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Regional Water Planning Newsletter – October 2022

Good morning RWPG Stakeholders,

Please see below the October newsletter with updates from TWDB’s Regional Water Planning program.

Projections Release and Development Timeline

TWDB has now released the draft demand projections for all non-municipal water use categories. Currently released data is available to view through the projection’s dashboard online at: <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/data/projections/2027/projections.asp>

The table below lists the remaining projections release schedule and deadlines.

Draft Projections	Timeline
TWDB Release: Population Projections + Plumbing Code Savings + Municipal Demand	February 2023
DUE: RWPGs request revisions for non-municipal demand projections	July 14, 2023
DUE: RWPGs request revisions for population and municipal demand projections	August 11, 2023
TWDB Board Meeting to Adopt Projections	Fall 2023

As a friendly reminder:

- Once the population and municipal demand projections are released in February 2023, planning groups have **six months** to review and submit revision requests (due August 2023).
- Regions are encouraged to meet soon after the release of the municipal projections to develop their strategy for meeting the tight deadline.
- Non-municipal demand revision requests are strongly encouraged to be submitted early and consultants are encouraged to coordinate with TWDB’s Projections and Socioeconomic Analysis team regarding potential revisions as early as possible.
- Planning groups must take formal action to approve submitting revision requests to the TWDB.
- After TWDB Board adoption of the final projections in Fall 2023, TWDB grant funds may no longer be used for revisions to demand projections.

Contract Amendments

Amendments to the Regional Water Planning grant contracts are in the process of being executed by TWDB and all RWPG sponsors. RWPG sponsors are reminded to submit their subsequent subcontract amendments to the TWDB for acceptance.

Updated contract documents

The following updated contract documents are available on the [2026 Regional Water Plan document page](#):

- [First Amended Scope of Work](#) (Exhibit A)
- [First Amended General Guidelines for Development of the 2026 Regional Water Plans](#) (Exhibit C)

Interregional Planning Council

The first meeting of the 2nd Interregional Planning Council will be held on November 9th. Information on upcoming meetings and resources can be found on the updated Council website:

<https://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/ipc/2027IPC.asp>

Analysis of Infeasible Strategies in the 2021 Regional Water Plans

TWDB regional water planners are presenting slides at upcoming planning group meetings to note some of the key changes and/or new requirements for the 2026 regional water plans.

One of the most significant new requirements is the new scope of work task for planning groups to assess strategies and projects in their 2021 Regional Water Plans and determine if any strategies and projects are infeasible. This new task is required by Texas Water Code 16.053(h)(10). The [First Amended General Guidelines for Development of the 2026 Regional Water Plans](#), Section 2.11 provides additional information on the criteria to be considered for this assessment.

For the timing of this task, it is important for planning groups to be aware that the results of this analysis must be completed and presented in the Technical Memorandum contract deliverable, which is due to the TWDB on **March 4, 2024**. Planning groups must also present the results of this analysis at the same public meeting where they will present the methodology for identifying potentially feasible strategies for the 2026 regional water plans. Any resulting 2021 regional water plan amendments that result from this analysis must be adopted by the RWPG and submitted to the TWDB by June 2024.

Educational Resources

The following educational resources have been added or recently updated:

- Regional Water Planning Group Member Overview Guide: <https://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/education/RWPGMemberGuide.pdf>
- Administrative Guidance for Regional Water Planning Group Sponsors (Designated Political Subdivisions): <https://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/planningdocu/resourcedocs/RWPGSponsorAdminGuide.pdf>
- Amending an Approved Regional Water Plan Process: <https://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/planningdocu/resourcedocs/AmendingApprovedRWP.pdf>
- Regional Water Plan Amendment Flowchart: <https://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/planningdocu/resourcedocs/RWPAmendme>

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- Information sheet on regional water planning and the drought of record: https://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/education/RWP_DroughtofRecord.pdf
- Information sheet on strategies and projects that provide both water supply and flood mitigation: https://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/education/WaterSupply_and_FloodMitigationProjects.pdf

Reminders and Previous Updates

- The 2026 Regional Water Plan Working Schedule was updated most recently in October 2022 and is available online at: http://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/planningdocu/2026/projectdocs/Working_Schedule_2026RWPs.pdf
 - The regional and state water planning rules pamphlet – that conveniently condenses all the key water planning statute and rules for use by RWPGs, Sponsors, and their Consultants - was updated as of May 2022: http://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/planningdocu/2026/projectdocs/RWP_RulePamphlet.pdf
 - Visit the TWDB's *Sixth Cycle of Regional Water Planning Documents* webpage to view communications from TWDB during this planning cycle, project documents including a working schedule, contract documents, and administrative documents. These documents may be found at: <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/planningdocu/2026/documents.asp>
 - The TWDB receives and maintains all the RWPG member email addresses from the region's sponsor. Sponsors should provide any updated email addresses to your TWDB Regional Water Planner to ensure our membership database is up to date and that all RWPG members receive these newsletters etc. For regions that have members without email addresses, please forward these communications to those members by mail or another effective means.
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Contact TWDB

Please contact your region's TWDB Regional Water Planner for any additional information. TWDB's current Regional Water Planner assignments are as follows:

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For more information regarding the TWDB Regional Water Planning Program, please visit [our website](#).

Note: This email was sent to all RWPG members, sponsors, and technical consultants. A copy of this newsletter will be posted on the regional water planning newsletter [webpage](#).

Best,

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