

<p align="center">Possible Issues for the Interregional Planning Council To Consider</p>
<p><i>The following is a list of issues for the Council to consider in accomplishing its charge under Texas Water Code Section 16.052(c). This list was generated from the Council's discussion on April 29 and May 28 and from Rep. Lyle Larson's letter of April 27, 2020. Items in red type are from Rep. Larson's letter, with asterisks denoting those Rep. Larson identified as highest priority to address by the Council by October 2020.</i></p>
<p>Planning Water Resources for the State as a Whole (addresses Water Code 16.052(c)(1))</p>
<p><u>Possible solutions for IPC to develop</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify potential new multi-regional projects for consideration that serve the state as a whole. (Larson) • Identify any large amounts of undeveloped/unappropriated water supplies and available developed water across the state. • Increase emphasis on water quality and flood control in water supply planning process acknowledging the new regional flood planning process. • Legislative support for interstate water resources for the State of Texas as a whole and neighboring states that may benefit. • <i>Review the viability and justification of projects included in the State Water Plan, make recommendations on how to encourage the inclusion of innovative strategies such as aquifer store and recovery and desalination (Larson)*</i> • <i>Identify additional ways TWDB might assist in interregional coordination and planning at the statewide level (Larson)</i> • Methods to plan for the larger picture of water resource development (4 votes)
<p>Enhancing Interregional Coordination (addresses Water Code 16.052 (c)(2) (Larson's wording: Provide an outline of a plan to facilitate better interregional coordination in the future*))</p>
<p><u>Possible solutions for IPC to develop</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a formal and informal process to look at projects that cross regions • Formal process for regions to coordinate on projects for shared resources from other regions (Regional liaisons) • Develop ways for metropolitan areas to work within multiple planning processes
<p>Dealing with Interregional Conflict (addresses Larson's charge to IPC)</p>
<p><u>Possible solutions for IPC to develop</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Review and make recommendations regarding any identified interregional conflicts (Larson)*</i> • Develop a formal process by which the IPC will improve coordination between regions in the event of an interregional conflict • Proactively consider potential areas of conflict and ways to coordinate in advance of conflict.
<p>Best Practices for Future Planning (addresses 16.052(c)(3))</p>
<p><u>Possible solutions for IPC to develop</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide guidance to Uniform Standards Prioritization Stakeholder group in regard to prioritization of projects (3 votes) • Develop guidelines on minimum standards for a project to be included in a regional water plan (6 votes) • Ways to have the rulemaking process more responsive to changing conditions (5 votes)