

REGION H
Water Planning Group

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
MEETING MATERIALS

May 1, 2024

Common Region H Terms and Conversion Factors

List of Abbreviations

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| CRU | Collective Reporting Unit |
| DCP | Drought Contingency Plan |
| DFC | Desired Future Condition |
| DOR | Drought of Record |
| EA | Executive Administrator |
| EPA | Environmental Protection Agency |
| FWSD | Fresh Water Supply District |
| GAM | Groundwater Availability Model |
| GCD | Groundwater Conservation District |
| GMA | Groundwater Management Area |
| GPCD | Gallons Per Capita Per Day |
| GRP | Groundwater Reduction Plan |
| IFR | Infrastructure Finance Report |
| IPP | Initially Prepared Plan |
| MAG | Modeled Available Groundwater |
| MPC | Master Planned Community |
| MUD | Municipal Utility District |
| MWP | Major Water Provider |
| PDSI | Palmer Drought Severity Index |
| PWS | Public Water Supply |
| RFIG | Regional Flood Planning Group |
| RHWPG | Region H Water Planning Group |
| ROR | Run-of-River |
| RWP | Regional Water Plan |
| RWPA | Regional Water Planning Area |
| RWPG | Regional Water Planning Group |
| SWIFT | State Water Implementation Fund for Texas |
| SWP | State Water Plan |
| TAC | Texas Administrative Code |
| TCEQ | Texas Commission on Environmental Quality |
| TPWD | Texas Parks and Wildlife Department |
| TWC | Texas Water Code |
| TWDB | Texas Water Development Board |
| UCM | Unified Costing Model |
| URS | Unique Reservoir Site |
| USS | Unique Stream Segment |
| WAM | Water Availability Model |
| WCID | Water Control and Improvement District |
| WCP | Water Conservation Plan |
| WMS | Water Management Strategy |
| WRAP | Water Rights Analysis Package |
| WUD | Water Utility Database |
| WUG | Water User Group |
| WWP | Wholesale Water Provider |

Water Measurements

1 acre-foot (AF) = 43,560 cubic feet = 325,851 gallons

1 acre-foot per year (ac-ft/yr) = 325,851 gallons per year = 893 gallons per day

1 gallon per minute (gpm) = 1,440 gallons per day = 1.6 ac-ft/yr

1 million gallons per day (mgd) = 1,000,000 gallons per day = 1,120 ac-ft/yr

**Region H Water Planning Group
Nominating Committee
9:30 AM Wednesday
May 1, 2024
San Jacinto River Authority Office
1577 Dam Site Rd, Conroe, Texas 77304**

AGENDA

1. Call to order.
2. Introductions.
3. Review and approve minutes of October 4, 2023 Nominating Committee meeting.
4. **Receive public comments on specific issues related to agenda items 5 and 6.** (Public comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker)
5. Discuss and consider making recommendations to the Region H Water Planning Group (WPG) regarding vacant WPG positions.
6. Discuss and consider making recommendations to the Region H WPG regarding the election of officers and designation of executive committee members.
7. **Receive public comments.** (Public comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker)
8. Adjourn.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and would like to request auxiliary aids or services are requested to contact Sonia Zamudio at (936) 588-3111 at least three business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Agenda Item 3

Review and approve minutes of October 4, 2023 Nominating Committee meeting.

**REGION H WATER PLANNING GROUP
NOMINATING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Ashmore, David Bailey, Jun Chang, Jason Garrard (for Glenn Lord), and Michael Turco

OTHER ATTENDEES: Krystal Boggs, Veronica Osegueda

CONSULTANT TEAM: Danielle Fagan, Philip Taucer

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Chang welcomed the committee members to the meeting.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2023 NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve the minutes from May 3, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Turco and carried unanimously.

4. RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES RELATED TO AGENDA ITEM 5

There were no comments related to this item.

5. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REGION H WPG REGARDING VACANT WPG POSITIONS.

Mr. Chang discussed the vacancy for a voting member of the WPG representing Industries created when James Comin stepped down from the WPG. He noted that Mr. Comin had recommended Cynthia (Cyndi) Wagener of ExxonMobil for the position. Ms. Wagener had also provided additional background as well as a statement of interest in serving on the WPG. After discussion, the Committee developed a recommendation to the full Planning Group that Cyndi Wagener be approved for the vacant position.

6. RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

7. ADJOURN

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Agenda Item 5

Discuss and consider making recommendations to the Region H Water Planning Group (WPG) regarding vacant WPG positions.

Industries

Philip Taucer

From: Lord, Glenn [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2023 6:01 AM
To: Mark Evans
Cc: Philip Taucer; Garrard, Jason (JL)
Subject: Region H Water Planning meeting

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Mark,

Just a quick note to let you know my alternate Jason Garrard will attend next week's Region H Planning Group meeting in my place.

On a follow-up item – I have already informed Philip Taucer that I will retire from Dow at the end of the year. As a result I will be resigning from my position on the Region H Water Planning group and would ask you consider this to be my formal notice. I truly appreciate the leadership you, Philip and the Planning Group provide on water issues for the region. It has been a very enjoyable experience for me and I learned a lot about water in Texas from everyone involved.

Best wishes for the future and if I can be of assistance please do not hesitate to reach out.

Glenn

Glenn Lord

Technology Director, Environmental Tech Center
[REDACTED]

General Business

**NOTICE OF VACANCY FOR
REGION H WATER PLANNING GROUP
MEMBER REPRESENTING INDUSTRIES**

The Region H Water Planning Group (WPG) is hereby giving notice of a vacancy on the Region H WPG for a voting member representing industries. The Region H WPG may consider making an appointment to fill this vacancy on or after May 1, 2024. The term of this appointment ends in 2028.

Background:

The Region H WPG was established by appointment of an initial coordinating body by the TWDB on February 19, 1998, and one subsequent additional appointment by the initial coordinating body. The purpose of the Region H WPG shall be to provide comprehensive regional water planning and to carry out the related responsibilities placed on regional water planning groups by state law, including Texas Water Code Chapter 16 and TWDB rules, including 31 TAC Chapters 355, 357, and 358, in and for the Region H Water Planning Area (WPA).

Responsibilities:

The Region H WPG shall have the responsibility for performing the functions defined in Texas Water Code, Chapter 16 and in 31 TAC Chapters 355, 357, and 358 related to regional water planning groups for the Region H WPA. Foremost among those responsibilities shall be the development of a regional water plan for the Region H WPA that identifies both short and long-term water supply needs and recommends water management strategies for addressing them.

Conditions of Membership:

In order to be eligible for voting membership on the Region H WPG, a person must represent the interest for which a member is sought, be willing to participate in the regional water planning process, and abide by the bylaws.

Any industry within the Region H area interested in nominating a representative to serve as a voting member representing industries may submit a letter of interest or recommendation to:

Mark Evans, Chair Region H WPG
c/o San Jacinto River Authority
P.O. Box 329
Conroe, Texas 77305

To whom it may concern.

Thank you for consideration as replacement for Glenn Lord to the Region H Water Planning group. Please see a short bio of my background.

Jason Garrard currently Operations Leader for the Water Distribution and Reservoirs assets supporting Dow's Freeport industrial complex has worked in the environmental department for the last 10 years. His group is responsible in areas related to site water supply strategy, reporting to governmental agencies and sustainability groups, and member of the Lower Brazos Basin Users Team. He is currently the environmental operations representative to the sites development tactical team supporting new builds and tenants. He is also a member of the site emergency operations planning committee. In his previous role Jason worked as an Improvement Engineer supporting the polyglycols and Surfactants business with capital projects adding product flexibility to the freeport assets allowing new products development and multiple process safety related improvements. Prior to Dow Jason worked for Georgia Pacific supporting the Technical Services Environmental department assigned to the paper machine area before moving into operations supervision. Jason holds a BS degree in Chemical engineering from the University of Maine.

EOB- Water Distribution and Reservoirs

Dow



Municipalities



December 6, 2023

Mark Evans, Chair
Region H Water Planning Group

Dear Mark,

It is with mixed emotions that I submit my resignation from the Region H Water Planning Group effective December 31, 2023, as I retire from the City of Houston.

It has been an honor to be a part of such a dedicated group of people working to ensure a strong future for the region by focusing on the area's water resources.

Best Wishes for your efforts going forward,

Yvonne W. Forrest

**NOTICE OF VACANCY FOR
REGION H WATER PLANNING GROUP
MEMBER REPRESENTING MUNICIPALITIES**

The Region H Water Planning Group (WPG) is hereby giving notice of a vacancy on the Region H WPG for a voting member representing municipalities. The Region H WPG may consider making an appointment to fill this vacancy on or after May 1, 2024. The term of this appointment ends in 2026.

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Any municipality within the Region H area interested in nominating a representative to serve as a voting member representing municipalities may submit a letter of interest or recommendation to:

Mark Evans, Chair Region H WPG
c/o San Jacinto River Authority
P.O. Box 329
Conroe, Texas 77305

From: Fitos, Ekaterina - HPW [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 12:57 PM
To: Mark Evans [REDACTED]
Cc: Eyerly, Greg - HPW [REDACTED]
Subject: [External] Region H - Nomination for Municipalities Category

Mark,

Given the recent vacancies, I would like to nominate Greg Eyerly for the Region H Planning Group under the Municipalities category.

Please let me know if you need anything further regarding this nomination or if I need to reach out to another contact.

Thank you!

Ekaterina Fitos, GISP
Planning Director, Houston Water
[REDACTED]

River Authorities

**NOTICE OF VACANCY FOR
REGION H WATER PLANNING GROUP
MEMBER REPRESENTING RIVER AUTHORITIES**

The Region H Water Planning Group (WPG) is hereby giving notice of a vacancy on the Region H WPG for a voting member representing river authorities. The Region H WPG may consider making an appointment to fill this vacancy on or after May 1, 2024. The term of this appointment ends in 2028.

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Any river authority within the Region H area interested in nominating a representative to serve as a voting member representing river authorities may submit a letter of interest or recommendation to:

Mark Evans, Chair Region H WPG
c/o San Jacinto River Authority
P.O. Box 329
Conroe, Texas 77305

Agenda Item 6

Discuss and consider making recommendations to the Region H WPG regarding the election of officers and designation of executive committee members.

Agenda Item 6 Officers and Executive Committee

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| Chair | } | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive officer • Preside over meetings |
| Vice-Chair | } | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist chair in duties • Act in chair's absence |
| Secretary | } | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administer postings • Maintain meeting records |
| At-Large | } | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate administrative decisions • Carry out bylaws |

Agenda Item 6 Officers and Executive Committee

Region H Voting Membership

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| <div style="background-color: #92d050; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Counties</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Blount • Mark Evans (Chair) • Loyd Smith | <div style="background-color: #92d050; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Municipal</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Istre • TBD | <div style="background-color: #92d050; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Water District</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jun Chang • Marvin Marcell (Vice Chair) • Mike Turco |
| <div style="background-color: #92d050; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Electric Generating</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carl Burch | <div style="background-color: #92d050; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Public</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ken Kramer | <div style="background-color: #92d050; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Water Utility</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arthur Bredehoft • Alisa Max • Brandon Wade |
| <div style="background-color: #92d050; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Enviro.</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Bartos (Exec) | <div style="background-color: #92d050; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">River Auth.</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brad Brunett • Kevin Ward • TBD | |
| <div style="background-color: #92d050; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">GMA</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gary Ashmore • David Bailey | | |

