



Region I
East Texas Regional
Water Planning Group



Regional Water Planning Group Meeting

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

Item 6

Consideration and approval of the
minutes of the September 9th, 2025
Meeting

Item 7

Report from City of Nacogdoches –
Cheryl Bartlett

Item 8

Reports of Adjoining Regions' Activity

Item 9

Reports from Standing Committees

Item 10.a

Report from consultant team

Item 10.b

Discussion and potential action to authorize the Political Subdivision, City of Nacogdoches, to make any necessary revisions/amendments to the budget for the 6th Round of Planning prior to submitting the final payment request due to the Texas Water Development Board by February 27, 2026.

Item 10.c

Discussion and potential action to appoint and/or reappoint the Regional Water Planning Group Members and standing subcommittees.

Item 10.d

Discussion and possible action to authorize the City of Nacogdoches to serve as the Region I Political Subdivision for the 7th cycle of regional water planning.

Item 10.e

Discussion and potential actions to authorize the Region I Political Subdivision/RWPG Sponsor to submit a grant application to the TWDB and execute a contract with the TWDB on behalf of the Region I RWPG for initial funding of the 7th cycle of Regional Water Planning (2031 Regional Water Plans).

Item 10.f

Discussion and potential actions to authorize the Political Subdivision, City of Nacogdoches, to issue a Request for Qualifications to solicit a Technical Consultant for the 7th cycle of Regional Water Planning in accordance with 31 TAC 355.92(c).

Item 10.g

Discuss and take appropriate action to authorize the Executive Committee to review the responses to the Request for Qualifications to solicit a Technical Consultant for the 7th cycle of Regional Water Planning.

Item 10.h

Discussion and potential actions to authorize the Political Subdivision to provide public notice and hold a pre-planning public meeting to obtain public input on development for the 7th cycle of Regional Water Planning.

Item 11

Reports from Other State Agencies

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Updates from the Texas Water Development Board

February 5, 2026, Nacogdoches
TX

HB 500 and Water Supply Infrastructure Grants



- HB 500 appropriated \$1.038B in funds for water supply and infrastructure projects.
- One-time opportunity for a limited number of communities to receive grant funding to implement water supply/water infrastructure projects.
- Funds must be appropriated by August 31, 2027.
- Projects must be completed by August, 31, 2031.
- “Shovel ready” projects for smaller communities (less than 150k) will receive 10 additional ranking points.
- **Applications due July 2026**
- Public comment period ends today, February 4, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
- More information can be found on the [**Water Supply and Infrastructure Grants webpage**](#).

Proposition 4 and the Texas Water Fund (TWF)

- Passed in November 2025
- Prop 4 requires the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts each state fiscal year to deposit to the credit of the Texas Water Fund the first \$1 billion of the net revenue derived from the imposition of the state sales and use tax that exceeds the first \$46.5 billion of that revenue coming into the treasury in that state fiscal year.
- Goes into effect September 1, 2027
- Expires August 31, 2047

Proposition 4 and the Texas Water Fund (TWF) *continued*

- Funds can only be used for:
 - The New Water Supply for Texas Fund
 - [State Water Implementation Fund for Texas \(SWIFT\)](#)
 - [Flood Infrastructure Fund \(FIF\)](#)
 - [Clean Water](#) and [Drinking Water](#) State Revolving Funds (CWSRF and DWSRF)
 - [Rural Water Assistance Fund](#)
 - [Texas Water Development Fund \(DFUND\)](#)
 - [DFUND State Participation](#)
 - [Economically Distressed Areas Program \(EDAP\)](#)
 - [Agricultural Water Conservation Fund](#)
 - The statewide water public awareness account
 - The Texas Water Fund administrative fund
- More information can be found on the [Texas Water Fund](#) webpage

DWSRF and CWSRF

- Clean and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds are federal loan programs for developing and/or rehabilitating water and wastewater infrastructure.
- Project Information Forms (PIF) due **March 6, 2026**.
- More information on the [**DWSRF**](#) and [**CWSRF**](#) webpages.

SWIFT Updates

- SWIFT 2026 Abridged Applications were due on February 2, 2026
 - TWDB is currently reviewing these applications and will send invitations for full applications in Spring 2026.
 - More information on our [**SWIFT webpage**](#).

Agricultural Water Conservation Grants



- Request for applications due **March 18, 2026** at 2:00 p.m. CST
 - Up to \$1.5M available in grant funding for agricultural water conservation projects.
 - More information on our [**Agricultural Water Conservation Grants Program webpage**](#).

Financial Assistance Workshop

- In-depth presentations on TWDB funding opportunities
- Wednesday, March 4, 2026 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
- 210 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont TX 77703
- Reach out to Scott Galaway anytime with questions,
Scott.Galaway@twdb.texas.gov

Water Loss, Use, and Conservation webinars



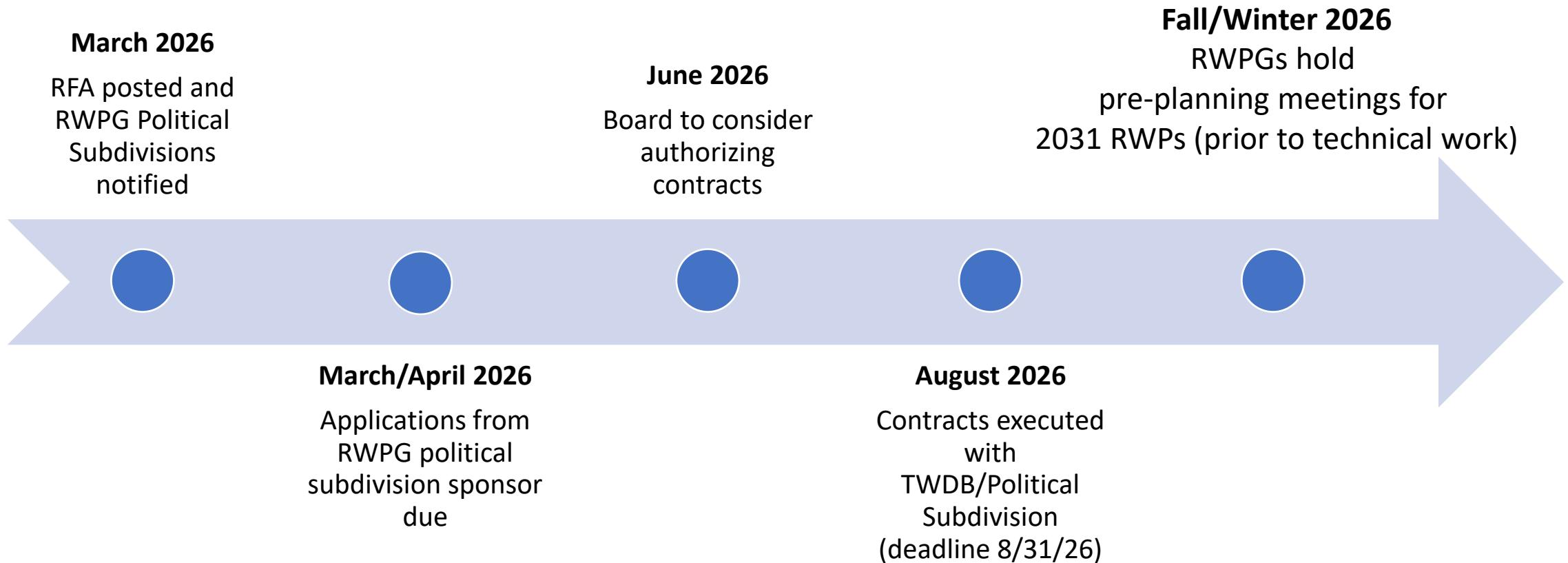
- Required for TWDB funding to have up-to-date Water Conservation Plan, Water Loss Audits, and Water Loss Validation
- Upcoming webinar training sessions:
 - [Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. CST](#)
 - [Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. CST](#)
- More information can be found on the [Water Loss Auditor Training webpage](#).

Regional Water Planning

Recent & Upcoming Milestones

- **October 20, 2025:** Final, RWPG-adopted 2026 Regional Water Plans submitted to TWDB
- **January 22, 2026:** TWDB Board approved the 2026 Regional Water Plans
- **March 2026:** Next regional water planning cycle (2031 RWPs) contracting process to begin
- **April/May 2026:** TWDB Board to consider posting initial draft state water plan for public comment/hearing

Anticipated timeline for initial Request for Applications (RFA) for the 7th Cycle of Regional Water Planning (2031 Regional Water Plans)



Questions?

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- 12. General Discussion**
- 13. Next Meeting Date(s)**
- 14. Adjourn**