Good afternoon,

On February 8, the TWDB Board approved publishing a <u>proposed rule amendment</u> to Regional Water Planning rules. The proposed amendment specifically applies to <u>31 Texas Administrative Code</u> <u>357.34</u> to implement legislative changes from House Bill 1565, 88<sup>th</sup> Regular Session.

House Bill 1565 added a requirement for regional water plans to include information on implementation of large projects, including reservoirs, interstate water transfers, innovative technology projects, desalination plants, and other large projects as determined by the Board. The information required includes expenditures of sponsor money, permit applications, and status updates on the phase of construction of a project. This requirement is already included in TWDB's contract scope of work and guidance documents for development of the 2026 Regional Water Plans.

The <u>proposed rules</u> were published in the Texas Register on February 23. Public comment on the proposed rule will be accepted until **March 25** and may be submitted electronically to <u>rulescomments@twdb.texas.gov</u>. Please include reference to "357.34" in the subject line of any comments submitted.

Best,

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