



Region F Water Planning Group

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10 PLAN ADOPTION AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

This section describes the plan approval process for the Region F Water Plan and the efforts made to encourage public participation in the planning process. During the development of the regional water plan special efforts were made to inform the general public, water suppliers, and others with special interest in the planning process and to seek their input.

10.1 Regional Water Planning Group

As part of SB1 regional water planning groups were formed to guide the planning process. These groups were comprised of local representatives of eleven specific interests:

- General public
- Counties
- Municipalities
- Industrial
- Agricultural
- Environmental
- Small businesses
- Electric generating utilities
- River authorities
- Water districts
- Water utilities

Table 10.1-1 lists the voting members of the Region F Water Planning Group, the interests they represent, and their counties. The Region F Water Planning Group also has non-voting members to represent counties that are not otherwise represented by voting members. Table 10.1-2 lists the non-voting members. The Region F Water Planning Group held regular meetings during the development of the plan, receiving information from the region's consultants and making decisions on planning efforts. These meetings were open to the public, and proper notice was made under SB1 guidelines.

**Table 10.1-1
Voting Members of the Region F Water Planning Group**

Name	Interest	County
Len Wilson	Public	Andrews
Wendell Moody	Public	Concho
Jerry Bearden	Counties	Mason
Robert Moore	Counties	Runnels
Will Wilde	Municipalities	Tom Green
Merle Taylor	Municipalities	Scurry
John Shepperd	Municipalities	Winkler
Buddy Sipes (Ret)	Industries	Midland
Ben Shepperd		
Kenneth Dierschke	Agricultural	Tom Green
Terry Scott	Agricultural	Coleman
Woody Anderson	Agricultural	Mitchell
Steven C. Hofer (Ret)	Environmental	Midland
Caroline Runge	Environmental	Menard
Stuart Coleman(Ret)	Small Business	Brown
Charles Hagood		Kimble
Tim Warren	Elec. Gen. Util.	Mitchell
Stephen Brown	River Authorities	Tom Green
John Grant	Water Districts	Howard
Scott Holland	Water Districts	Irion
Paul Weatherby	Water Districts	Pecos
Larry Turnbough	Water Districts	Reeves
Richard Gist	Water Utilities	Brown

(Ret) – Retired during this planning cycle.

**Table 10.1-2
Non-Voting Members of the Region F Water Planning Group**

Name	County
Winton Milliff	Coke
Gordon Hooper	Crane
Debbie McReynolds	Ector
Rick Harston	Glasscock
Todd Darden	Howard
Billy Hopper	Loving
Ken Carver	Martin
Don Daniel	Mason
Sue Young	Mitchell
Michael McCulloch	Pecos
Cindy Weatherby	Reagan
Gary Foster	Sterling
Joe David Ross	Sutton
Lyn Halfmann	Upton
John Evridge	
John Shepard	Winkler

10.2 Outreach to Water Suppliers, Water User Groups and Adjacent Regions

The Region F Water Planning Group made special efforts to contact municipalities, water districts, and rural water supply corporations and others in the region and obtain their input in the planning process. Outreach included both questionnaires and meetings with selected water user groups and wholesale water providers. The questionnaires sought information on water use projections, current sources of water and supplies, drought planning, water quality issues, water management strategies, and other water supply issues. Particular emphasis was placed on receiving input from water user groups with water supply needs.

10.3 Outreach to the Public

The public were given opportunities to participate throughout the regional water planning process, including the following:

- Regional water planning group meetings held throughout the planning process presented opportunities for dissemination of information to the public and receiving public comments. Notices for the meetings were posted in accordance with TWDB rules.
- A website specific to Region F was developed to provide information on the planning process to the public and planning group members.
- During the special study interim period the special study workgroups held meetings open to the public
- Scope of Work, meeting minutes and other information were available on the Region F and TWDB websites.

10.4 Public Meetings and Public Hearings

As required by SB1 rules, the Region F Water Planning Group held an initial public hearing to discuss the planning process and the scope of work for the region on April 28, 2008. Presentations were made on the planning process and input was solicited from participants. Public meetings were held approximately every quarter throughout the planning process.

<Additional information will be developed for the final plan.>

10.5 Comments from State and Federal Agencies

<This will be completed for the final plan.>

10.6 Plan Implementation Issues

<This section will be updated in the final plan.>