

FAR WEST TEXAS WATER PLANNING GROUP MEETING

Thursday, August 23, 2012

1:30 P.M. (MDT) at:

El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1

13247 Alameda Avenue

Clint, TX 79836

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MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT	NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT
Tom Beard, Agriculture, Chairman	Talley Davis, Groundwater Districts
Ed Archuleta, Municipalities, Vice Chairman	William (Billy) Finn, IBWC
Paige Waggoner, Econ Develop, Ex Comm Sect	Woody Irving, Bureau of Reclamation
Jesus (Chuy) Reyes, Water Districts	Mike Landis, Bureau of Reclamation
Teresa Todd, Legislative Representative	Scott Reinert, EPWU
Becky Brewster, Municipalities	Connie Townsend, TWDB
Dave Hall, Public	
Randy Barker, Groundwater Districts	
Michael Davidson, Tourism	OTHERS PRESENT
David Etzold, Bldg./Real Estate	Martha Arambula, RGCOG
John T. Jones, GMA 4	John Ashworth, LBG Guyton
Jim Ed Miller, Water Districts	Korina Navarro, RGCOG
Ken Norris, Counties	Kevin Lynch, DVREDC
Arlina Palacios, Public	Bill Hargrove, UTEP CERM
Rick Tate, Agriculture	Stanley Mubaco, UTEP CERM
Marty Howell, Municipalities Alt. Sylvia B. Firth	Santiago Flores, Terrel County
Walter Miller, Water Utilities Alt. Albert Miller	
William P. Patton, Electric Generating Utilities Alt. Roger Chacon	
Paul A. Perez, Industries Alt. Ann Allen	
VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT	
Janet Adams, Groundwater Districts	
Ann Allen, Industries	
Jeff Bennett, Environmental	
Sterry Butcher, Public	
Roger Chacon, Electric Generating Utilities	
Tania Chozet, Counties	
Sylvia Borunda Firth, Municipalities	
Michael Livingston, Small Business	
Albert Miller, Water Utilities	

I. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Chairman Tom Beard called the meeting to order at 1:20 P.M. CDT. Quorum was determined for execution of WPG business.

II. Recognition of Guests and Designated Alternates

All present introduced themselves.

Consent Agenda

III. Approval of the Minutes of the WPG Meeting, January 12, 2012.

Chairman Beard requested a motion to approve the minutes for January 12, 2012. Mr. Kenn Norris made the motion. Motion was seconded. No Discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Certification of Allowable Administrative Expenses

Chairman Beard requested a motion to accept the Certification of Allowable Expenses of \$1,286.42 for member travel expenses. Mr. Kenn Norris made the motion. Motion was seconded. No Discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda

V. Membership Vacancy and Term Expirations

a. Executive Committee Update

Chairman Beard expressed the Executive committee's recommendation to reappoint the current 11 committee members who's terms recently expired. This left no openings for the two new applicants and the existing vacancies cannot be filled by these applicants if they do not represent that category. Chairman Beard further explained that the Executive Committee would advise the new applicants to become alternates to existing committee members in order to gain experience in the water planning process.

b. Discussion & Vote

Chairman Beard requested a motion to reappoint the sitting committee members and to adopt the Executive Committee recommendation to let new applicants serve as alternates. Rick Tate made the motion. Motion was seconded. No Discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Member and Consultant Updates

Mr. Ed Archuleta and Mr. Chuy Reyes updated the group on the severity of the continued drought. Both the El Paso Water Utilities and El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1 have joined forces delivering and monitoring water use and water conservation efforts.

Chairman Beard informed the group that Rick Tate was recently appointed by the Governor to serve as the Pecos River Compact Commissioner.

Ms. Teresa Todd introduced Mr. Daryll S. Vereen who became alternate to Mr. Dave Hall.

VII. TWDB Update

(See E-mailed PowerPoint Presentation)

- a. Modeled available groundwater estimates for Groundwater Management Area (GMA) 4 and GMA 7**
- b. Draft Municipal Water Demand Estimates**
- c. August 3rd Request for Application**

VIII. Discussion and request for public comment on a proposed process to identify and select potentially feasible water management strategies (Task 4B)

Mr. John Ashworth provided a detailed proposed process to identify strategies for possible implementation and requested public comment. (See handout) Ms. Becky Brewster motioned to approve the adopted process with proposed modifications. Motion was seconded. No Discussion.

The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Discuss and request for approval of Non-Municipal Water Demand Adjustments

Mr. John Ashworth discussed and requested the non-municipal water demand projections for 2016 adjustment changes provided by the RWPG members be approved. (See handout) Chairman Beard requested a motion to approve the adjustments provided by Mr. Ashworth (LBG Guyton). Mr. John T. Jones made the motion. Motion was seconded. No Discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

X. Rio Grande Council of Governments request for authorization to respond to Request for Regional Water Planning Grant Applications (RFA) [applications due to TWDB by October 4, 2012]

Chairman Beard requested a motion to authorize the Rio Grande Council of Governments to respond to Request for Regional Water Planning Grant Applications (RFA) applications due to

TWDB by October 4, 2012. Ms. Teresa Todd made the motion. Motion was seconded. No Discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

XI. Rio Grande Council of Governments request for authorization to post Public Notice of Intent to Apply for Regional Water Planning funds by approximately September 6, 2012.

Chairman Beard requested a motion to authorize the Rio Grande Council of Governments to respond to post Public Notice of Intent to Apply for Regional Water Planning funds by approximately September 6, 2012. Ms. Teresa Todd made the motion. Motion was seconded. No Discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

XII. Rio Grande Council of Governments request for authorization to negotiate and execute forthcoming amendment to existing regional water planning contract

Chairman Beard requested a motion to authorize the Rio Grande Council of Governments to negotiate and execute forthcoming amendment to existing regional water planning contract. Mr. Kenn Norris made the motion. Motion was seconded. No Discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

XIII. Administrative & Procedural Matters

a. Schedule Next Regular Meeting

Chairman Beard requested a motion to schedule the next FWTWPG meeting on September 27, 2012 at Sul Ross University in Alpine, TX. Mr. Kenn Norris made the motion. Motion was seconded. No Discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

XIV. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 P.M. (MDT) by Chairman Tom Beard.