



# Region I

East Texas Regional  
Water Planning Group



# Regional Water Planning Group Meeting

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February 6th, 2025

# East Texas Regional Water Planning Group Meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance
3. Notice of Meeting
4. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum
5. Public Comments (3 min each)

# Item 6

Consideration and Approval of the  
Minutes of the January 7, 2025 Meeting

# Item 7

## Reports from City of Nacogdoches

# Item 8

## Reports of Adjoining Regions' Activity

Region C – David Montagne

Region D – John McFarland

Region H – Scott Hall

Interregional Liaison – Kelley Holcomb

# Item 9

## Reports from Standing Committees

Executive Committee – John Martin

Finance Committee – Kelley Holcomb

Bylaws Committee – David Alders

Technical Committee – Scott Hall

Nominations Committee – Monty Shank

# Item 10

Report from Consultant Team with  
Discussion by Regional Water Planning  
Group

# Today's Discussion

- a) Review of 6th Cycle Water Planning Schedule & IPP Adoption Process
- b) Review of Chapters and Appendices in the draft 2026 IPP for East Texas



# Review of 6th Cycle Water Planning Schedule & IPP Adoption Process (10a)



# 2026 Plan Schedule

## 12-month Look-Ahead

Date	Schedules Events/Tasks
March 3, 2025	Initially Prepared Plan Due
May 2025	IPP Public Comment Meeting (30-day Before, 60-day After)
<i>August 2025</i>	<i>Socioeconomic Impact Report Released to RWPGs</i>
July/August 2025 (TBD)	RWPG and/or Technical Committee Meeting: Review Comments
Sept/Oct 2025	RWPG Meeting: Final RWP Approval (2-week Notice, 7-day posting)
October 20, 2025	Final Regional Water Plan Due

**Abbreviations:**

RWPG = Regional Water Planning Group

IPP = Initially Prepared Plan

Posting requirements	Public hearing for IPP	Adoption of IPP	Adoption of final plan
<b>Minimum notice posting timeframe</b>			
7 days prior the meeting		✓	
14 days prior the meeting			✓
30 days prior the hearing	✓		
<b>Notice must contain</b>			
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	✓		
<b>Minimum written comment period</b>			
14 days prior the meeting			✓
30 days prior to the hearing <b>and</b> until 60 days following the public hearing	✓		
<b>Entities notified</b>			
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)	✓		
<b>Posting venues</b>			
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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<b>Minimum document posting timeframe</b>			
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	✓		
<b>Open Meeting Act and Public Information Act</b>			
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# Review of Chapters and Appendices in the Draft 2026 IPP for East Texas (10b)



# Review of Chapters

Chapter	Title	Number of Appendices
-	Executive Summary	1
1	Description of the Region	2
2	Current and Projected Population and Water Demand	3
3	Water Supply Analyses	4
4	Identification of Water Needs	1
5A	Identification of Potentially Feasible Water Management Strategies	2
5B	Evaluation of Potentially Feasible, Recommended, and Alternative Water Management Strategies	2
5C	Water Conservation Recommendations	2
6	Impacts of the Regional Water Plan and Consistency with Protection of Resources	0
7	Drought Response Information, Activities, and Recommendations	0
8	Unique Stream Segments, Unique Reservoir Sites, and Legislative and Regulatory Recommendations	1
9	Implementation and Comparison to the Previous Regional Water Plan	1
10	Public Participation and Adoption of Plan	4

# Executive Summary

## Chapter Summary

- Introduction to Regional Water Planning
- Regional Description
- County Summary Sheets
  - Key Findings and Recommendations
- TWDB DB27 Data Reports

# Executive Summary

## Appendices Summary

- 19 Reports from DB 27

- 1.DRAFT Report 1 - WUG Population
- 2.DRAFT Report 2 - WUG Demand
- 3.DRAFT Report 3 - Source Total Availability
- 4.DRAFT Report 4 - Water User Group Existing Water Supply
- 5.DRAFT Report 5 - Water User Group Needs or Surplus
- 6.DRAFT Report 6 - WUG Second-Tier Identified Water Need
- 7.DRAFT Report 7 - WUG Data Comparison to 2021 RWP
- 8.DRAFT Report 8 - Source Data Comparison to 2021 RWP
- 9.DRAFT Report 9 - WUG Unmet Needs
- 10.DRAFT Report 10 - Recommended WUG Water Management Strategies

11. DRAFT Report 11 - Recommended Projects Associated with Water Management Strategies
- 12.DRAFT Report 12 - Alternative WUG Water Management Strategies
- 13.DRAFT Report 13 - Alternative Projects Associated with Water Management Strategies
- 14.DRAFT Report 14 - WUG Management Supply Factor
- 15.DRAFT Report 15 - Recommended WMS Supply Associated with New/Amended IBT Permit
- 16.DRAFT Report 16 - Recommended WMS with New/Amended IBT Permit & Conservation
- 17.DRAFT Report 17 - Sponsored Recommended WMS Supplies Unallocated to WUGs
- 18.DRAFT Report 18 - Major Water Provider Existing Sales and Transfers
- 19.DRAFT Report 19 - Major Water Provider WMS Summary

# Draft IPP Chapters Reviewed Last Meeting

- Chapter 1: Description of the Regional Water Planning Area
- Chapter 2: Projected Population and Water Demands
- Chapter 3: Evaluation of Current Water Supplies
- Chapter 4: Water Needs

# Chapter 5

- Includes 5A, 5B, and 5C Subchapters:
  - A. Potentially Feasible WMS and Projects
  - B. Evaluation of Recommended WMS and Projects
  - C. Conservation Recommendations

# Chapter 5A

## Chapter Summary

- Potentially feasible strategies
  - Recommended strategies
  - Alternative strategies
- Cost, environmental permitting and implementation issues
- Water conservation and drought management
- Direct and indirect wastewater reuse
- Expanded use of existing supplies
  - Voluntary transfers (sales/contracts)
  - Expanded groundwater and/or local use
- New supplies
- Inter-basin transfers

# Chapter 5A

## Appendices Summary

Appendix	Title	Description
5A-A	Screening Criteria for Potentially Feasible Water Management Strategies	The ETRWPG identified general guidelines when considering the potential feasibility of WMSs
5A-B	Potentially Feasible Water Management Strategies	Summary of potentially feasible WMS considered and identified for all WUGs with need

# Chapter 5B

## Chapter Summary

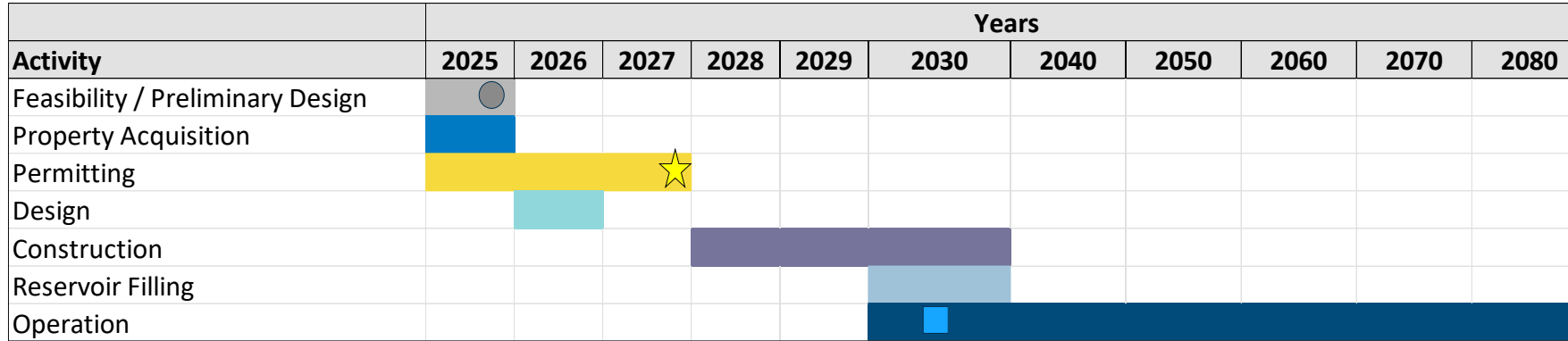
- Water Management Strategy Evaluation
  - WMSs Summary by County
  - WMSs Summary by Major Water Providers
- Texas Water Development Board Database
- Documentation of Implementation Status and Anticipated Timeline for Certain Types of Recommended WMSs **[New Requirement]**
- Summary of Recommended and Alternative Water Management Strategies



# Implementation Timeline of Selected WMSs

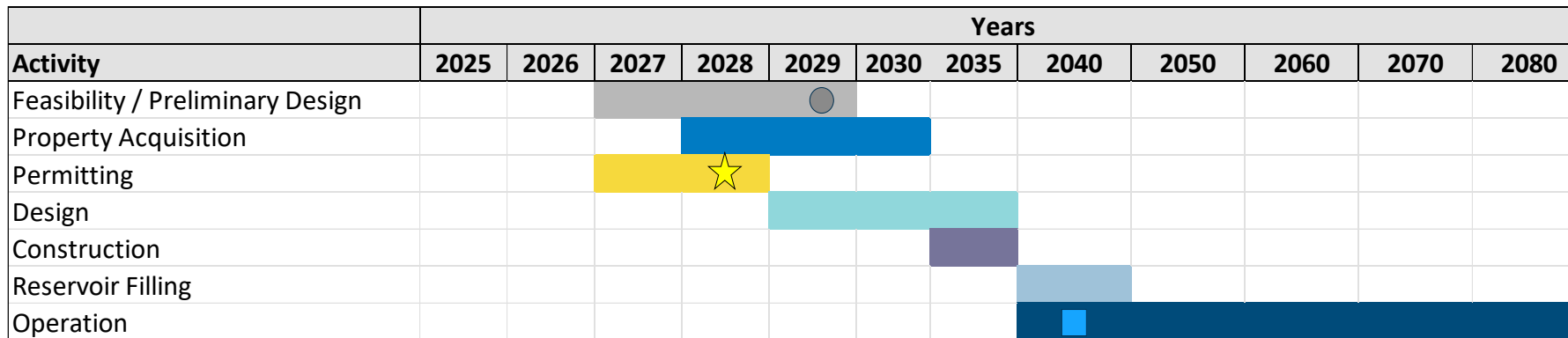
West Beaumont Reservoir - Timeline with Key Milestones

2026 Regional Water Plan Horizon



Lake Columbia Reservoir - Timeline with Key Milestones

2026 Regional Water Plan Horizon



**Estimated Milestone Timeline**

- Feasibility Studies Completed
- ★ Permits issued
- Operations Begin

# Chapter 5B

## Appendices Summary

Appendix	Title	Description
5B-A	Water Management Strategies and Projects Technical Memoranda	Technical memoranda by WUGs/MWPs
5B-B	Strategy Evaluation Matrix and Quantified Environmental Impacts Matrix	Description of scoring of various matrix and the scores of various categories for each WMS

# Chapter 5C

## Chapter Summary

- Water Conservation Practices and Trends in the East Texas Regional Water Planning Area
- Water Conservation Plans
- Recommended Water Conservation Strategies in ETRWPA

# Chapter 5C

## Appendices Summary

Appendix	Title	Description
5C-A	Estimated Plumbing Code Efficiency Savings by County	Projected plumbing code efficiency water savings for Region I counties
5C-B	GPCD Goals of Region I WUGs	Projected GPCD goals considering conservation savings

# **Chapter 6: Impacts of the Regional Water Plan and Consistency with Protection of Resources**

# Chapter 6

## Chapter Summary

- Impacts of Water Management Strategies
  - Key Water Quality Parameters in the State
  - Moving Water from Agricultural and Rural Areas
- Consistency with the Long-term Protection of the State
  - Protection of Water Resources
  - Consistency with Protection of Agricultural Resources
  - Consistency with Protection of Natural Resources
- Unmet Municipal Needs
  - No needs left unmet in Region I
- Socioeconomic Impacts of Not Meeting Identified Needs [Pending]

# Chapter 6

## Appendices Summary

Appendix	Title	Description
6-A	TWDB Socioeconomic Impact Analysis [to be released by TWDB in August 2025]	Present the potential effects of water shortages on Texas communities, businesses, and the overall economy

# **Chapter 7: Drought Response Information, Activities, and Recommendations**



# Chapter 7

## Chapter Summary

- Droughts of Record
- Uncertainty and Drought(s) Worse Than the Drought of Record
- Current Drought Preparations and Responses in Region I
- Region-Specific Recommendations Regarding Triggers and Actions to be Taken in Drought
- Existing and Potential Emergency Interconnect
- Drought Management Water Management Strategies
- Emergency Responses to Local Drought Conditions or Loss of Municipal Supply
- Other Drought Related Considerations and Recommendations
- Region-Specific Model Drought Contingency Plan

# Chapter 7

## Appendices Summary

Appendix	Title	Description
None		

# **Chapter 8: Unique Stream Segments, Unique Reservoir Sites, and Legislative and Regulatory Recommendations**

# Chapter 8

## Chapter Summary

- Summary of Recommendations
- Unique Stream Segments
  - None
- Unique Reservoir Sites
  - Lake Columbia and Lake Fastrill
- Legislative and Regulatory Recommendations

# Chapter 8

## Appendices Summary

Appendix	Title	Description
8-A	Proposed Reservoir Site Locations	Descriptions of the proposed reservoir sites and maps showing their locations

# **Chapter 9: Implementation and Comparison to the Previous Regional Water Plan**

# Chapter 9

## Chapter Summary

- Implementation of Previous Regional Water Plan
  - TWDB Implementation Survey
    - ✓ 2021 RWP WMS Project status update, including impediments, timeline, and funding source
- RWPA's Progress in Achieving Economies of Scale **[New Requirement]**
  - WMSs serving more than one entity
    - ✓ Regional WMSs sponsored by MWP serve multiple WUGs and provide water supply benefits to MWPs and their customers.
    - ✓ The Lake Naconiche Regional Water System project, not sponsored by any MWP, will serve multiple WUGs in Nacogdoches County.
  - RWPG's effort in encouraging WMSs/WMSPs to service more than one entity
- Comparison to Previous Regional Water Plan
  - Water Demand Projections
  - Drought of Record
  - Water Availability
  - Existing Water Supplies
  - Identified Needs of WUGs and WWP
  - Recommended and Alternative WMSs

# Chapter 9

## Appendices Summary

Appendix	Title	Description
9-A	Water Management Strategy Implementation Survey	Project status of the WMSs from the 2021 RWP



# **Chapter 10: Public Participation and Adoption of Plan**

# Chapter 10

## Chapter Summary

- East Texas Regional Water Planning Group Members
- Preplanning for the 2026 Plan
- Interregional coordination
- Opportunities for Public Input
  - WUG/MWP involvement
  - Rural outreach
  - ETRWPA website
  - Public meetings
  - Public hearings
- Public Comment [Pending]
- Final Adoption of the 2026 Plan [Pending]

# Chapter 10

## Appendices Summary

Appendix	Title	Description
10-A	Media and Public Outreach	Documentation of the public notices and press releases related to the the Regional Water Planning Process
10-B	Transcripts, Presentations, and Minutes from Public Hearings	This appendix will include documentation of public input provided at a public hearing scheduled after the IPP
10-C	Initially Prepared Plan Public Comments	This appendix will include all comments received during the 2026 IPP comment period.
10-D	Inititally Prepared Plan Submittal Letter	This appendix will include a letter from Kelley Holcomb informing the TWDB of the approval and adoption of the 2026 IPP

*Note: Appendices 10-B through 10-D will be available after the 2026 IPP is submitted*

# Item 11a

- Consideration and Adoption of the 2026 Region I East Texas Regional Water Planning Area Initially Prepared Plan\*
- Consideration and Approval for the Adopted Initially Prepared Plan\* to be submitted to Texas Water Development Board

\*Note: Allowance for the Technical Consultant Team for minor adjustments for consistency and/or editorial corrections

## **Item 11b**

Consideration and Approval for the Political Subdivision to Prepare and Send Appropriate Notice(s) for Public Hearings Related to the Initially Prepared Plan

# Item 12

## Reports from other state agencies

- a) Texas Water Development Board – Lann Bookout
- b) Texas Department of Parks & Wildlife – Stephen Lange
- c) Texas Department of Agriculture – Manuel Martinez
- d) Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board – Trey Watson
- e) Groundwater Management Areas – John Martin/John McFarland

# **Item 13**

General Discussion

# **Item 14**

Next meeting dates

- IPP Public Hearing (May 2025)
- Regular RWPG Meeting (Summer 2025)

# Questions?



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