

Regional Water Planning Group Chairs Call

TWDB Water Supply Planning Division
December 9, 2024

Agenda

1. Introductions and Opening Comments
2. Sixth Cycle of Regional Water Planning Activities
3. Best Practices for RWPGs
4. Chairs Discussion
5. Wrap-up and next call topics and date

Agenda Item 1: Introductions and Opening Comments

- Introductions and RWPG roll call

Agenda Item 2: Sixth Cycle of Regional Water Planning Activities

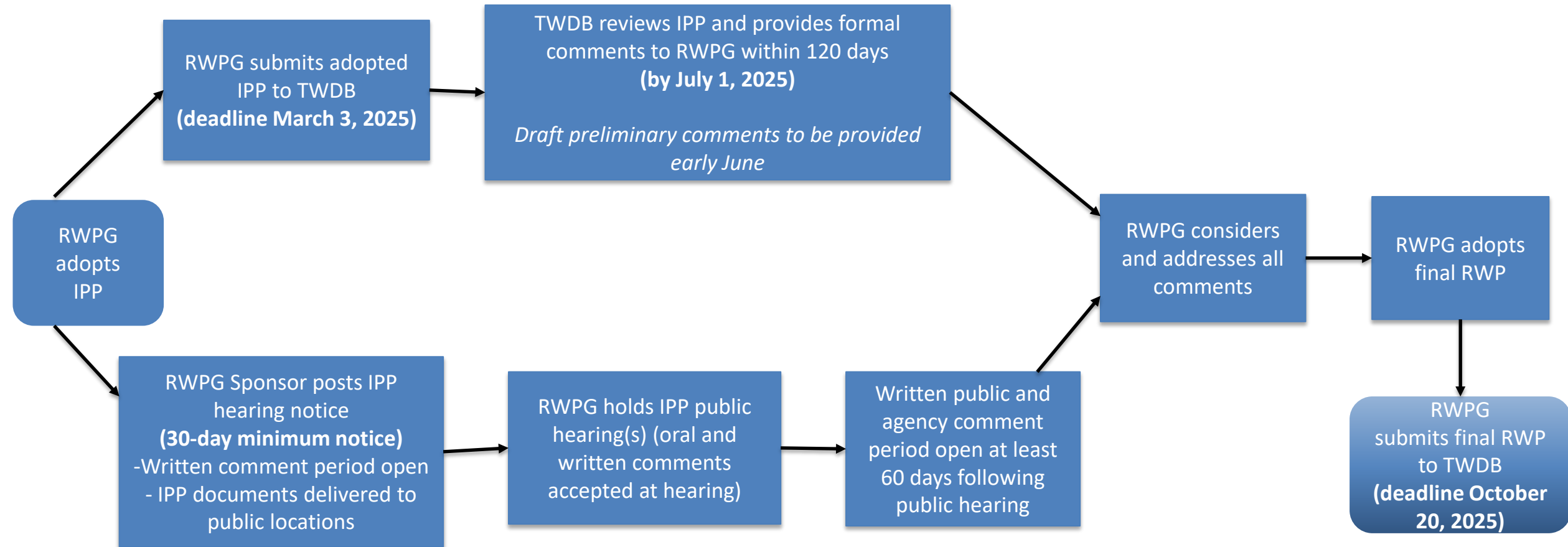
a) Initially Prepared Plan and final Regional Water Plan Process

- Process schematic available online:

https://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/planningdocu/2026/projectdocs/2026RWP_IPP_RWP_ProcessSchematic.pdf

- Distributed to RWPGs October 2024

Overview: IPP and Final RWP Process



Spring 2025

Spring/Summer 2025

Summer 2025

Summer/Fall 2025

Fall 2025

Agenda Item 2: Sixth Cycle of Regional Water Planning Activities (cont.)

- a) Initially Prepared Plan and final Regional Water Plan Process (cont.)
 - Public notice summary available online:
https://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/planningdocu/2026/projectdocs/2026%20RWP_IPP_RWP_PostingRequirements.pdf
 - Distributed to RWPGs October 2024
 - Different notice requirements for IPP adoption, hearing, and final plan adoption

Public notice and documentation requirements

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)	✓		

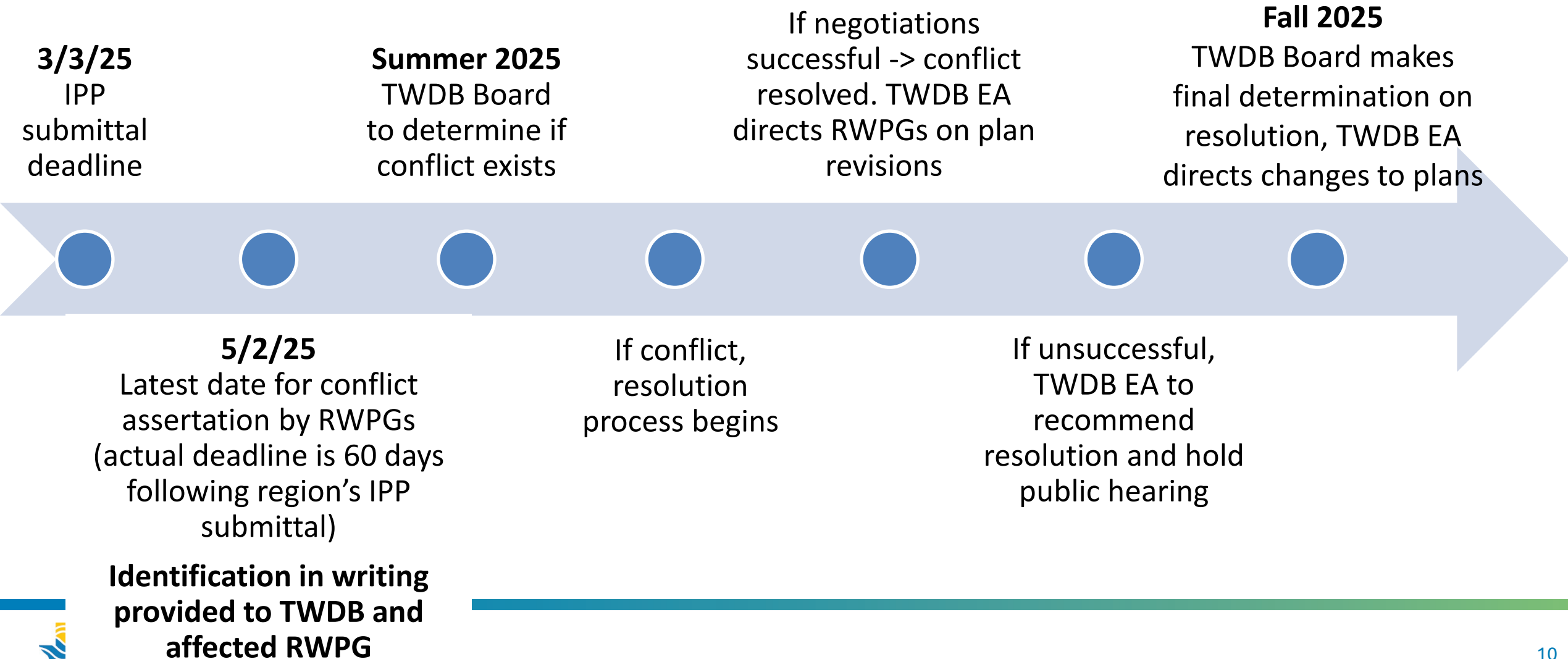
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Posting requirements	Public hearing for IPP	Adoption of IPP	Adoption of final plan
Document provision			
Documents to be made available on the internet or in hard copy for public inspection prior to and following the meeting include: 1) meeting agenda, and 2) copies of all materials, reports, and/or plans presented or discussed at the meeting	✓	✓	✓
Copies of the IPPs must be available for public inspection in: 1) at least one public library in each county, and 2) either the county courthouse's law library, the county clerk's office, or some other accessible place within the county courthouse of each county having land in the RWPA. According to the capabilities of the facility, the RWPG may provide copies electronically, on electronic media, through an internet web link, or in hard copy	✓		
Minimum document posting timeframe			
3 days prior the meeting and 7 days following the meeting		✓	
7 days prior the meeting and 14 days following the meeting			✓
Copies of IPP: 30 days prior the hearing and 60 days following the hearing; additional meeting materials: 7 days prior to and 30 days following the hearing	✓		
Open Meeting Act and Public Information Act			
Each RWPG and any committee or subcommittee of an RWPG are subject to Chapters 551 [Open Meetings Act] and 552 [Public Information Act], Government Code. A copy of all materials presented or discussed at an open meeting shall be made available for public inspection prior to and following the meetings and shall meet the additional notice requirements when specifically referenced as required under subsections	✓	✓	✓

Agenda Item 2: Sixth Cycle of Regional Water Planning Activities (cont.)

- a) Initially Prepared Plan and final Regional Water Plan Process (cont.)
- Interregional conflict information sheet:
https://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/education/RWP_Interregional_Conflict.pdf
 - Interregional conflict exists when either:
 - More than one regional water plan relies on same water source for a strategy and insufficient water availability for both regions
 - RWPG demonstrates substantial adverse impacts in region on economic, agricultural, and natural resources (based on another RWPG recommended WMS sourced in affected region)

Overview: Interregional Conflict Process



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b) Data entry progress

- Data entry and data checks must be completed by the IPP submittal deadline (contract requirement)
- RWPGs have received reminders to address source and entity data checks
- RWP data reports will be made available to the public in the TWDB's Secure Agency Reporting Application (SARA) by January 21

Agenda Item 2: Sixth Cycle of Regional Water Planning Activities (cont.)

- c) Proposed 2022 State Water Plan Amendment No. 3
 - Incorporates infeasible WMS amendments for Regions B, F, G, M
 - Incorporates WMS revisions/additions for Regions G, H, L
 - TWDB public hearing on December 18, 2:30 pm
 - TWDB Board to consider adoption January 16, 2025

- d) Chairs feedback

Agenda Item 3: Best Practices for RWPGs

a) General discussion

- Recommendation from Interregional Planning Council
- Potential discussion items:
 - Multiple public hearings
 - Sub-regional meetings
 - Use of TWDB IPP checklist to document plan requirements met

b) Chairs feedback

Agenda Item 4: Chairs Discussion

- Open discussion with Chairs

Agenda Item 5: Wrap-up and Next Call

- Next call topics and date options

Questions?

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