

Region F Regional Water Planning Group Meeting

Updates from the Texas Water Development Board

December 12, 2024, Big Spring TX

Sixth Planning Cycle Remaining Timeline



Sixth Cycle of Regional Water Planning (2026 Regional Water Plans) Working Schedule (as of March 2023)^A

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 ^B	5B																
28	RWPG	Initially Prepared Plan due	10																
29	TWDB	Socioeconomic Impact Report released to RWPGs	6																
30	RWPG	Final Plan due	10																

Notes: ^A Estimated timeline based on currently available agency resources and subject to change

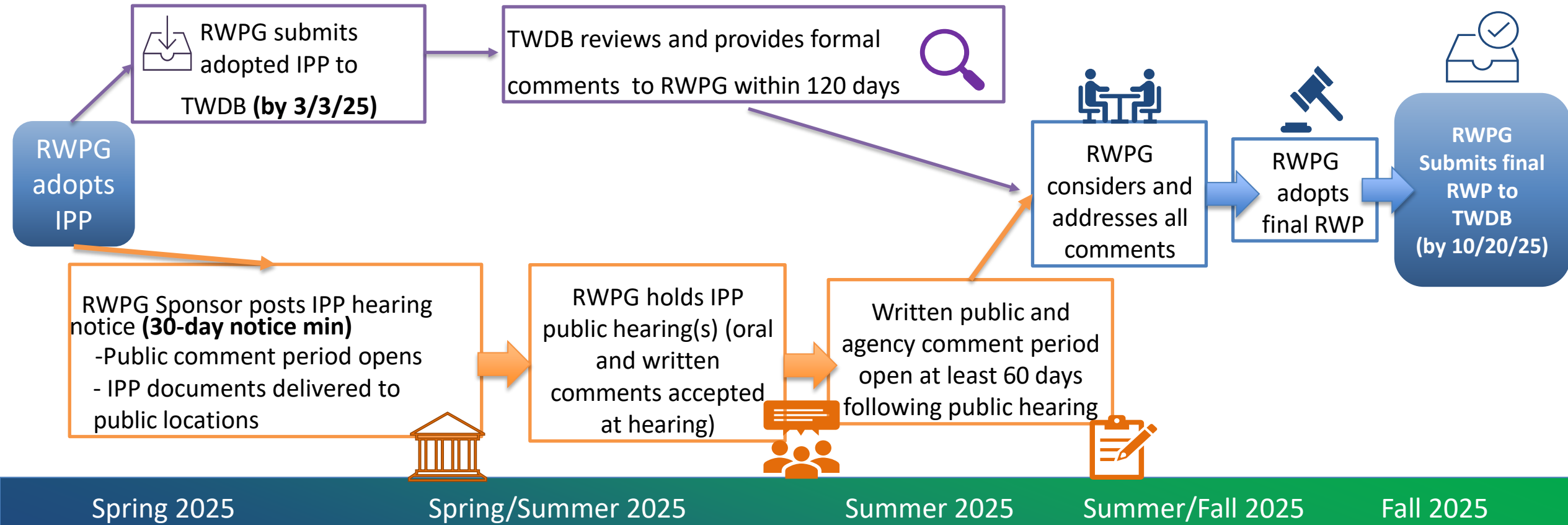
^B Subject to available funding

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
Minimum notice posting timeframe			
7 days prior the meeting		✓	
14 days prior the meeting			✓
30 days prior the hearing	✓		
Notice must contain			
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	✓		
Minimum written comment period			
14 days prior the meeting			✓
30 days prior to the hearing and until 60 days following the public hearing	✓		
Entities notified			
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)	✓		
Posting venues			
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		General Considerations for Development of Regional Water Plans
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:
2	§ 357.22(a)(1)		[The RWPGs shall also consider:] water conservation plans;
3	§ 357.22(a)(2)		[The RWPGs shall also consider:] drought management and drought contingency plans;
4	§ 357.22(a)(3)	Exhibit C, Section 2.1	[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)
5	§ 357.22(a)(4)		[The RWPGs shall also consider:] publicly available plans for major agricultural, municipal, manufacturing and commercial water users;
6	§ 357.22(a)(5)		[The RWPGs shall also consider:] local and regional water management plans;
7	§ 357.22(a)(6)		[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)
8	§ 357.22(a)(7)		[The RWPGs shall also consider:] the Texas Clean Rivers Program;
9	§ 357.22(a)(8)		[The RWPGs shall also consider:] the U.S. Clean Water Act;
10	§ 357.22(a)(9)		[The RWPGs shall also consider:] water management plans;
11	§ 357.22(a)(10)		[The RWPGs shall also consider:] other planning goals including, but not limited to, regionalization of water and wastewater services where appropriate
12	§ 357.22(a)(11)		[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);
13	§ 357.22(a)(12)		[The RWPGs shall also consider:] approved groundwater regulatory plans;
14	§ 357.22(a)(13)		[The RWPGs shall also consider:] potential impacts on public health, safety, or welfare;
15	§ 357.22(a)(14)		[The RWPGs shall also consider:] water conservation best management practices available on the TWDB website; and
16	§ 357.22(a)(15)		[The RWPGs shall also consider:] any other information available from existing local or regional water planning studies.
17	§ 357.22(b)	Exhibit C, Section 1.6	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
Header	§ 357.30	SOW Task 1	Description of the Regional Water Planning Area
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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