due date for TWDB to receive same.

10. RECEIVE REPORT REGARDING RECENT AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES RELATED TO COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE REGION H WATER PLANNING GROUP.

Mr. Taucer reported on two community outreach presentations given on May 24, 2018, to the Gulf Coast Water Efficiency Network and The Woodlands G.R.E.E.N.

11. AGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Mr. Bookout reported on various topics that were adopted by TWDB earlier this year. Ms. Alisa Max introduced Eric Stone, Drew Keiffer, and Jose Alvares, civil engineering and political science interns attending the University of Houston and Rice University.

12. RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

13. NEXT MEETING

Mr. Evans announced that the next Region H Water Planning Group meeting will take place on August 1, 2018.

14. ADJOURN

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.