

**The Coastal Bend Regional Water Planning Group
for the Senate Bill 1 Regional Water Planning Program met on February 27, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.
The Meeting was held at the Nueces River Authority Coastal Bend Division,
500 IH 69, Suite 805, Robstown, TX 78380.**

Minutes

1. Call to Order and Welcome by Co-Chair Scott Bledsoe at 1:37 p.m.

Roll Call was conducted by Travis Pruski.

Voting members:

Scott Bledsoe
Dr. Pancho Hubert
Thomas Reding
Lonnie Stewart
Joe Almaraz
Aron Baggett
Chuck Burns
Gene Camargo
Teresa Carrillo
Carl Crull P.E.
James Dodson
Lavoyger Durham
William Griffin
Andy Garza
John Marez
Esteban Ramos
Charles Ring
Anna Aldridge
Mark Scott
Mark Sugarek

Representing Sector:

Water Districts
Small Businesses
River Authorities
GMA 13
Industries
Industries
Agriculture
Other
Environment
Other
Environment
Counties
Electrical Generating Utilities
GMA 16
Water Utilities
Municipalities
Agriculture
Public Interests
Municipalities
GMA 15

Attendance:

Present
Present
Present
Present
Present
Present
Absent
Absent
Proxy – Tony Wood
Present
Proxy – Jason Hale
Absent
Absent
Present
Proxy – Jo Ella Wagner
Present
Present
Present
Present
Present
Absent

Non-Voting Members:

Travis Pruski
Kristi Shaw
Michele Foss
John Byrum

Representing Sector:

Nueces River Authority
HDR
Texas Water Development Board
Nueces River Authority

Attendance:

Present
Present
Present
Absent

Public and Local Representatives:

Kasy Stinson
Syl Salz
Holly Bockholt

Representing:

SSWG

Scott Harris	LAN
Bobby Mengden	Pape-Dawson
Cathy Fulton	Port Aransas
Beatriz Charo	ICE
Jorge Gonzalez	Duval GCD
Terry Arnold	
Maria Corona	CCW
Adrien Hilmy	CBBEP
Rosana Ramirez	SSWG
Blanca Parkinson	
Peter Zaroni	CCW
Gil Hernandez	District 5- City of Corpus Christi Council

2. General Public Comment. Citizens may address the Planning Group concerning an issue of interest that is not listed on the agenda. Agenda item comments must be made when the item comes before the board. The planning group will place a time limit on all comments of 3 minutes.

No public Comment.

3. ACTION ITEM: Consider Approval of January 30, 2025, Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve December 12, 2024, Meeting Minutes as presented was made by Andy Garza and seconded by Esteban Ramos. Passed unanimously.

4. ACTION ITEM: Implementation Status and Timeline for Selected Projects in the 2026 Region N Initially Prepared Plan – Kristi Shaw – HDR

Ms. Kristi Shaw explained the new TWDB requirement to include implementation status and timeline for certain water management strategies that are recommended in the plan. At minimum, this includes reservoir strategies, seawater desalination projects, direct potable reuse projects with annual supplies >5,000 acre-feet per year, brackish groundwater strategies that provide greater than 10,000 acre-feet per year supply, aquifer storage and recovery strategies that provide greater than 10,000 acre-feet per year supply, and water transfers from out of state.

Information was received from the City of Corpus Christi, Port of Corpus Christi Authority, and Nueces County WCID # 3 for all qualifying water management strategies recognized under this provision.

A motion to approve Implementation Status and Timeline for Selected Projects in the 2026 Region N Initially Prepared Plan was made by Lonie Stewart and seconded by Thomas Reding. Passed unanimously.

5. ACTION ITEM: Discussion and consider adoption of the 2026 Region N Initially Prepared Plan. Authorization for HDR to make minor, non-substantial revisions and in response to comments by the RWPG to the Initially Prepared Plan prior to TWDB submittal – Kristi Shaw – HDR

A motion to adopt the 2026 Region N Initially Prepared Plan and to authorize HDR to make minor, non-substantial revisions prior to TWDB submittal was made by Carl Crull and seconded Mark Scott. Passed unanimously. Action Items 5 and 6 were approved combined on a single motion.

6. ACTION ITEM: Consider authorizing HDR to submit the IPP to the TWDB on behalf of Region N– Kristi Shaw – HDR

A motion to authorize HDR to submit the IPP to the TWDB on behalf of Region N was made by Carl Crull and seconded by Mark Scott. Passed unanimously. Action Items 5 and 6 were approved combined on a single motion.

7. ACTION ITEM: Schedule Public Hearing for Region N Initially Prepared Plan. Authorize NRA to Post the IPP Public Hearing Notice – May 15th, 2025 – Kristi Shaw – HDR

Ms. Kristi Shaw and Mr. Travis Pruski explained the need for public hearing following submittal of the IPP to TWDB.

A motion to Schedule a Public Hearing for **Region N Initially Prepared Plan** and to Authorize NRA to Post the IPP Public Hearing Notice for May 15th, 2025, at 1:30 pm was made by Carl Crull and seconded by Mark Scott. Passed unanimously.

8. DISCUSSION ITEM: Review Public Hearings, Comment Period, and Final Adoption of Region N Plan Timelines.

Ms. Kristi Shaw presented this information in a previous item. Following IPP submittal to TWDB, a public hearing will be held. Public and state/federal agencies comments will be received and considered by Region N. A Final Region N Plan adopted by the Coastal Bend Regional Water Planning Group is due to TWDB on October 20, 2025.

9. DISCUSSION ITEM: General Update from TWDB – Michele Foss – TWDB

Ms. Michele Foss updated the planning group.

- Updates and Resources for IPP Submittals
 - TWDB has 120 days to review the draft IPP and provide comments on the contents of the plan after submission.
 - Final comments to be sent by the end of June
- Applications and eligibility for SWIFT funding in 2026 will be based on projects recommended in the 2026 adopted Regional Water Plans.

10. RWPG/TWDB Administrative and Other Issues – Travis Pruski – NRA

Upcoming meetings: We will hold the public hearing on May 15, 2025, at 1:30 pm. On September 11th we will make the final vote to approve the plan and end the first cycle.

11. General Public Comment. Citizens may address the Planning Group concerning an issue of interest that is not listed on the agenda. Agenda item comments must be made when the item comes before the board. The planning group will place a time limit on all comments of 3 minutes.

a. Member of the public

Inquired about a project with Seven Seas to expand a 100-MGD desal plant to 450-MGD but Travis Pruski confirmed there is not such a project in progress.

b. Jason Hale

Made a suggestion to monitor current drought conditions.

12. Meeting adjourned by Co-Chair Scott Bledsoe at 2:39 p.m. Motion was made by Esteban Ramos and seconded by Charles Ring. Passed unanimously.