

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGION I - EAST TEXAS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP  
PUBLIC HEARING**

**Thursday May 1, 2025 – 10:00 A.M.**

- 1. Call to Order** – Chairman John Martin called the Public Hearing to order at 10:00 A.M.

John Martin introduced officials present at the hearing:

Tonya Miller, Texas Water Development Board Member

Ron Ellis, TWDB

Region I Voting Members: John Martin, John McFarland, Kelley Holcomb and Terry Stelly

Brigit Buff, Plummer & Associates (Engineering Consultant)

Cheryl Bartlett, City of Nacogdoches (Region I Admin)

- 2. Meeting Goals:** Overview of the regional water planning process, high level review of the chapters for the 2026 initially prepared plan (IPP) for Region I, receive comments from the public on the IPP.

- 3. Overview of Regional water planning process**

Region I is comprised of 20 different counties in East Texas and utilizes data from 285 primary water users and 16 wholesale providers. The report produced by Region I will be combined with plans from other regions to create a state-wide plan for water management for 2027. This plan will be used by the State to verify that projects proposed by water users are consistent with the overall state water plan for future development and assist them in obtaining funding from the Texas Water Development Board for their projects.

- 4. Review of Chapters**

Chapters in each regional plan basically follow the steps outlined in the water planning process. These steps include describing the region geographical boundaries, assessing the projected population and water demands of the area, reviewing the current water supply available, analyzing the difference in the projected demands and supply to determine the needs for the region and developing future strategies to meet those needs. Brigit continued with a brief review of the contents of each of the ten chapters in the IPP.

- 5. Next steps**

Public comment period started 30 days ago and will continue for another 60 days through July 1, 2025. All comments received will be documented in the final Region I plan which will then be presented and submitted to the Members for approval in the fall (date to be determined).

- 6. ETRWP 2026 Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) Comments**

John Martin requested comments from both online participants and in-person attendees. No comments were offered.

- 7. Questions and Answers** – No questions were asked.

- 8.** Public Hearing was adjourned at 10:31 pm

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_

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John Martin, Chair  
ETRWPG – Region I

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Terry Stelly, Secretary

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