

# **REGION H**

## **Water Planning Group**

### **MEETING MATERIALS**

**December 4, 2024**



## Common Region H Terms and Conversion Factors

### List of Abbreviations

CRU	Collective Reporting Unit
DCP	Drought Contingency Plan
DFC	Desired Future Condition
DOR	Drought of Record
EA	Executive Administrator
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FWSD	Fresh Water Supply District
GAM	Groundwater Availability Model
GCD	Groundwater Conservation District
GMA	Groundwater Management Area
GPCD	Gallons Per Capita Per Day
GRP	Groundwater Reduction Plan
IFR	Infrastructure Finance Report
IPP	Initially Prepared Plan
MAG	Modeled Available Groundwater
MPC	Master Planned Community
MUD	Municipal Utility District
MWP	Major Water Provider
PDSI	Palmer Drought Severity Index
PWS	Public Water Supply
RFIG	Regional Flood Planning Group
RHWPG	Region H Water Planning Group
ROR	Run-of-River
RWP	Regional Water Plan
RWPA	Regional Water Planning Area
RWPG	Regional Water Planning Group
SWIFT	State Water Implementation Fund for Texas
SWP	State Water Plan
TAC	Texas Administrative Code
TCEQ	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
TPWD	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
TWC	Texas Water Code
TWDB	Texas Water Development Board
UCM	Unified Costing Model
URS	Unique Reservoir Site
USS	Unique Stream Segment
WAM	Water Availability Model
WCID	Water Control and Improvement District
WCP	Water Conservation Plan
WMS	Water Management Strategy
WRAP	Water Rights Analysis Package
WUD	Water Utility Database
WUG	Water User Group
WWP	Wholesale Water Provider

### Water Measurements

1 acre-foot (AF) = 43,560 cubic feet = 325,851 gallons

1 acre-foot per year (ac-ft/yr) = 325,851 gallons per year = 893 gallons per day

1 gallon per minute (gpm) = 1,440 gallons per day = 1.6 ac-ft/yr

1 million gallons per day (mgd) = 1,000,000 gallons per day = 1,120 ac-ft/yr



**Region H Water Planning Group**  
**10:00 AM Wednesday**  
**December 4, 2024**  
**San Jacinto River Authority Office**  
**1577 Dam Site Rd, Conroe, Texas 77304**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to order.
2. Introductions.
3. Review and approve minutes of the October 2, 2024 meeting.
4. **Receive public comments on specific issues related to agenda items 5 through 6.** (Public comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker)
5. Plan Development and Administration
  - a. Receive update from Consultant Team regarding status of investigation of water supply alternatives for the 2026 Region H Regional Water Plan (RWP).
  - b. Receive update from Consultant Team regarding drought management as a potential Water Management Strategy (WMS).
  - c. Discuss anticipated schedule and activities for the Region H WMS Committee.
  - d. Receive presentation from the Consultant Team regarding the Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) process.
6. General Updates and Outreach
  - a. Receive update regarding schedule and milestones for the development of the 2026 Region H RWP.
  - b. Receive update from liaisons to other planning groups.
  - c. Receive report regarding recent and upcoming activities related to communications and outreach efforts on behalf of the Region H Water Planning Group.
  - d. Receive update from TWDB.
  - e. Other agency communications and general information.
7. **Receive public comments.** (Public comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker)
8. Next Meeting: February 5, 2025.
9. Adjourn.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and would like to request auxiliary aids or services are requested to contact Sonia Zamudio at (936) 588-3111 at least three business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.



## Agenda Item 3

Review and approve minutes of the October 2, 2024 meeting.





**REGION H WATER PLANNING GROUP  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 2, 2024**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gary Ashmore, David Bailey, John Bartos, Arthur Bredehoft, Brad Brunett, Jun Chang, Mark Evans, Greg Eyerly, Ken Kramer, Marvin Marcel, Byron Ryder, and Aubrey Spear.

**ALTERNATES PRESENT:** John Lacy for Alisa Max, Richard Stolleis for Mike O'Connell, Veronica Osegueda for Mike Turco, Jake Hollingsworth for Brandon Wade, and Doug Haude for Kevin Ward.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** W.R. Baker, Carl Burch, Caleb Cooper, Jason Garrard, Robert Istre, Ivan Langford, Danny Pierce, Loyd Smith, and Cynthia Wagener.

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

**2. INTRODUCTIONS**

Mr. Evans introduced Nancy Richards, Will Conte, and Scott Galloway from the Texas Water Development Board.

**3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MAY 1, 2024 MEETING**

Mr. Bredehoft made a motion to approve the minutes of August 7, 2024. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chang and carried unanimously.

**4. RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS 5 THROUGH 8**

There were no public comments.

**5. SPECIAL ITEMS AND INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

**a. Receive presentation on and discuss a proposal to amend the 2021 Region H Regional Water Plan (RWP) related to the City of Houston East Water Purification Plant Enhancement.**

Mr. Taucer stated that the City of Houston's East Water Purification Plant Enhancement project was considered a minor amendment by the Texas Water Development Board. He explained that this enhancement would increase the overall reliability of the City of Houston's system. Mr. Taucer went on to explain the specific impacts of this amendment to the RWP.

**b. Consider taking action to amend the 2021 Region H Regional Water Plan to incorporate the proposed City of Houston East Water Purification Plant Enhancement.**

Mr. Spear made a motion to amend the 2021 Region H Regional Water Plan to incorporate the proposed City of Houston East Water Purification Plant Enhancement project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bredehoft and carried unanimously.

**6. PLAN DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATION**

**a. Receive update regarding technical analyses for the 2026 Region H RWP.**

Mr. Taucer explained the various aspects related to the technical analyses and provided a brief overview of the following categories: conservation and loss reduction, drought management, groundwater, reuse, other major infrastructure, other WMS elements, and water conservation plan/drought contingency plan analyses.

**b. Receive update on coordination with rural entities regarding water needs and potential future strategies.**

Mr. Taucer provided an update related to rural entity planning. He stated that in the past, obtaining responses from rural entities has been challenging due to turnover, etc. He stated that 25 out of a potential 164 responses were received this cycle.

**c. Receive update from the Region H Legislative Committee and Consultant Team and discuss potential legislative and policy recommendations for the 2026 Region H RWP**

Mr. Marcell, Chair of the Legislative Committee, stated that the committee met prior to the October 2, 2024, Region H Water Planning Group meeting to discuss possible topics for the 89<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session. Mr. Marcell stated that once the legislature is in session beginning January 14, 2025, there may be topics for the committee to discuss and act upon.

**d. Receive presentation from the Region H Legislative Committee and Consultant Team regarding ecologically unique stream segments and unique reservoir sites and discuss potential recommendations for the 2026 Region H RWP.**

Mr. Taucer provided an overview of the ecologically unique stream segments and unique reservoir sites. He explained that the planning group recommends the unique segments while the legislature designates them. Mr. Taucer stated that the Legislative Committee recommended retaining the current eight sites as designated in the prior plans. Mr. Kramer made a motion to redesignate the eight unique segments into the 2026 State Plan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bartos and carried unanimously.

## **7. GENERAL UPDATES AND OUTREACH**

### **a. Receive update regarding schedule and milestones for the development of the 2026 Region H RWP.**

Mr. Taucer provided an update related to the development of the 2026 Region H RWP, announcing upcoming due dates for several scheduled events and tasks.

### **b. Receive updates from liaisons to other planning groups.**

It was announced that Groundwater Management Area 14 will soon begin the process of adopting and submitting Desired Future Conditions (“DFC”).

### **c. Receive report regarding recent and upcoming activities related to communications and outreach efforts on behalf of the RHWPG.**

Mr. Taucer announced that the Region H website will be updated in the coming months.

### **d. Receive update from TWDB.**

Ms. Rose provided various updates from TWDB related to administration and the board of directors. Mr. Scott Galloway, Financial Programs Outreach Specialist with the Texas Water Development Board provided information related to TWDB funding programs.

### **e. Other agency communications and general information.**

There were no other agency communications and general information to report.

## **8. RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS. (Public comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker)**

There were no public comments.

## **9. NEXT MEETING**

Mr. Evans announced that the next meeting of the Region H Water Planning Group will take place on December 4, 2024.

## **10. ADJOURN.**

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.



## Agenda Item 5a

Receive update from Consultant Team regarding status of investigation of water supply alternatives for the 2026 Region H Regional Water Plan (RWP).

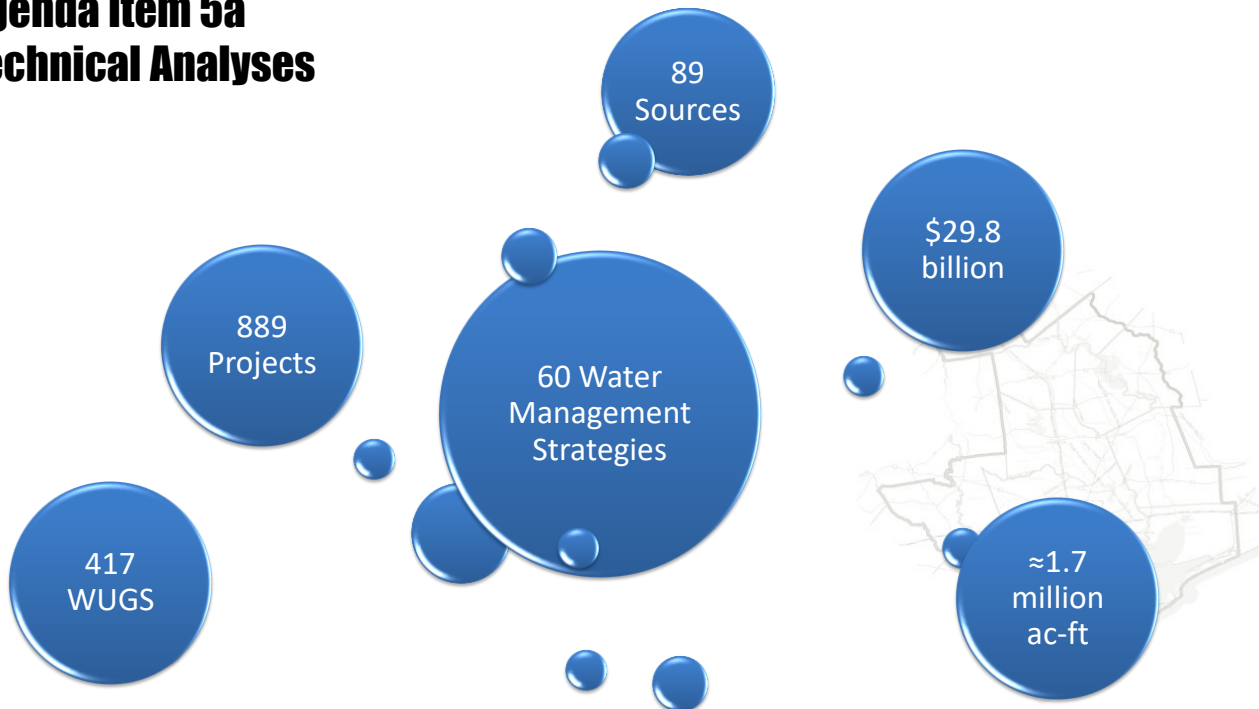


## Agenda Item 5a Technical Analyses

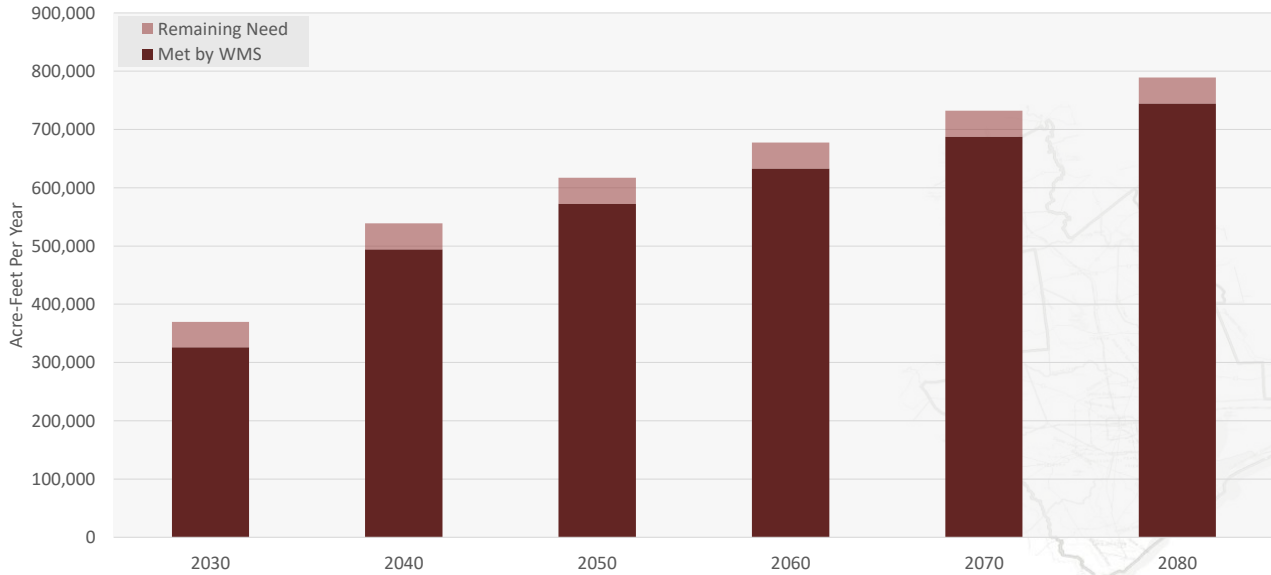
Primary  
Topics  
for  
Today

- Status Update
- Unmet Need
- Sources, WMS, and Projects
- Ongoing Efforts

## Agenda Item 5a Technical Analyses



## Agenda Item 5a Technical Analyses – Unmet Need



## Agenda Item 5a Technical Analyses – Unmet Need

### Agricultural Issues

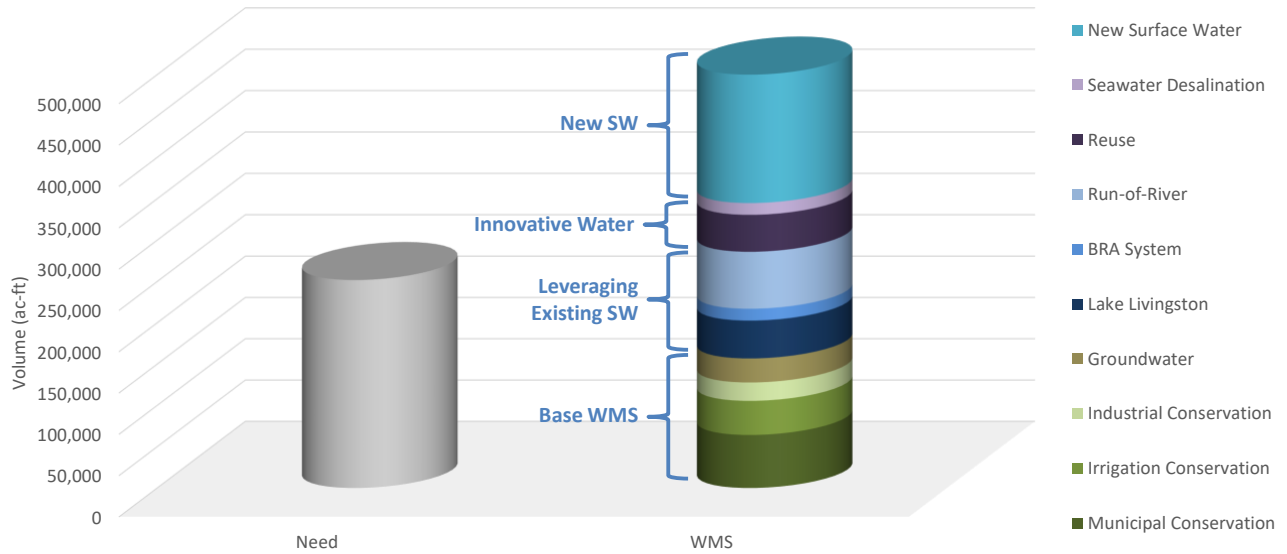
- Cost of water
- Ability to enter into long-term contracts
- Need for firm-yield supply

### Real-World Approaches

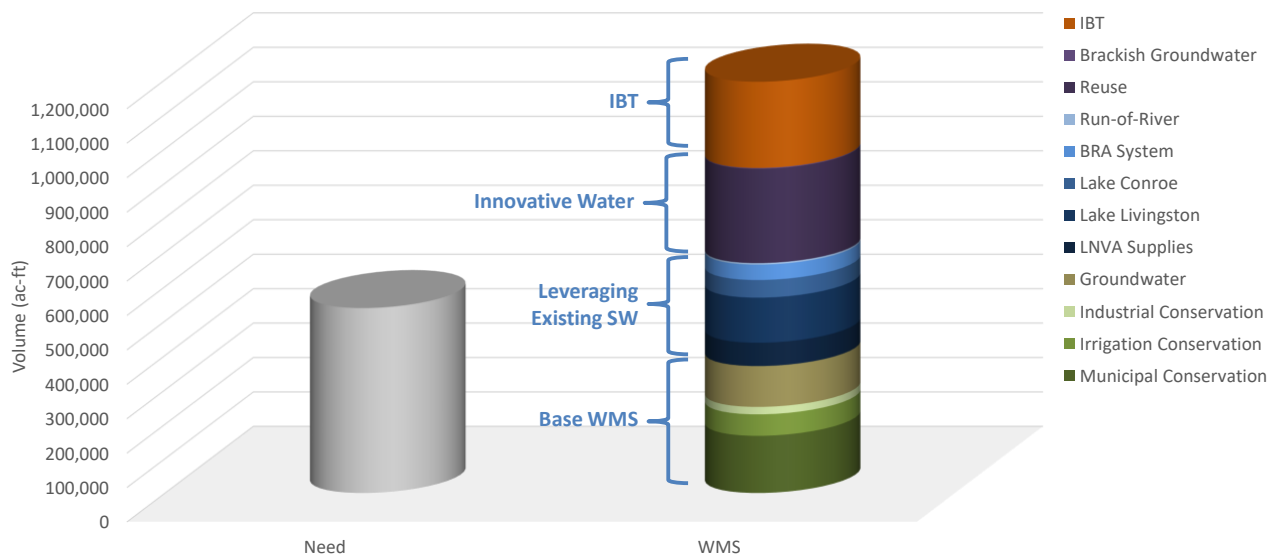
- Interruptible Supplies
- Local Supplies
- Refrain from Production
- Conjunctive Use



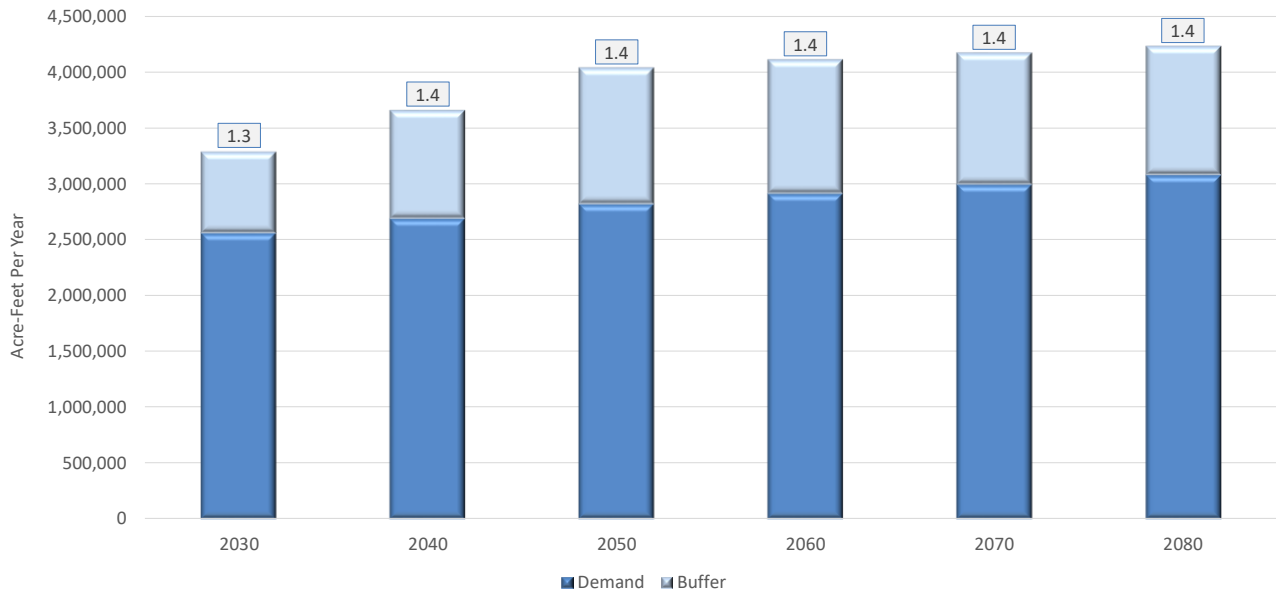
## Agenda Item 5a Technical Analyses – Western Region



## Agenda Item 5a Technical Analyses – Eastern Region



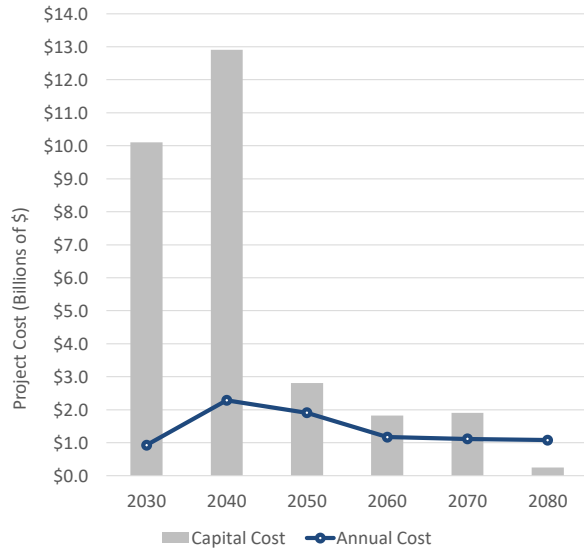
## Agenda Item 5a Technical Analyses – Supply Factor



## Agenda Item 5a Technical Analyses – Major WMS Categories

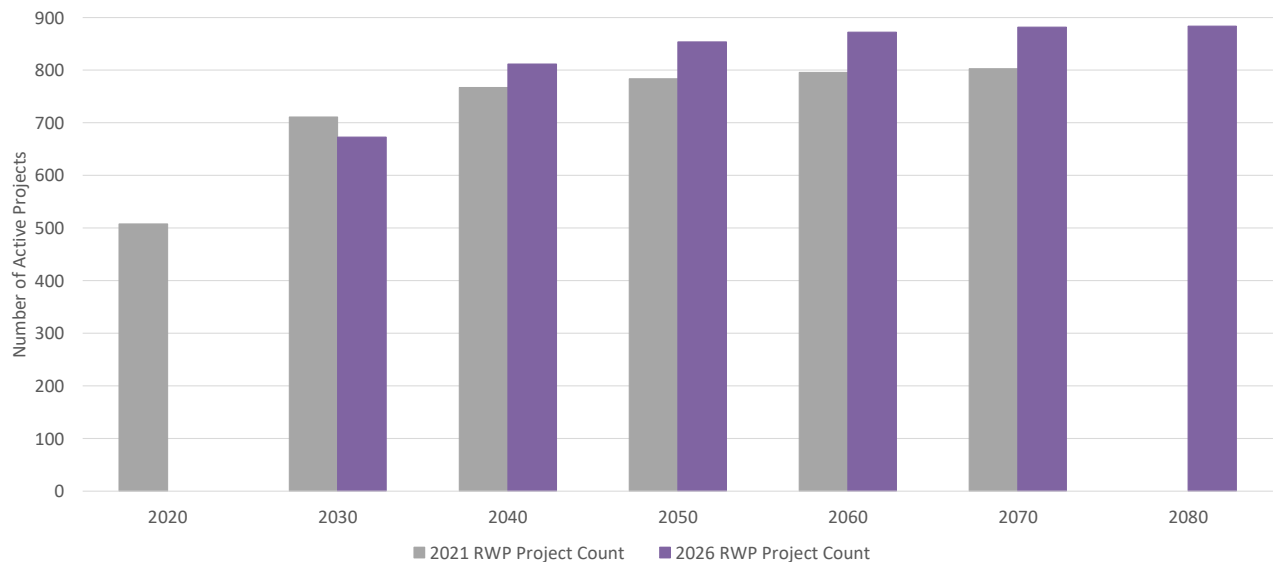


## Agenda Item 5a Technical Analyses – Cost

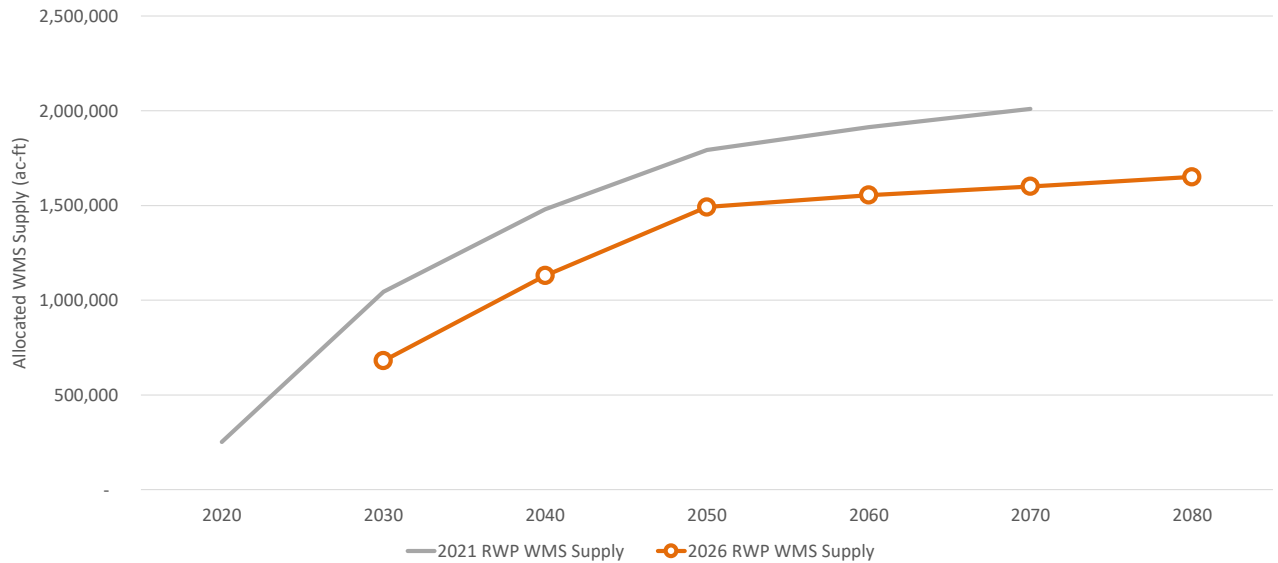


- \$29.8 billion
- ↑\$9 billion from 2021 RWP
- Why?
  - Changing economics
  - New large projects
  - Aggressive conservation
  - Inclusive WUG infrastructure

## Agenda Item 5a Technical Analyses – Comparison



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## Agenda Item 5a Technical Analyses – Regionalization

Regionalization Indicator	2021 RWP	2026 RWP
WMS supplying multiple WUGs	27	27
WMS with multiple sponsors / sellers	11	12
WMS using multiple water sources	19	21
WMS involving at least one transfer	42	33
Projects with multiple sponsors	6	7

## Agenda Item 5a Technical Analyses – Ongoing and Upcoming





## Agenda Item 5b

Receive update from Consultant Team regarding drought management as a potential Water Management Strategy (WMS).





## Agenda Item 5b Drought Management

- Updated analysis
  - Response to recent droughts
  - Adjust for conservation WMS
  - Efficacy factor(s)
  - Needs as limiting factor
- Preliminary estimate  $\approx 22,000$  ac-ft
- Topic for WMS Committee consideration



## Agenda Item 5b Drought Management

### Challenges

- Acceptance of impacts rather than supply
- Growth-driven regional demands
- Many variables on efficacy
- Overlap w/ projections
- Non-firm

### Benefits

- RWP wants to promote drought planning
- Recognize water supplier efforts
- Quantify demand potential
- Real-world measure
- Clarity



## Agenda Item 5b Drought Management



Formalize as Considered or Recommended Strategy



Document in WMS Tech Memo



Ch. 7 Analysis and Considerations



Ch. 7 DCP Advocacy



## Agenda Item 5c

Discuss anticipated schedule and activities for the Region H  
WMS Committee.



## Agenda Item 5c WMS Committee

Completed

- Potentially Feasible and Infeasible WMS Analysis
- MSF approach
- Draft WMS Analyses

In Progress

- Documentation
- Implementation details

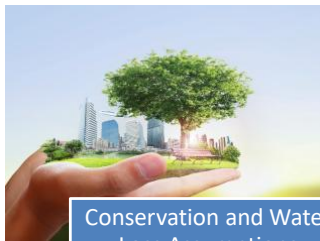
In Near Future

- Fine-tuning
- Additional WMS scope

## Agenda Item 5c WMS Committee



General Recommendation Review



Conservation and Water Loss Assumptions



Drought Management Path Forward



Messaging



WUG-Level Project Assumptions



Post-IPP Priorities

**Agenda Item 5c**  
**WMS Committee**

Committee  
review

Summary/  
Adoption at  
February  
meeting

IPP  
submittal

Agency  
review and  
public  
process

Committee  
Discussion  
on Post-IPP  
updates



## Agenda Item 5d

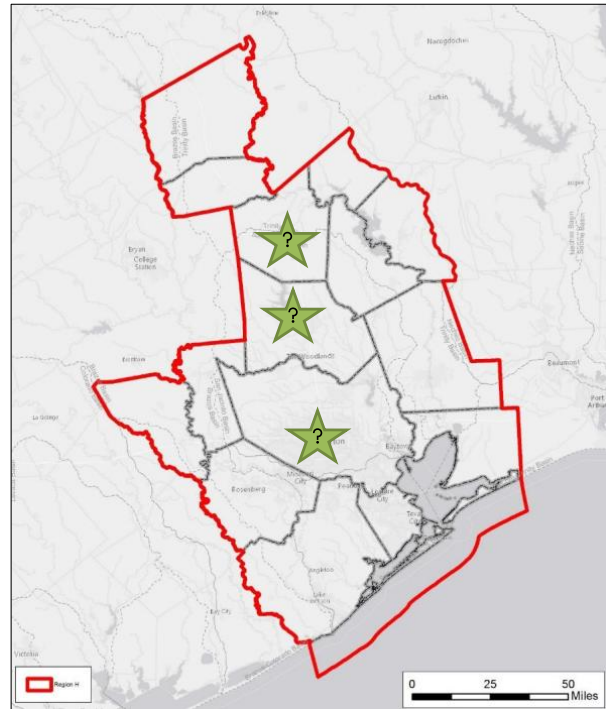
Receive presentation from the Consultant Team regarding the Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) process.





## Agenda Item 5d IPP Process

- Minimum of one public hearing
- Region H usually holds several
- Typically ≈one month after IPP delivery
- Early to mid-April?
- Target areas?

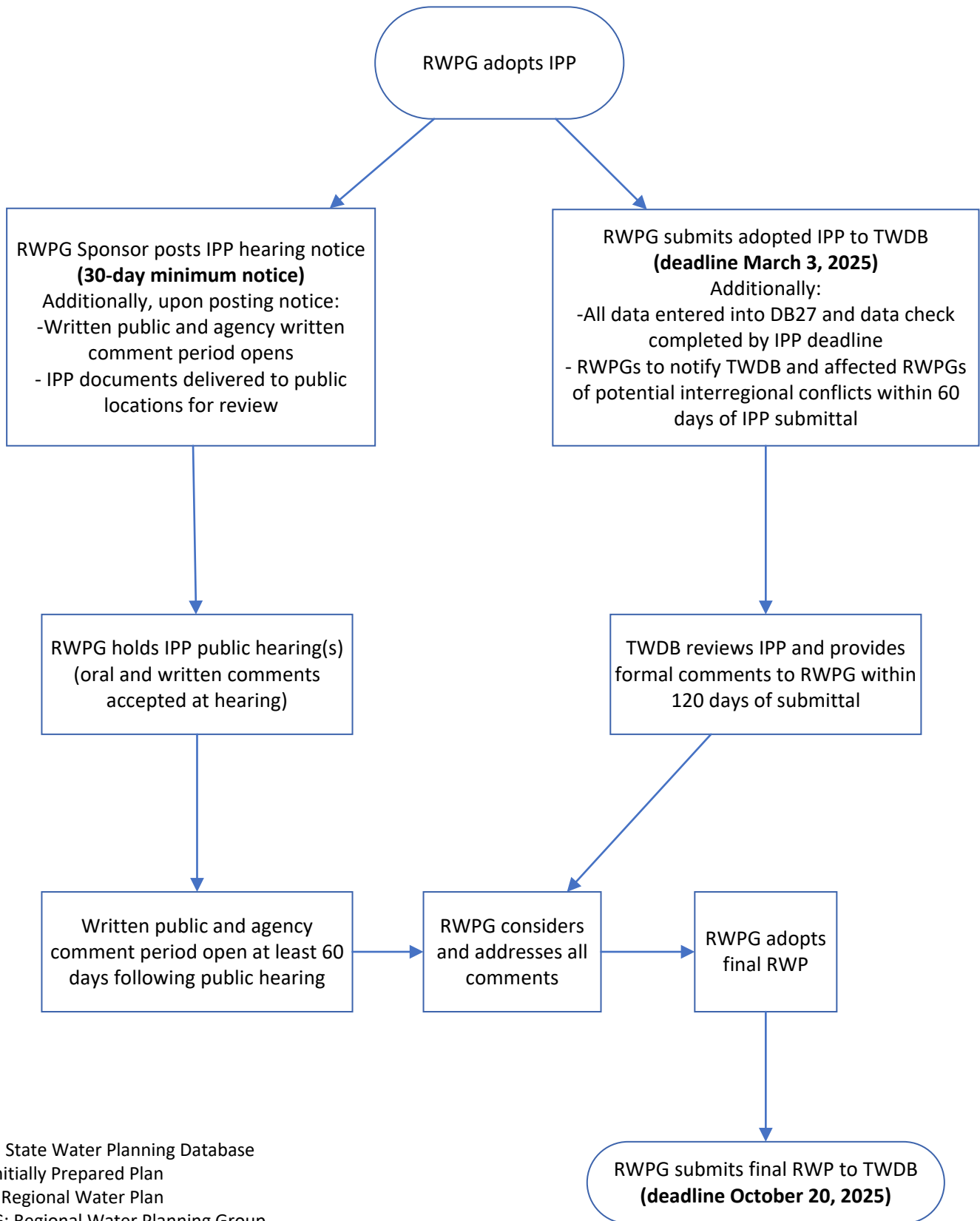


## Agenda Item 5d IPP Process

- Not RWPG meetings
- 30-day notice
- 60-day public comment
- Longer agency comment
- Address all comments in RWP



## Initially Prepared Plan and Final Regional Water Plan Process Schematic 2026 Regional Water Plans



DB27: State Water Planning Database  
 IPP: Initially Prepared Plan  
 RWP: Regional Water Plan  
 RWPG: Regional Water Planning Group  
 TWDB: Texas Water Development Board  
 Updated 10/1/24



## 2026 Regional Water Plans

Summary of posting requirements for public hearings for Initially Prepared Plans (IPP),  
adoption of IPPs, and adoption of final regional water plans

[See 31 Texas Administrative Code § 357.21 for detailed posting information](#)

Posting requirements	Public hearing for IPP	Adoption of IPP	Adoption of final plan
<b>Minimum notice posting timeframe</b>			
7 days prior the meeting		✓	
14 days prior the meeting			✓
30 days prior the hearing	✓		
<b>Notice must contain</b>			
1) Date, time, and location of the public meeting or hearing; 2) summary of the proposed action(s) to be taken; 3) the name, telephone number, email address, and physical address of a contact person to whom questions or requests for additional information may be submitted; 4) a statement of how and when comments will be received from the members and public	✓	✓	✓
Locations of IPPs available for public inspection	✓		
<b>Minimum written comment period</b>			
14 days prior the meeting			✓
30 days prior to the hearing <b>and</b> until 60 days following the public hearing	✓		
<b>Entities notified</b>			
All voting and non-voting RWPG members	✓	✓	✓
Any person or entity who has requested notice of RWPG activities	✓	✓	✓
Each RWPG where a recommended or alternative WMS being considered would be located	✓	✓	✓
Each adjacent RWPG	✓		
Each mayor of a municipality, located in whole or in part in the RWPA, with a population of 1,000 or more or which is a county seat	✓		
Each county judge of a county located in whole or in part in the RWPA	✓		
Each special or general law district or river authority with responsibility to manage or supply water in the RWPA (based upon list obtained from TCEQ)	✓		
Each Retail Public Utility, defined as a community water system, that serves any part of the RWPA or receives water from the RWPA (based upon list obtained from TCEQ)	✓		
Each holder of record of a water right for the use of surface water the diversion of which occurs in the RWPA (based upon list obtained from TCEQ)	✓		
<b>Posting venues</b>			
RWPG website	✓	✓	✓
Texas Secretary of State website	✓	✓	✓
Published in a newspaper of general circulation in each county located in whole or part in the RWPA (before the 30th day preceding the date of the public meeting or hearing)	✓		

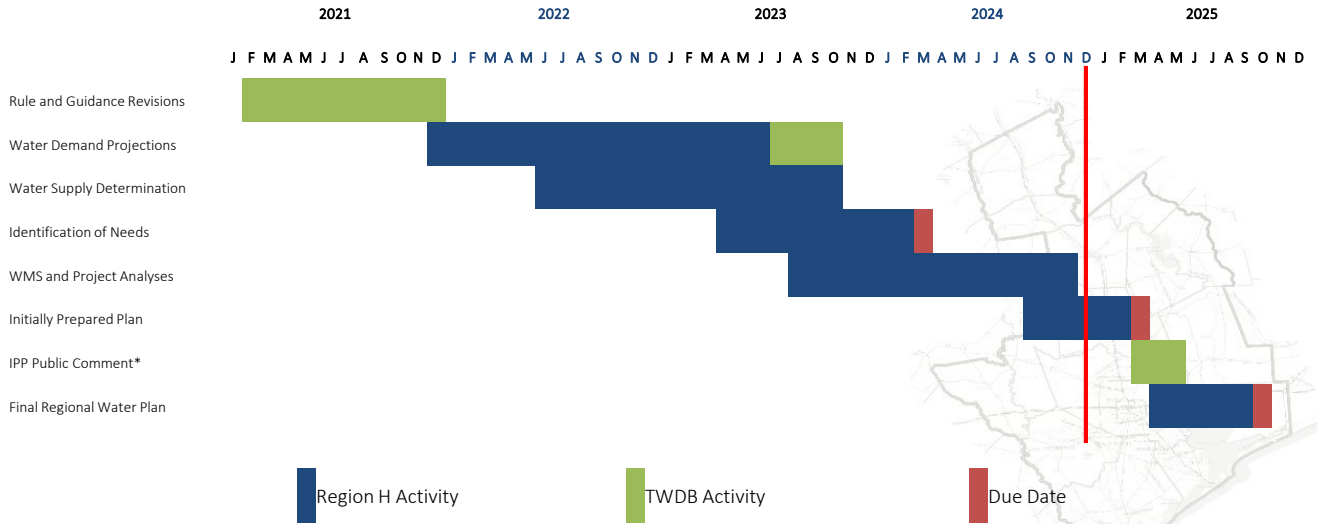
Posting requirements	Public hearing for IPP	Adoption of IPP	Adoption of final plan
<b>Document provision</b>			
Documents to be made available on the internet or in hard copy for public inspection prior to and following the meeting include: 1) meeting agenda, and 2) copies of all materials, reports, and/or plans presented or discussed at the meeting	✓	✓	✓
Copies of the IPPs must be available for public inspection in: 1) at least one public library in each county, <b>and</b> 2) either the county courthouse's law library, the county clerk's office, or some other accessible place within the county courthouse of each county having land in the RWPA. According to the capabilities of the facility, the RWPG may provide copies electronically, on electronic media, through an internet web link, or in hard copy	✓		
<b>Minimum document posting timeframe</b>			
3 days prior the meeting and 7 days following the meeting		✓	
7 days prior the meeting and 14 days following the meeting			✓
Copies of IPP: 30 days prior the hearing and 60 days following the hearing; additional meeting materials: 7 days prior to and 30 days following the hearing	✓		
<b>Open Meeting Act and Public Information Act</b>			
Each RWPG and any committee or subcommittee of an RWPG are subject to Chapters 551 [Open Meetings Act] and 552 [Public Information Act], Government Code. A copy of all materials presented or discussed at an open meeting shall be made available for public inspection prior to and following the meetings and shall meet the additional notice requirements when specifically referenced as required under subsections	✓	✓	✓

## Agenda Item 6a

Receive update regarding the schedule and milestones for the development of the 2026 Region H RWP.



# Agenda Item 6a 2026 RWP Schedule



\*Region H accepts public comment throughout the planning cycle and at each RWPG and committee meeting.

# Agenda Item 6a 2026 RWP Schedule

Date	Scheduled Events/Tasks
12/2024	RWPG Meeting
01/2025	WMS Committee Meeting
01/2025	89 <sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature convenes
02/2025	RWPG Meeting and IPP Approval
03/2025	IPP due to TWDB
04/2025	IPP Public Hearings
06/2025	89 <sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature closes
10/2025	RWP due to TWDB





## Agenda Item 6b

Receive update from liaisons to other planning groups.



## **Agenda Item 6b Liaison Updates**



<b>Region C</b> Kevin Ward	<b>Brazos G</b> Zach Holland	<b>Region 6</b> Alisa Max	<b>Region 8</b> Brandon Wade
<b>IPC / Chairs</b> Mark Evans	<b>GMA 12</b> David Bailey	<b>GMA 14</b> Gary Ashmore	<b>Other</b> RWPG Members



## Agenda Item 6c

Receive report regarding recent and upcoming activities related to communications and outreach efforts on behalf of the RHWPG.



**Agenda Item 6c  
Community Outreach**

October

- Texas Municipal League

April

- IPP Public Hearings

**Agenda Item 6c  
Community Outreach**



***ACCEPTING  
YOUR  
HOLIDAY  
PARTY  
BOOKINGS!***





## Agenda Item 6d

Receive update from TWDB.



# Region H Regional Water Planning Group Meeting

## Updates from the Texas Water Development Board

December 4, 2024, Conroe TX



## Sixth Planning Cycle Remaining Timeline




**Sixth Cycle of Regional Water Planning (2026 Regional Water Plans) Working Schedule (as of March 2023)<sup>A</sup>**

Item	Entity	Activity	Planning SOW Task #	2024				2025															
				Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec				
3	TWDB/RWPG	Anticipated additional contracting activities	NA																				
4	TWDB	Regional Water Planning rules update	NA																				
25	RWPG	Identify potentially feasible WMSs	5A																				
26	TWDB/RWPG	Review and negotiate SOW submittals for WMS evaluations and issue notice-to-proceeds <sup>B</sup>	5B																				
28	RWPG	Initially Prepared Plan due	10																				
29	TWDB	Socioeconomic Impact Report released to RWPGs	6																				
30	RWPG	Final Plan due	10																				

**Notes:** <sup>A</sup> Estimated timeline based on currently available agency resources and subject to change  
<sup>B</sup> Subject to available funding

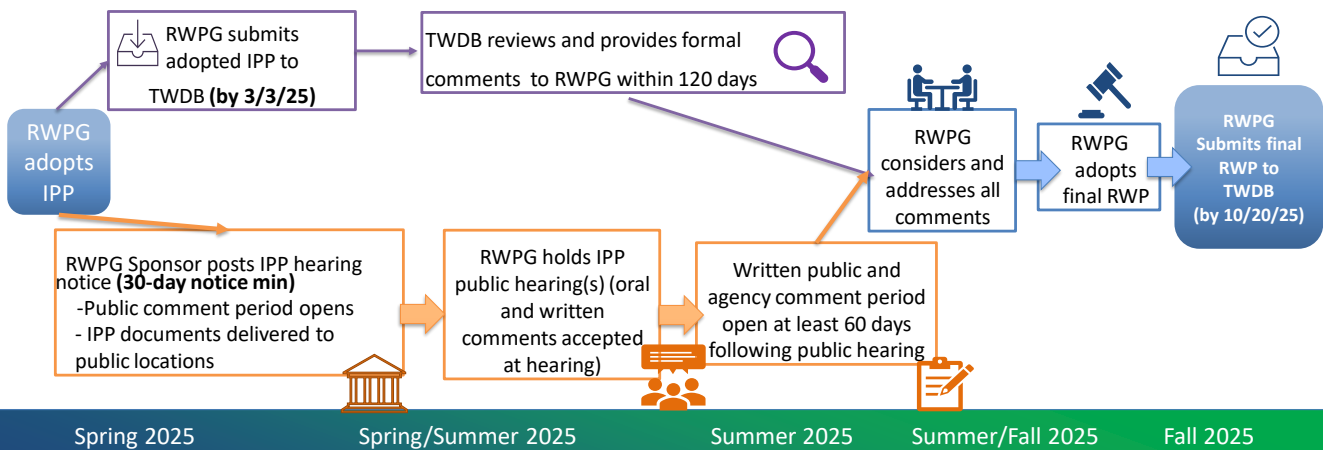


# Updated Resources

- [IPP and Final Regional Water Plan Process Schematic](#) 
- [IPP and Final Regional Water Plan Public Notice Summary](#) 
- IPP Review Checklist 

## Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) and Final Regional Water Plan (RWP) process schematic

[View full process schematic here ->](#)



# Posting Requirements

Full document available here:

- [IPP and Final Regional Water Plan Public Notice Summary](#)

Posting requirements	Public hearing for IPP	Adoption of IPP	Adoption of final plan
<b>Minimum notice posting timeframe</b>			
7 days prior the meeting		✓	
14 days prior the meeting			✓
30 days prior the hearing	✓		
<b>Notice must contain</b>			
1) Date, time, and location of the public meeting or hearing; 2) summary of the proposed action(s) to be taken; 3) the name, telephone number, email address, and physical address of a contact person to whom questions or requests for additional information may be submitted; 4) a statement of how and when comments will be received from the members and public	✓	✓	✓
Locations of IPPs available for public inspection	✓		
<b>Minimum written comment period</b>			
14 days prior the meeting			✓
30 days prior to the hearing and until 60 days following the public hearing	✓		
<b>Entities notified</b>			
All voting and non-voting RWPG members	✓	✓	✓
Any person or entity who has requested notice of RWPG activities	✓	✓	✓
Each RWPG where a recommended or alternative WMS being considered would be located	✓	✓	✓
Each adjacent RWPG	✓		
Each mayor of a municipality, located in whole or in part in the RWPA, with a population of 1,000 or more or which is a county seat	✓		
Each county judge of a county located in whole or in part in the RWPA	✓		
Each special or general law district or river authority with responsibility to manage or supply water in the RWPA (based upon list obtained from TCEQ)	✓		
Each Retail Public Utility, defined as a community water system, that serves any part of the RWPA or receives water from the RWPA (based upon list obtained from TCEQ)	✓		
Each holder of record of a water right for the use of surface water the diversion of which occurs in the RWPA (based upon list obtained from TCEQ)	✓		
<b>Posting venues</b>			
RWPG website	✓	✓	✓
Texas Secretary of State website	✓	✓	✓
Published in a newspaper of general circulation in each county located in whole or part in the RWPA (before the 30th day preceding the date of the public meeting or hearing)	✓		



# IPP Review Checklist

2026 Initially Prepared Plan Checklist (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)			
2026 IPP Review Item Number	Key Requirement Citation: TWC, 31 TAC Rule, or Contract Exhibit	Corresponding Contract Guidance and SOW Task (if applicable)	Requirement (see published rule and other contract documents for full context)
Header	§ 357.22		<b>General Considerations for Development of Regional Water Plans</b>
1	§ 357.22(a)		RWPGs shall consider existing local, regional, and state water planning efforts, including water plans, information and relevant local, regional, state and federal programs and goals when developing the RWP. The RWPGs shall also consider: [The RWPGs shall also consider] water conservation plans;
2	§ 357.22(a)(1)		[The RWPGs shall also consider] drought management and drought contingency plans;
3	§ 357.22(a)(2)		[The RWPGs shall also consider] information compiled by the Board from water loss audits performed by retail public utilities pursuant to § 358.6 (relating to Water Loss Audits)
4	§ 357.22(a)(3)	Exhibit C, Section 2.1	[The RWPGs shall also consider] publicly available plans for major agricultural, municipal, manufacturing and commercial water users;
5	§ 357.22(a)(4)		[The RWPGs shall also consider] local and regional water management plans;
6	§ 357.22(a)(5)		[The RWPGs shall also consider] water availability requirements promulgated by a county commissioners court in accordance with TWC § 35.019 (relating to Priority Groundwater Management Areas)
7	§ 357.22(a)(6)		[The RWPGs shall also consider] the Texas Clean Rivers Program;
8	§ 357.22(a)(7)		[The RWPGs shall also consider] the U.S. Clean Water Act;
9	§ 357.22(a)(8)		[The RWPGs shall also consider] water management plans;
10	§ 357.22(a)(9)		[The RWPGs shall also consider] other planning goals including, but not limited to, regionalization of water and wastewater services where appropriate
11	§ 357.22(a)(10)		[The RWPGs shall also consider] approved groundwater conservation district management plans and other plans submitted under Texas Water Code § 16.054 (relating to Local Water Planning);
12	§ 357.22(a)(11)		[The RWPGs shall also consider] approved groundwater regulatory plans;
13	§ 357.22(a)(12)		[The RWPGs shall also consider] potential impacts on public health, safety, or welfare;
14	§ 357.22(a)(13)		[The RWPGs shall also consider] water conservation best management practices available on the TWDB website; and
15	§ 357.22(a)(14)		[The RWPGs shall also consider] any other information available from existing local or regional water planning studies;
16	§ 357.22(a)(15)		The RWP shall contain a separate chapter for the contents of §§357.30, 357.31, 357.32, 357.33, 357.42, 357.43, 357.45, and 357.50 of this title and shall also contain a separate chapter for the contents of §§357.34 and §§357.35, 357.40 and 357.41 of this title for a total of ten separate chapters
17	§ 357.22(b)	Exhibit C, Section 1.6	
Header	§ 357.30	<b>SOW Task 1</b>	<b>Description of the Regional Water Planning Area</b>
18	§ 357.30(1)	Exhibit C, Section 2.1; SOW Task 1	[RWPGs shall describe their RWPA including the following] social and economic aspects of a region such as information on current population, economic activity and economic sectors heavily dependent on water resources;
19	§ 357.30(2)	Exhibit C, Section 2.1; SOW Task 1	[RWPGs shall describe their RWPA including the following] current water use and major water demand centers;
20	§ 357.30(3)	Exhibit C, Section 2.1; SOW Task 1	[RWPGs shall describe their RWPA including the following] current groundwater, surface water, and reuse supplies including major springs that are important for water supply or protection of natural resources;
21	§ 357.30(4)	Exhibit C, Section 2.1; SOW Task 1	[RWPGs shall describe their RWPA including the following] major water providers;
22	§ 357.30(5)	Exhibit C, Section 2.1; SOW Task 1	[RWPGs shall describe their RWPA including the following] agricultural and natural resources;



Questions?

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Good afternoon,

As a reminder, per the TWDB regional water planning grant contracts, the final regional water plans must be compliant with “1 Texas Administrative Code Chapters 206 and 213 (related to Accessibility and Usability of State Web Sites, Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 Level AA Standard – WCAG 2.1 [Quick Reference](#)”

To meet minimum accessibility requirements, TWDB will check the initially prepared plans and final 2026 Regional Water Plans for the following four (4) items:

1. Is the primary language set to English?
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The accessibility checklist provided via [email on May 30, 2023](#) provides guidance on how to check the items above. The accessibility checklist is not required to be used or returned with the 2026 Regional Water Plans, but contractors should be aware that the checklist will be required in future regional water planning grant contracts.

*This email has been sent to RWPG sponsors and technical consultants.*

Best,

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