

REGION H
Water Planning Group

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
MEETING MATERIALS

May 7, 2025

Common Region H Terms and Conversion Factors

List of Abbreviations

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 7, 2025
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 February 5, 2025 Nominating Committee meeting.
4. **Receive public comments on specific issues related to agenda item 5.** (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. **Receive public comments.** (Public comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker)
7. 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 February 5, 2025
Nominating Committee meeting.

**REGION H WATER PLANNING GROUP
NOMINATING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2025**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Ashmore, David Bailey, Jun Chang, Alisa Max, Mike Turco

OTHER ATTENDEES: Krystal Boggs

CONSULTANT TEAM: Hailey Mueller Lavigne, Philip Taucer

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Chang welcomed the committee members to the meeting.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 1, 2024 NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

Mr. Turco made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Max 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 THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DESIGNATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

Ms. Max inquired whether there had been any discussion in the larger Region H Planning Group about any changes to membership. Mr. Chang noted that there had been no discussion about any changes. Mr. Ashmore made a motion to uphold the current membership of officers and executive committee members. Ms. Max seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

6. RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

7. ADJOURN

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Agenda Item 5

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

Philip Taucer

From: Brandon Wade [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 6, 2025 1:13 PM
To: Mark Evans; Philip Taucer
Cc: Jake Hollingsworth; Brad Matlock
Subject: Region H

Follow Up Flag: Flag for follow up
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Judge Evans

I appreciate the opportunity to have served under your leadership with the Region H Water Supply Planning Group.

At this time I think it time for me to resign my position in the group. Further, I recommend that my replacement be Jake Hollingsworth who has served us all well as my alternate. Jake is the Deputy General Manager of the Gulf Coast Water Authority. Recently, more often than not, Jake has stood in for me in the position and has proven himself as very capable.

If you or the nominating committee need any additional information regarding Jake I will be happy to provide it.

Again, it has been an honor to serve.

Brandon Wade

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

The Region H Water Planning Group (WPG) is hereby giving notice of a vacancy on the Region H Water Planning Group for a voting member representing water utilities. The Region H WPG may consider making an appointment to fill this vacancy on or after May 7, 2025. The term of this appointment ends in 2026.

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 water utility within the Region H area interested in nominating a representative to serve as a voting member representing water utilities 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

Richard W. Stolleis, PE

January 26, 2023

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

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SAN JACINTO
RIVER AUTHORITY

RE: Vacancy on the Region H Water Planning Group
Member representing Water Utilities

Dear Mr. Evans,

I would like to introduce myself and express my interest in becoming the voting member of the Region H WPG representing Water Utilities.

I have lived in Region H for 39 plus years. I am a registered professional engineer and I have worked for municipal and county governments and as a consulting engineer for various municipal water utilities over the last 45 years. My experience in the Region and in the water industry includes:

- Regional wastewater and water utility project design in Austin, Texas
- City Engineer, Public Works Director, and Community Development Director for the City of Sugar Land
- Consulting municipal engineer for small cities and water utilities in Fort Bend, Brazoria, Wharton, and other counties in Region H
- County Engineer for Fort Bend County
- Member of two Boards of Directors for municipal utility districts

I have previously served on HGAC's Transportation Planning Council Technical Advisory Committee. I am currently a member of the Association of Water Board Directors Advisory Council and I am serving as President of the Board of Directors for Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 146, Richmond, Texas. Additionally, I am currently semi-retired working part-time as Senior Engineer for Kaluza, Inc. in Rosenberg, Texas.

I believe my broad experience in planning in the Region and in the delivery of water to municipal water customers provides me with the background and experience to contribute to the planning efforts of the Region H WPG. I ask that you and the Region H WPG appoint me to fill your vacant position representing Water Utilities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cordially,



Richard W. Stolleis, PE



MEMBER CITIES:

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LAKE JACKSON

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RIVER AUTHORITY

April 24, 2025

Brazosport Water Authority is honored to write this letter of recommendation for Ronald Woodruff. Ronald has served as General Manager for Brazosport Water Authority for over 15 years. He is a great motivator and mentor. The employees in our organization are always inspired and prepared to meet new challenges because of his motivational style of management. He is confident and decisive.

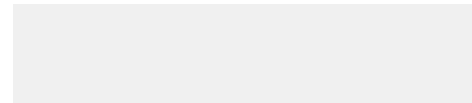
Ronald also serves as a Committee Member of the Brazos BBAC, and an Executive Committee Member Lower Brazos River Coalition. He is a member of AWWA, WEF, TWUA.

We feel that Ronald would be a great asset to the Region H Water Planning Group, bringing over 46 years of water and wastewater experience.

Please feel free to call at any time if we can be of further assistance. Thank you for your time and consideration.

April Garcia

Brazosport Water Authority



From: Ivan Langford [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 1, 2025 10:26 PM
To: Mark Evans [REDACTED]
Subject: [External] Nomination to replace Brandon Wade on Region H Planning Committee

Mark,
Apologies but could not find another email address to send to; hope you can distribute to nomination committee prior to next week's meeting.

I have known Jake personally for 9 years and have the upmost respect for his knowledge, integrity, and a solid understanding of the water needs of our region.

Admittedly, I stole him from Florida but certainly not because he went to Auburn!

We need a younger generation to be represented on Region H and Jake is the ideal candidate.

I hereby nominate Jake Hollingsworth to replace Brandon Wade. His introduction is below. If additional details are needed, please let me know and Jake can provide a fuller bio if needed.

Thank you,

Ivan
Ivan Langford Consulting
[REDACTED]

Jake Hollingsworth, MBA

Deputy General Manager / Chief Operating Officer, Gulf Coast Water Authority

Jake Hollingsworth serves as Deputy General Manager and COO of the Gulf Coast Water Authority, where he has led operations, strategic planning, and infrastructure improvements in various leadership roles since 2016. With over 15 years of experience in utility management, Jake has overseen large-scale water and wastewater systems, developed award-winning utilities, and championed innovative programs such as GIS-based asset management.

He is committed to operational excellence and water quality, earning multiple accolades throughout his career. A strong advocate for sustainable and collaborative water management, Jake brings a forward-thinking, results-driven approach to supporting Region H's mission and long-term planning goals.



LOWER TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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February 5, 2025

The Honorable Mark Evans, Chairman
Region H Water Planning Group
San Jacinto River Authority Office
1577 Dam Site Rd
Conroe, Texas 77304

Cc: Cynthia Bowman, Chief of Staff, Region H Water Planning Group
Sarah Kouba, General Manager, Lone Star GCD

Dear Chairman Evans,

I am writing to formally resign as the Primary Representative of GMA 14 for the Region H Water Planning Group, effective February 5, 2025. It has been a great honor to serve in this capacity, and I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the important work of the planning group.

I would like to take this opportunity to recommend that my current Alternate, Ms. Sarah Kouba, General Manager of the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District, transition into the role of Primary Representative for GMA 14. In my judgment, she is highly capable and well-prepared to assume this responsibility. I believe that her engagement in the regional water planning process will be of significant benefit to both the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District and the Region H Water Planning Group.

While I am stepping down as the Primary Representative, I remain committed to supporting Ms. Kouba and the group's mission. I plan to attend future meetings and will continue to offer my assistance as an Alternate Representative for GMA 14, should my participation be needed.

Serving as a member of the Region H Water Planning Group has been an invaluable experience, and I am deeply grateful for the knowledge and professional relationships I have gained during my tenure. I appreciate the collaboration and dedication of my colleagues and extend my best wishes for the continued success of the planning group.

Respectfully,

Gary Ashmore

Gary Ashmore
GM, Lower Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
GMA 14 Representative

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Philip Taucer

From: Marty Kelly [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 11, 2025 3:11 PM
To: info@regionhwater.org
Cc: Lauren LaMonica
Subject: TPWD Non-Voting Rep for Region H RWPG

Mr. Mark Evans, Chair
Region H Water Planning Group
c/o North Harris Co. Regional Water Authority
3648 Cypress Creek Parkway Suite 110
Houston, Texas 77068

Dear Mr. Evans,

Please include Lauren LaMonica as the TPWD non-voting member for the Region H Regional Water Planning Group. Lauren can be contacted directly by email at [REDACTED], by phone at [REDACTED], or by regular mail at:

Lauren LaMonica
Ecosystem Resources
Coastal Fisheries Division
[REDACTED]

Sincerely,

Marty Kelly
Water Resources Program Coordinator
[REDACTED]

