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## Regional Water Planning Newsletter – February 2023

Good afternoon RWPG Stakeholders,

Please see below the February newsletter with updates from the Regional Water Planning program.

### Projections Release and Review Timeline

TWDB has now released draft population and draft water demand projections all water use categories. Data is available to view through the projection's dashboards online at:

- Population and municipal demand projections:  
<https://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/data/projections/2027/municipal.asp>
- Non-municipal demand projections:  
<http://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/data/projections/2027/projections.asp>

The table below lists the remaining projections review schedule and deadlines.

Draft Projections	Timeline
DUE: RWPGs request revisions for non-municipal demand projections	July 14, 2023
DUE: RWPGs request revisions for population and municipal demand projections	August 11, 2023
TWDB Board Meeting to Adopt Projections	Fall 2023

As a friendly reminder:

- Regions may request the TWDB to develop WUG level population and municipal demand projections using the 0.5 migration scenario. This request must be made by the region's Chair or primary technical consultant and can be submitted directly to [EDA@twdb.texas.gov](mailto:EDA@twdb.texas.gov).
- RWPGs are strongly encouraged to submit non-municipal demand revision requests early, and consultants are encouraged to coordinate with TWDB's Projections and Socioeconomic Analysis team regarding potential revisions as early as possible.
- Planning groups must take formal action to approve submitting revision requests to the TWDB.
- After TWDB Board adoption of the final projections in Fall 2023, TWDB grant funds may no longer be used for revisions to demand projections.

### Contract Updates

Regional water planning grant contract Exhibit D: [Guidelines for 2026 Regional Water Plan Data Deliverables](#) has been finalized and is now available online. This document provides guidance on

data reporting and formatting specifications for planning groups to follow when submitting electronic data to the TWDB, including entering data into the State Water Planning Database.

As a reminder, copies of the contract [First Amended Scope of Work](#) and [First Amended General Guidelines for Development of the 2026 Regional Water Plans](#) are also posted online. These documents are available on the 2026 Regional Water Plan document page, under “Contract Documents”: <https://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/planningdocu/2026/documents.asp>

RWPG sponsors are also reminded to submit their subcontract amendments to the TWDB for acceptance.

## Interregional Planning Council

The second meeting of the Interregional Planning Council will be held on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Information on upcoming meetings and resources can be found on the updated Council website: <https://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/ipc/2027IPC.asp>

## Analysis of infeasible strategies in the 2021 Regional Water Plans

TWDB recently provided [email guidance](#) on addressing this task and it’s important to note that the infeasibility review is only required for strategies or projects that require a permit or involve construction.

Key milestones and deadlines for this task include the following:

- Prior to 3/4/2024: Results of RWPG analysis of infeasible strategies and/or projects must be presented at a public meeting. This meeting is to include documentation of the region’s process for determining infeasible strategies and projects. This meeting requires a 14-day notice and must be the same public meeting where the planning group also presents its methodology for identifying potentially feasible WMSs in the 2026 regional water plans.
- 3/4/2024: Technical Memorandum due to TWDB. The Technical Memorandum is a mid-point contract deliverable and must include the list of RWPG identified infeasible strategies and/or projects from the 2021 RWPs, or a statement that no infeasible strategies or projects were identified.
- 6/5/2024: RWPG-adopted 2021 RWP amendments to revise or remove infeasible strategies and/or projects due to the TWDB.

## Reminders and Previous Updates

- The 2026 Regional Water Plan Working Schedule was updated in January 2023 and is available online at: [http://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/planningdocu/2026/projectdocs/Working\\_Schedule\\_2026RWPs.pdf](http://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/planningdocu/2026/projectdocs/Working_Schedule_2026RWPs.pdf)
- The regional and state water planning rules pamphlet – that conveniently condenses all the key water planning statute and rules for use by RWPGs, Sponsors, and their Consultants - was updated as of May 2022: [http://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/planningdocu/2026/projectdocs/RWP\\_RulePamphlet.pdf](http://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/planningdocu/2026/projectdocs/RWP_RulePamphlet.pdf)
- Visit the TWDB’s *Sixth Cycle of Regional Water Planning Documents* webpage to view communications from TWDB during this planning cycle, project documents including a working schedule, contract documents, and administrative documents. These documents may be found at: <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/planningdocu/2026/documents.asp>
- Visit the TWDB’s *Regional Water Planning Educational Information* webpage to view educational documents related to regional and state planning:

<https://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/education/index.asp>

- The TWDB receives and maintains a database of all the RWPG member email addresses from the region's sponsor. Sponsors should provide any updated email addresses to your TWDB Regional Water Planner to ensure our membership database is up to date and that all RWPG members receive these newsletters etc. For regions that have members without email addresses, please forward these communications to those members by mail or another effective means.
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## Contact TWDB

Please contact your region's TWDB Regional Water Planner for any additional information. Current Regional Water Planner assignments are as follows:

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For more information regarding the TWDB Regional Water Planning Program, please visit [our website](#).

*Note: This email was sent to all RWPG members, sponsors, and technical consultants. A copy of this newsletter will be posted on the regional water planning newsletter [webpage](#).*

Best,

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