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Dear New Regional Water Planning Group Member,

Welcome to the sixth cycle of Texas' regional water planning process. This planning process, created in 1997 by Senate Bill 1, was set up to encourage public involvement by those directly affected by water supply issues. Regional water plans are developed every five years through consensus building among the voting interest categories on your regional water planning group (RWPG). The 2026 Regional Water Plans must be adopted by the RWPG and submitted to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) by October 20, 2025.

The opportunity for RWPG members to participate in regional water planning comes with certain responsibilities. Planning group members are expected to

- regularly attend their RWPG meetings;
- represent their interest categories in the regional water planning process;
- understand and follow the regional water planning process, rules, bylaws, guidelines, as well as review the various materials considered by the RWPG;
- solicit and consider public input;
- consider local water plans developed by local entities when developing the regional water plan;
- develop a water plan that serves the entire region and takes into consideration the water needs of all interests in the region; and
- ensure adoption of a regional water plan by the statutory deadline that meets all requirements.

Along the way, participants in this planning process should keep in mind that these are high-level, long-term drought of record-based water supply plans that address six categories of water use. In addition, recommended water management strategies and projects in the plans often must undergo more detailed evaluations before being permitted and implemented by the project sponsors.

The TWDB is the agency designated by the legislature to provide technical and financial assistance to the regional water planning process. Each RWPG has an assigned TWDB planner to serve as a non-voting member of the RWPG and who will act as a liaison

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between the agency and the planning group. TWDB staff looks forward to working with you during the development of your RWPG's regional water plan.

As a resource to you, TWDB has additional information on its website that may be beneficial to you as a planning group member. The information is on our new member webpage: <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/regions/newmembers.asp>.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Regionalwaterplanning@twdb.texas.gov or the TWDB regional water planner for your region. Thank you for participating in this process and assisting Texas in meeting its water supply needs.

Sincerely,

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