

## 2. Sixth Cycle of Regional Water Planning Activities and Timelines

*Working schedule available online at:*

[https://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/planningdocu/2026/projectdocs/Working\\_Schedule\\_2026RWPs.pdf](https://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/planningdocu/2026/projectdocs/Working_Schedule_2026RWPs.pdf)

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## 2a. Proposed revisions to Regional and State Water Planning rules

- TWDB Board approval of proposed rules 12/16
- Public comment period open through 1/31
- <https://www.twdb.texas.gov/about/rules/index.asp>
- Submit comments to [rulescomments@twdb.texas.gov](mailto:rulescomments@twdb.texas.gov)
- *Anticipate final rules presented to TWDB Board in April*

## 2a. Proposed revisions to Regional and State Water Planning rules

- Key proposed changes for Regional Water Planning rules (Chapter 357):
  - Remove requirements for RWPG prioritization and IFR survey
  - New requirements regarding discussion and documentation of interregional coordination
  - Clarification that certain infrastructure costs allowed for conservation and direct reuse within a WUG boundary

## 2a. Proposed revisions to Regional and State Water Planning rules

- Several clarifications to reduce non-statutorily required reporting elements
- New process for adoption of errata to address minor errors
- Several clarifications regarding infeasible WMSs:
  - If no infeasible WMSs identified, must document in Technical Memorandum
  - TWDB EA will establish deadline for amendments associated with infeasible WMSs
  - Allowance for minor amendments to include increase in or new unmet needs for amendments related to removing infeasible WMSs

## 2a. Proposed revisions to Regional and State Water Planning rules

- Key proposed changes for State Water Planning rules (Chapter 358):
  - Clarification that RWPGs may plan for droughts worse than drought of record
  - Term ‘water management strategy project’ added to section

## 2b. Interregional Planning Council

- Deadline to submit nominations extended to April 22
- Must submit at least one nomination and alternate for each nomination
- *Anticipate TWDB Board appointment of Council in June*



## 2b. Interregional Planning Council

- Please submit the following information for each nominee:
  - Interest category the individual represents
  - RWPG committee membership (if applicable),
  - Brief background statement including time served on the planning group, contact information (email, phone number, and mailing address), and
  - Any other supporting information deemed relevant by the planning group.
- TWDB to provide limited assistance to the Council

## 2c. Contract amendments for full project cost and scope of work

- Contract amendments to include a total project cost, full scope of work, and updated guidance documents
- Overall total funding amount for 2026 RWPs similar to 2021 RWPs
- RWPGs do not need to submit a second RFA
- *Anticipate TWDB Board approval to execute contract amendments in summer (date TBD)*



## 2d. Updates to educational material

- Planning staff updating the following documents:
  - RWPG member guide
  - Administrative guidance for RWPG designated Political Subdivisions
  - Frequency asked questions
  - Educational one-pagers
  - RWP 101 presentation