

MINUTES
REGION H WATER PLANNING GROUP
MAY 4, 2016
SAN JACINTO RIVER AUTHORITY
GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
1577 DAM SITE ROAD
CONROE, TEXAS 77304

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Evans, David Bailey, John Bartos, Robert Bruner, Jun Chang, James Comin, Ruth Stultz, Gene Fisseler, Art Henson, Jace Houston, Robert Istre, Ivan Langford, Kathy Jones, Glenn Lord, Marvin Marcell, Michael Turco, William Teer, Pudge Wilcox, Carl Masterson, and David Collinsworth.

DESIGNATED ALTERNATES: Alisa Max for John Blount, Paul Nelson for Jimmie Schindewolf, Jim R. Sims for Kevin Ward, and Michael O'Connell for Robert Hebert.

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Blount, Jimmie Schindewolf, Kevin Ward, Robert Hebert, John Howard, and James Morrison.

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Kristin Lambrecht, Melinda Silva, and Scott Hall.

1. INTRODUCTIONS.

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

Mr. Evans introduced and welcomed Lann Bookout and Kevin Kluge, Texas Water Development Board.

2. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2016 MEETING.

Mr. Houston made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2016, meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Marcell and carried unanimously.

3. RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS 4 THROUGH 10.

There were no public comments related to agenda items 4 through 10.

4. RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD ON PROJECTIONS DEVELOPMENT FOR 2021 REGIONAL WATER PLAN.

Mr. Kevin Kluge, of the Texas Water Development Board, gave a presentation regarding population and water demand projections for the 2021 Regional Water Plan. He explained that the Texas Water Development Board is working to develop ideas to improve projections as well as

trying to get them out to the planning groups as early as possible. He stated that moving forward, several methodologies will be studied and possibly recommended in the upcoming cycle relative to water demand projections for irrigation, livestock, manufacturing, mining, steam-electric power, population, and municipal. Mr. Kluge concluded with a tentative timeline for the completion of this project.

5. RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD ON THE DRAFT 2017 STATE WATER PLAN REGIONAL WATER PLANS.

Lann Bookout, Project Manager for Water Use, Projections, and Planning with the Texas Water Development Board, provided information related to the Draft 2017 State Water Plan. He provided an overview of the purpose of the state water plan, which is to provide for the orderly development, management, and conservation of water resources; to prepare for and respond to drought conditions; and to make sufficient water available at a reasonable cost to ensure public health, safety, and welfare, and further economic development while protecting the agricultural and natural resources of the entire state. Mr. Bookout then explained the projected population growth in Texas and its relationship to projected water demand versus existing water supplies. He gave an overview of the upcoming timeline related to this project.

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

Mr. Afinowicz provided information related to the development of the 2021 Region H Regional Water Plan stating that they just recently were authorized to review water demand projections. He stated that the consultant team will review the projections and provide information to committees in the near future.

7. RECEIVE REPORT FROM CONSULTANT TEAM ON PRELIMINARY INPUT TO TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD RULEMAKING PROCESS FOR WATER PLANNING.

Mr. Afinowicz stated that the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) staff is preparing to propose revisions to 31 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapters 357 and 358, and requesting input. Mr. Afinowicz gave an overview of recommendations by Freese and Nichols to TWDB related to said process.

8. REVIEW REGION H COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2021 REGION H REGIONAL WATER PLAN

Mr. Evans explained the process by which members are appointed to committees. He stated that the intent is to appoint at least one member to each committee, or in the event a member is willing to serve on more than one committee, he can appoint as requested.

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

Mr. Afinowicz provided an update on recently-attended meetings of the Gulf Coast Water Conservation Symposium as well as the upcoming meeting at the Greater Houston Partnership.

10. AGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AND GENERAL INFORMATION.

Mr. Lann Bookout spoke in regards to upcoming financial workshops and reported that SWIFT applications are due in May.

11. RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Ms. Savory spoke in reference to agenda item 5, Draft 2017 State Water Plan, expressing concern about the utilization of the drought of record as it relates to future planning. She discussed modes of communication related to public input.

12. NEXT MEETING

Mr. Evans announced that the next Region H Water Planning meeting will be held on August 3, 2016.

13. ADJOURN

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.