

**AGENDA**  
**TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD**  
**September 14, 2023 – 9:30 AM**

**Harlingen City Hall, Town Hall Meeting Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**  
**118 E. Tyler Avenue, Harlingen, Texas 78550**

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1. Presentation by local leaders of regional water projects, plans, and issues.
2. Discussion regarding outreach efforts and activities by the Board.
3. Consider authorizing the publication of proposed amendments to 31 Texas Administrative Code § 358.6 relating to water loss audits to implement Senate Bill 28 (88th Regular Session). (John Dupnik)
4. Consider authorizing the Executive Administrator to publish solicitations, award, and execute contracts in a total amount not to exceed \$1,680,000 for four groundwater modeling projects. (John Dupnik)
5. Consider authorizing the Executive Administrator to publish solicitations, award, and execute contracts, in a total amount not to exceed \$1,681,446 for technical studies to support brackish groundwater production zone designations. (John Dupnik)
6. Consider authorizing the Executive Administrator to: (a) execute a contract with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) in an amount not to exceed \$745,000 (including \$475,000 from the Texas Water Development Board) for coastal monitoring in fiscal years 2024 and 2025; and (b) amend the USGS contract in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for additional unplanned activities. (Carla Guthrie)
7. Consider authorizing the Executive Administrator to: (a) execute a contract in an amount not to exceed \$1,973,195 (including \$1,609,460 from the Texas Water Development Board) for continuation of the Water Resources Investigations data collection program with the U.S. Geological Survey in fiscal year 2024; and (b) amend the contract in an amount not to exceed \$165,000 for additional unplanned activities. (Carla Guthrie)
8. Consider approving by resolution a request from the Harlingen Waterworks System acting on behalf of the City of Harlingen (Cameron County) for \$10,000,000 in financing from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for planning, acquisition, and design of a wastewater system improvements project. (Mireya Loewe)
9. Consider approving by resolution a request from the City of Garrison (Nacogdoches County) for \$681,000 in principal forgiveness from the Clean Water State Revolving

Fund for planning, acquisition, and design of a wastewater treatment plant replacement project. (Mireya Loewe)

10. Consider approving by resolution a request from the Laguna Madre Water District (Cameron County) for a) \$12,980,000 in financing from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for construction of a water system improvements project; and b) a waiver from the requirement to include funds to mitigate water loss as part of this project. (Mireya Loewe)
11. Consider approving by resolution a request from the City of Mertzon (Irion County) for \$4,289,000 in financial assistance consisting of \$2,085,000 in financing and \$2,204,000 in principal forgiveness from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for planning, design, and construction of a water system improvements project. (Jessica Peña)
12. Consider approving by resolution a request from the City of Magnolia (Montgomery County) for \$10,675,000 in financial assistance consisting of \$9,675,000 in financing and \$1,000,000 in principal forgiveness from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for planning, design, and construction of a wastewater treatment plant expansion project. (Jessica Peña)
13. The Board will receive comments from the public on any matters within the jurisdiction of the TWDB, with the exception of matters which are subject to the ex parte prohibition found in Texas Government Code Section 2001.061.
14. The Board may adjourn into Executive Session and conduct a closed meeting to consider any item on this agenda if a matter is raised that is appropriate for the Board to conduct a private consultation with its attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. The Board may conduct a closed meeting to receive legal advice and discuss pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, or the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of specific Board employees, including the Executive Administrator and General Counsel, as permitted by Sections 551.071 and 551.074, the Texas Open Meetings Act, codified as Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. The Board may also meet in open meeting to take action on legal or personnel matters considered in the closed meeting as required by Section 551.102 of the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Government Code. The Board may conduct a closed meeting to consider and discuss financial matters related to the investment or potential investment of the Board's funds, as permitted by Section 6.0601(a) of the Texas Water Code. The Board may also meet in open meeting to take action on a financial matter discussed in the closed meeting as required by Section 6.0601(b) of the Texas Water Code.

The next currently scheduled meeting of the Texas Water Development Board will be held in Austin, Texas on October 5, 2023. Other meetings may be scheduled and will be posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, large print or Braille, are requested to contact Cheryl Arredondo at (512) 463-7686 two (2) workdays prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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**This Board Meeting will be held in person at Harlingen City Hall, Town Hall Meeting Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 118 E. Tyler Avenue, Harlingen, Texas 78550. Link below is provided for viewing purposes only for this meeting.**

**<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6046627191074716765>**

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