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Regional Water Planning Newsletter – May 2022

RWPG Stakeholders,

We hope everyone is doing well. Below is your May newsletter with a few updates from the Regional Water Planning program.

Projections Release and Development Timeline

TWDB has released the draft demand projections for livestock, manufacturing, and steam-electric power, as well as the water user group (WUG) list and historical data. As a reminder, currently released data is available to view through the projections dashboard online at:

<http://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/data/projections/2027/projections.asp>

Please see the table below for the remaining projections release schedule and upcoming deadlines.

Draft Projections	Timeline
DUE: RWPGs review/submit changes to WUG list	July 29, 2022
TWDB Release: irrigation & mining projections + supporting data	August 2022
TWDB Release: population projections + plumbing code savings + municipal demand	February 2023
DUE: RWPGs request revisions for non-municipal demand projections	July 2023
DUE: RWPGs request revisions for population and municipal demand projections	August 2023

As a friendly reminder:

- Once the population and municipal demand projections are released in February 2023, planning groups have **six months** to review and submit revision requests (due August 2023).
- Non-municipal demand revision requests are encouraged to be submitted early (before the July 2023 deadline).

Katie Dahlberg, Projections and Socioeconomic Analysis Manager has been providing region specific projections presentations at recent RWPG meetings. If your region has not received a presentation from Katie yet, please coordinate this with your TWDB Regional Water Planner. Katie also provided a statewide overview of the projections methodologies earlier this year, which is available to view on the [2026 Regional Water Plan Document webpage](#), under Presentations.

Rulemaking

The TWDB Board adopted revisions to Regional (Chapter 357) and State Water Planning (Chapter 358) rules on April 11, 2022. The rules became effective May 1, 2022 and are available on the [Secretary of State website](#).

The key changes associated with the revised rules were outlined in an [email](#) to RWPG stakeholders on April 11, 2022. TWDB's regional water planners will also be providing a summary of the key changes at upcoming RWPG meetings.

Upcoming Contract Amendments

RWP staff continues to prepare contract amendment materials for the 2026 Regional Water Plans that will incorporate a full, anticipated contract funding amount for each region, a full scope of work, and updated contract guidance documents. We anticipate seeking TWDB Board approval to authorize and execute the contract amendments in July. A draft version of the revised Contract Exhibit C: *General Guidelines for Development of the 2026 Regional Water Plans*, will also be posted for stakeholder feedback this summer prior to finalizing.

As a reminder, RWPG sponsors will not have to submit a second funding application this cycle to incorporate this amendment. The amendment documents will be distributed to RWPG sponsors for execution following TWDB Board approval.

Interregional Planning Council

Thank you to all the regions for submitting the supporting information requested for the Interregional Planning Council nominees. Staff anticipate requesting TWDB Board appointment of the Council in July. Once the Council has been appointed, staff will follow up with the Council to begin discussing logistics of their first meeting.

Educational Resources

RWP staff held a webinar for RWPG sponsors on April 20, 2022. The webinar provided information on regional water planning contracts and payment requests. If you were not able to attend the webinar or would like to revisit the webinar content, the webinar slides and video are posted on the [2026 Regional Water Plan Document webpage](#), under Presentations.

TWDB recently developed a summary document on the drought chapter contents required in the regional water plans. This document, [Drought Response Information, Activities, and Recommendations in Regional Water Plans](#), is available on the [Regional Water Planning Education webpage](#).

RWP staff are currently working to update other educational documents such as the new member guide, best practices guide, and planning 101. We will let you know when these updated materials are available.

Reminders and Previous Updates

- The 2026 Regional Water Plan Working Schedule will be updated throughout the cycle and is available online at: http://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/planningdocu/2026/projectdocs/Working_Sched

[ule_2026RWPs.pdf](#)

- The regional and state water planning rules pamphlet – that conveniently condenses all the key water planning statute and rules for use by RWPGs, Sponsors, and their Consultants - was updated as of May 2021. **Please note this document is currently being updated to reflect the revised rules effective May 2022:**
http://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/planningdocu/2026/projectdocs/RWP_RulePamphlet.pdf
 - Visit the TWDB's *Sixth Cycle of Regional Water Planning Documents* webpage to view communications from TWDB during this planning cycle, project documents including a working schedule, contract documents, and administrative documents. These documents may be found at: <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/planningdocu/2026/documents.asp>
 - The TWDB receives and maintains all the RWPG member email addresses from the region's sponsor. Sponsors should provide any updated email addresses to your TWDB Regional Water Planner to ensure our membership database is up to date and that all RWPG members receive these newsletters etc. For regions that have members without email addresses, please forward these communications to those members by mail or another effective means.
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Contact TWDB

Please contact your region's TWDB Regional Water Planner for any additional information. TWDB's Regional Water Planner assignments are as follows:

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For more information regarding the TWDB Regional Water Planning Program, please visit [our website](#).

Note: This email was sent to all RWPG members, sponsors, and technical consultants. A copy of this newsletter will be posted on the regional water planning newsletter [webpage](#).

Best,

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