

**Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group
Water Management Strategies Meeting
AECOM, Oasis Conference Room
April 5, 2018**

1. Lauri Gillam called meeting to order at 1:18 p.m.
2. Attendees (20)
 - Lauri Gillam – Region K Water Management Strategies Committee Chair, Small Municipalities Rep
 - Linda Raschke – Region K, Counties Rep Alternate
 - Teresa Lutes – Region K, Municipalities Rep
 - John Burke –Region K Chair, Water Utilities Rep
 - Ann McElroy – Region K, Environmental Rep
 - David Wheelock –Region K, River Authority Rep
 - David Lindsay – Region K, Recreation Rep (Alternate)
 - Karen Haschke – Region K, Public Rep
 - Doug Powell – Region K, Recreation
 - David Bradsby – Region K, TPWD Rep
 - Lann Bookout – TWDB
 - Jaime Burke – AECOM
 - Alicia Smiley – AECOM
 - Rebecca Batchelder – LCRA
 - Stacey Pandey – LCRA
 - Helen Gerlach – Austin Water
 - Richard Hoffpauir – Hoffpauir Consulting
 - Christianne Castleberry – Castleberry Engineering, Region K Water Utilities Alternate
 - Tim Andrzejak – ResEnTech/Flexible Solutions
 - Jorge Lopez de Cardenas – ResEnTech/Flexible Solutions
 - Cindy Smiley – Smiley Law Firm
3. Public Comments
 - a. None.
4. Water Management Strategies Committee
 - a. Purpose and role of committee
 - i. Review process for identification of potentially feasible water management strategies (WMS) and recommend any changes to the RWPG.
 - ii. Review strategies from 2016 Plan and discuss changes for 2021 Plan.
 - iii. Brainstorm new strategies to be included in 2021 Plan.
 - iv. Review screening process for selection of strategies for further analysis.
 - v. Review evaluated strategies and projects for recommended or alternative status.
 - b. Timeline
 - i. Current – Work with committee and WUGs to identify potentially feasible strategies to meet water needs
 - ii. September 2018 – Submit Technical Memorandum

- iii. End of 2018 – Submit scope of work to TWDB to evaluate each strategy
- iv. 2019 – Complete evaluation of strategies

5. Background

- a. Committee must follow TWDB guidelines for water management strategies (WMS)
- b. Creating WMS is a bottoms-up approach
 - i. Local WUGs and Wholesale Water Providers (WWPs) are encouraged to be involved in process by review, input, and creation of plans/strategies

6. Consultant Outreach

- a. In late February, AECOM sent letters and surveys to municipal WUGs. Survey was to identify existing and new supplies/strategies for 2021 RWP. Follow-up reminders were sent on April 3.
 - i. As of April 5, 56% WUGs have responded.
- b. Discussion of how to make the public more aware of the request for input on water management strategies.
 - i. Suggestion that TWDB could develop a template that RWPGs could add specific details to and submit to local newspapers.
 - ii. Concentrate on utilities for public outreach, Central Texas Water Efficiency Network, and creating coordinated standards for water conservation and drought triggers.

7. Region K Process for Identifying Potentially Feasible WMSs

- a. 2016 Cycle
 - i. Process
 - 1. Define groupings or common areas with supply deficiencies.
 - 2. Develop a comprehensive list of potentially feasible strategies for each area.
 - 3. Meet with potential suppliers/WUGs for each area to determine current strategies under consideration.
 - 4. Prepare qualitative rating based on cost, reliability, environmental impact, and political acceptability for the various strategies.
 - 5. Select one or more additional strategies for each area, if appropriate.
 - 6. Present proposed shortlist at Public Meeting during Region K Planning Group meeting for modification and/or approval.
 - ii. Qualitative screening spreadsheet and rating criteria were presented.
- b. 2021 Cycle
 - i. Committee recommended adding a column in the qualitative screening spreadsheet, rating third party socioeconomic impacts, per TWDB guidelines.
 - ii. Teresa Lutes motioned to advise the Region K Planning Group to keep the same process as completed in the 2016 cycle, with the exception of now screening for socioeconomic impacts. Lauri Gillam seconded. Committee passed motion.

8. Identification of Public Input Items for Fifth Planning Cycle
 - a. At the end of the 2016 cycle and at the beginning of the 2021 cycle, the RWPG accepted public comments to be considered for the 2021 RWP.
 - b. See attached handout.
 - i. David Wheelock suggested representatives from each commenting group make a presentation.
 - ii. Lauri Gillam and Jaime Burke will come up with a proposed plan to schedule when the items will be reviewed during meetings.
9. New / Other Business
 - a. Next meeting date will be determined after April 11, 2018, which is the next RWPG meeting.
10. Public Comments
 - a. Cindy Smiley asked that since the committee does not have the magnitude of the needs/shortages (though it will be available before September), how will the committee determine strategies?
 - i. We will have identified potentially feasible strategies, but strategies may change based on shortages.
11. Lauri Gillam adjourned at 3:04 p.m.