

Region F, Regional Water Planning Meeting
**Updates from the
Texas Water Development Board**

July 20th 2023, Big Spring TX

Region F - TWDB Updates

Additional Resource Materials Available

- Status of 2021 RWPG policy recommendations
- Liaison materials
- Active RWPG committees
- Information on TCEQ membership
- RWPG voting membership costs
- Accessibility checklist
- Population revision request process
- Uncertainty in Regional Water Planning

Looking Ahead

- Identify major water providers
- Assess availability and supplies
- Present process for identifying potentially feasible strategies for the 2026 plans
- Identify infeasible strategies and projects from 2021 plans

Reminder of Upcoming Critical Deadlines

- **August 11** – Deadline to request revisions to draft population and municipal demand projections
- **Fall 2023** – TWDB staff present all projections to the Board for adoption
- **March 4, 2024** – Deadline to submit Technical Memorandum deliverable

88th (Regular) Legislative Session Update



Bills of Interest that Passed

HB 1565 - TWDB Sunset Bill

- RWPGs will report on implementation of large projects
- RWPGs may plan for conditions worse than drought of record
- These provisions already in planning contract

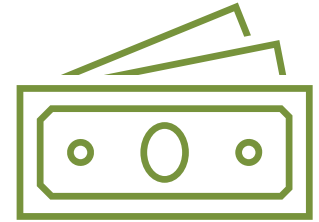
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SB 28/SJR 75 - Texas Water Fund

- Establishes \$1 billion Texas Water Fund, subject to voter approval, which can provide additional funding for existing TWDB financial assistance programs.
- Can also fund the New Water Supply for Texas Fund for water supply projects from new sources.
 - At least \$250 million of funds appropriated to the Texas Water Fund must be used for the New Water Supply for Texas Fund
- The Texas Water Fund will take effect January 1, 2024, if SJR 75 is approved by the voters. **Election day is November 7, 2023.**
- All other provisions of SB 28 take effect September 1, 2023.



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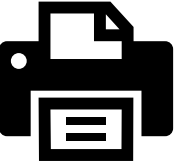



HB 1 - Budget Bill

- Passed budget includes additional funding for RWPGs.
- Specific region amounts to be determined and planning contracts amended in Fall 2023.

Bill of Interest that did *not* Pass

HB 4373/SB 2108

- TWDB Legislative priority bills for Regional Water Planning. 
- Original bill text would have removed the requirement to place a printed copy of the Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) in each county courthouse and one public library in each county in the planning area.
- Would have also allowed notice of the IPP hearing to be posted on the planning group's website, instead of published in newspapers. 

Chairs' Call

- Chairs Call took place on June 27, 2023
- Received an update on bills of interest for the 88th Legislative Session
- Update on Sixth Cycle of Regional Water Planning Activities:
 - Anticipated fall contract amendments, projection deadlines, upcoming RWPG tasks, and coordination with the State Climatologist.
- Update on the Interregional Planning Council
- Discussed Projections on Population Data
- Discussed Infeasible Water Management Strategies
- Doodle poll will be sent out to determine next Chair's Call date

Interregional Planning Council (IPC)

- The Council met on May 30th and
 - Reviewed an outline of the Council's report and discussed report preparations
 - Reviewed the implementation status of previous IPC's recommendations to use as a starting point for this cycle
 - Started discussing recommendations for this cycle
- Survey was sent in January soliciting feedback from RWPGs on implementation of IPC's recommendations from last cycle.
- Next meeting will be on August 15th, virtual option available.
- More information available online at:
<http://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/ipc/2027IPC.asp>

Questions?

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