



# **Region I**

East Texas Regional  
Water Planning Group



# Regional Water Planning Group Meeting

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February 5th, 2026

# 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 (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  
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# 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

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# 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](mailto:Scott.Galaway@twdb.texas.gov)

# Water Loss, Use, and Conservation webinars

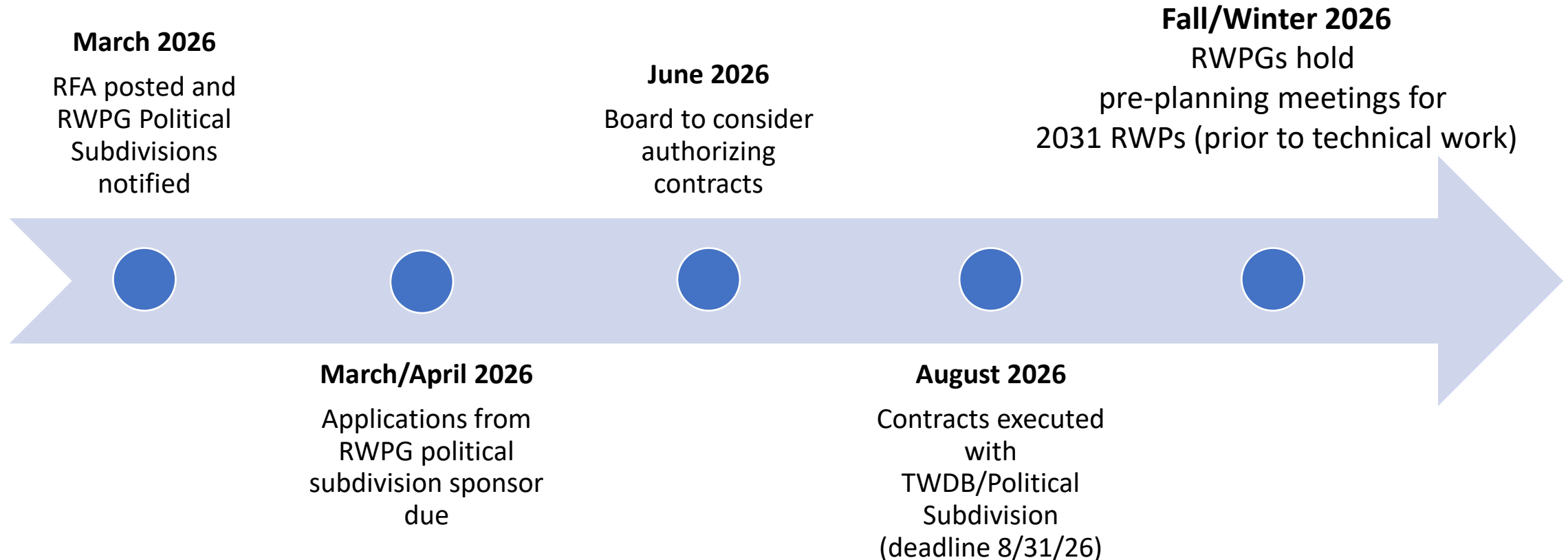
- Required for TWDB funding to have up-to-date Water Conservation Plan, Water Loss Audits, and Water Loss Validation
- Upcoming webinar training sessions:
  - [Wednesday, February 11, 2026](#), 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. CST
  - [Tuesday, March 10, 2026](#) , 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. CST
- More information 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 7<sup>th</sup> Cycle of Regional Water Planning (2031 Regional Water Plans)**



# Questions?

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12. General Discussion

13. Next Meeting Date(s)

14. Adjourn