Minutes of the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group January 23, 2025

Chair Campbell called the hybrid meeting to order at 9:31 a.m., held both in person and through WebEx online platform.

23 of the 32 voting members, or their alternates, were present.

Voting Members Present:

- Tim Andruss Curt Campbell Andra Wisian Charlie Flatten Steve Metzler Michelle Shelton for Terrell Graham Thomas Jungman Aarin Teague Jason Ammerman Daniel Meyer Gary Middleton Travis Pruski
- Donovon Burton for Robert Puente Humberto Ramos Weldon Riggs Roland Ruiz Darrell Brownlow Mitchell Sowards Jonathan Stinson Paul Kite Mike Short for Ryan Kelso Dianne Wassenich Adam Yablonski

Voting Members Absent:

Debbie Farmer Ryan Bayle John Byrum Vic Hilderbran Scooter Mangold Andrew McBride Vanessa Puig-Williams Darren Simmons Dan Yoxall

Non-Voting Members Present:

Carly Rotzler, TX Department of Parks and Wildlife Tony Franklin, Texas Soil & Water Cons. Board Michele Foss, Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)

Non-Voting Members Absent:

Iliana Delgado, TCEQ Don McGhee, Region M Liaison Charles Wiedenfeld, Region J Liaison Carl Crull, Region N Liaison Tom Hegemier, Region K Liaison Jami McCool, TX Dept. of Agriculture Beginning with the February 11, 2016, meeting of the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group, all recordings are available for the public at <u>www.regionltexas.org</u>.

AGENDA ITEM NO.1: ROLL CALL

Ms. Castillo took roll call.

AGENDA ITEM NO.2: PUBLIC COMMENT (LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES)

No public comments.

AGENDA ITEM NO.3: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP (SCTRWPG)

Mr. Ramos motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Mr. Riggs seconded, the motion passed by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM NO.4: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING FILLING EXISTING VACANCIES AND VACANCIES TO RESULT FROM FUTURE TERM EXPIRATIONS OR RESIGNATIONS

Chair Campbell informed the RWPG that a solicitation for the Municipalities Vacancy on Region L went out at the end of last year. He included that only 1 nomination form was received. The nominee, Paul Kite, is an Assistant Director of Utilities at the City of San Marcos. The Executive Committee was agreeable to accepting Mr. Kite's nomination to the RWPG to fill the Municipalities vacancy. Chair Campbell asked for Mr. Kite to address the RWPG and introduce himself prior to voting.

Ms. Wassenich motioned to accept Mr. Paul Kite to fill the Municipalities Vacancy on the Region L, Mr. Stinson seconded, the motion passed by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM NO.5: ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE 2025 SCTRWPG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Wassenich motioned to keep the current elected officers in their positions. Mr. Andruss seconded the motion, motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM NO.6: STATUS REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS BY TWDB

Ms. Foss provided an update from TWDB on a recent RWPG Chairs Call that was held on December 9, 2024, progress that has been made on the New Water Supply for Texas Fund, and detailed information on the Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) requirements and schedule, as well as the process for the Final Regional Water Plan (RWP). Her presentation is available online at www.regionltexas.org.

AGENDA ITEM NO.7: STATUS REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS RELATED TO REGIONAL WATER PLANNING INCLUDING REPORTS BY THE CHAIR, REGIONAL LIAISONS, GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA REPRESENTATIVES AND MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING GROUP

Chair Campbell provided an update from GMA 9 stating that the Joint Planning Committee Meeting will be on February 18th where they will be discussing modeling needs for the fourth GMA 9 Planning Cycle and be provided a presentation by TWDB on joint planning and modeling.

Mr. Brownlow provided an update on GMA 13 stating that the technical consultant has released the draft of the Sout Central Texas Carrizo-Wilcox model and comment will be due by February 20th.

AGENDA ITEM NO.8: CONSIDERATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING BRIEFINGS ON WORKGROUP ACTIVITIES

Ms. Gonzalez provided an update regarding Chapter 8 which specifies that the regional water plans must include recommendations on regulatory, administrative, or legislative issues, such as: Ecologically Unique River and Stream Segments, Unique Sites for Reservoir Construction, and Other Recommendations. Ms. Gonzalez included details on what the Region L Policy and Legislative Recommendations Workgroup has accomplished and information on a proposed revision to the RWPG's approved draft Chapter 8 regarding 8.3.6 Water System Capacity.

Mr. Fousse with the City of Cibolo who proposed this change addressed the RWPG on the purpose of his recommendation and shared is support for the proposed language change.

Mr. Ramos motioned to approve the Region L Policy and Legislative Recommendations Workgroup's January 14th Recommendation to include the proposed language regarding minimum system capacity requirements in Chapter 8 of the 2026 South Central Texas (Region L) Regional Water Plan. Mr. Pruski seconded the motion, the motion passed by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM NO.9: CONSIDERATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATION BY TECHNICAL CONSULTANT REGARDING SCHEDULE AND PROGRESS UPDATES

Ms. Gonzalez provided an update regarding schedule progress, updates on all efforts, and updates on draft chapters 1 through 10. Her presentation is available online at <u>www.regionltexas.org</u>.

Discussion ensued regarding input from the planning group on proposed language to be added to the Available Yield section of the CVLGC WMS.

Additional discussion and input were requested for the 2026 Region L Water Plan on how the SCTRWPG would like to address unmet needs for municipal WUGs. The RWPG members discussed ensuring all WUGs were reached out to confirm unmet needs and the benefits of

allowing for the plan to include unmet needs for municipal WUGs as it portrays the need for water sources.

AGENDA ITEM NO.9: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL SUBCOMMITTEES

No additional subcommittees were established.

AGENDA ITEM NO.10: SCHEDULE AND POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SCTRWPG

The next SCTRWPG meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2025, at 9:30 AM.

AGENDA ITEM NO.11: PUBLIC COMMENT (LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES)

No public comments.

AGENDA ITEM NO.12: ADJOURN

Mr. Campbell adjourned as there were no other matters to discuss.

The meeting adjourned at 11:34am.