

Regional Water Planning Group Chairs Call

TWDB Water Supply Planning Division
September 28, 2023

Agenda

1. Introductions and Opening Comments
2. Sixth Cycle of Regional Water Planning Activities
3. Interregional Planning Council
4. Secure Agency Reporting Application (SARA)
5. Chairs Discussion
6. Wrap-up and next call topics and date

Agenda Item 1: Introductions and Opening Comments

- Introductions and RWPG roll call

Agenda Item 2: Sixth Cycle of Regional Water Planning Activities

a) Fall contract amendments

- Approved by TWDB Board 8/10/23
- Amendments to increase total project cost and committed funds for each region
- Amendments include revisions to
 - Scope of Work (contract Exhibit A)
 - Task and Expense Budget (Exhibit B)
 - General Guidelines for Development of the 2026 RWP (Exhibit C)
- Updated Exhibits A and C posted online

Agenda Item 2: Sixth Cycle of Regional Water Planning Activities

- Key Exhibit A and C updates
 - SOW Task 5A/Exhibit C Section 2.5.1 (Identification of potentially feasible WMS):
 - Requirement to identify potentially feasible WMS that could potentially provide flood mitigation benefits
 - Draft region-specific scope of work for WMS evaluations (already required but now reimbursable under this task)
 - Task 5B/Exhibit C Section 2.5.6 (Evaluation and Recommendation of WMS)
 - Clarification that RWPG should be coordinating with rural entities
 - Removal of restriction for reimbursement of region-specific scope development

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- Key Exhibit A and C updates
 - Task 10/Exhibit C Section 2.10 (Public Participation and Plan Adoption):
 - Clarification that regions should conduct outreach specifically to rural entities in the planning area to collect and evaluate information to support plan development
 - Planning groups must summarize region's rural outreach efforts in Chapter 10
 - TWDB to provide list of rural political subdivisions (per SB 469)

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- Key Exhibit A and C updates
 - Exhibit C Section 2.5.2.7 (Implementation Status of Certain WMS)
 - List of WMS that require implementation status revised based on House Bill 1565
 - Planning groups required to use template spreadsheet for collection of key milestones
 - Exhibit C Section 2.11 (Infeasible WMS in 2021 RWP):
 - Incorporates guidance provided via email in January 2023, details in next item

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b) Infeasible water management strategy analysis

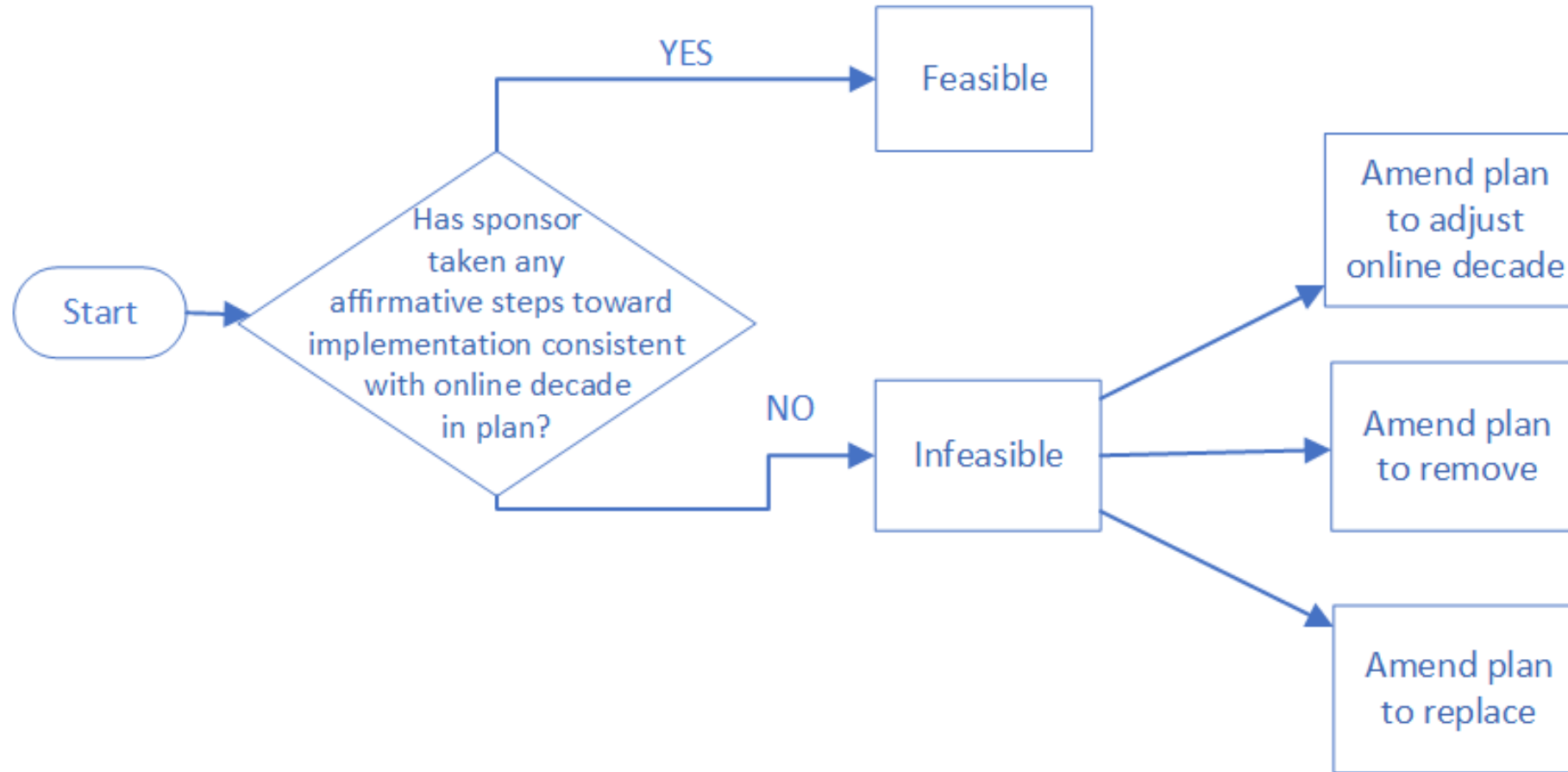
– Analysis and criteria

- Analysis limited to strategies or projects that require a permit and/or involve construction.
- RWPGs should review recommended WMS/projects that are either:
 - 2020 or 2030 decade;
 - related to new major reservoirs, seawater desalination, direct potable reuse, brackish groundwater, aquifer storage and recovery, and out of state water transfers; or
 - that will generally require significant resources and require significant time to implement.

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- Affirmative steps by the sponsor may include but not limited to
 1. spending money on the strategy or project,
 2. voting to spend money on the strategy or project, or
 3. applying for a federal or state permit for the strategy or project
- Have steps been taken to implement projects in accordance with the online decade in the 2021 regional water plans?

Agenda Item 2: Sixth Cycle of Regional Water Planning Activities (cont.)



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- c) Upcoming RWPG tasks (prior to Technical Memorandum deadline)
 - Approve and submit hydrologic variances to TWDB
 - Consultants conduct availability and existing supply analysis and enter data into DB27
 - Present results of 2021 RWP infeasible analysis and approve process for identifying potentially feasible WMS in the 2026 plans
 - *These are two different items that **must** be addressed at the same meeting per rule*
 - Approve and submit Technical Memorandum to TWDB (**due 3/4/24**)

Agenda Item 2: Sixth Cycle of Regional Water Planning Activities (cont.)

c) Upcoming RWPG tasks

- If infeasible WMS identified, authorize proceeding with minor amendment determination or major amendment hearing
 - This action must be included at meeting where Technical Memorandum approved
 - Consultants proceed with applicable amendment process
 - RWPGs must move efficiently on the amendment process and should be prepared to submit materials to TWDB following technical memorandum
 - RWPGs adopted amendments due to TWDB **6/5/24**

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c) Upcoming RWPG tasks

- Consultants develop region-specific scope of work for WMS evaluations
 - RWPGs must approve region-specific scope of work and submit to TWDB for written notice to proceed
 - Action to occur *after* RWPG approves process for identifying potentially feasible WMS

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- d) Upcoming TWDB Board items related to planning (*anticipated dates*)
- Region H Minor Amendment (October 2023)
 - Rule Review (October 2023)
 - Projections (*November 2023*)
 - State Water Plan Amendment 2 (*December 2023*)
 - Rule Revision for HB 1565 (*late 2023/early 2024*)
 - RWP Amendments for Infeasible WMS (*Fall 2024*)
 - SWP Amendment for Infeasible WMS (*Winter 2024*)

Agenda Item 2: Sixth Cycle of Regional Water Planning Activities (cont.)

e) Chairs feedback

Agenda Item 3: Interregional Planning Council

- a) General status
- b) Chairs feedback

Agenda Item 4: Secure Agency Reporting Application

- a) Demo of SARA
- b) Chairs feedback

Agenda Item 5: Chairs Discussion

- Open discussion with Chairs

Agenda Item 6: Wrap-up and Next Call

- Next call topics and date options

Questions?

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