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2021 REGIONAL WATER PLAN

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AGENDA

8.A Status on Current TWDB Contract Activities

1. Discussion and Possible **ACTION** on Administration Budget Reconciliation
2. 2021 RWP Receipt and Approval Schedule
3. State Funding Program Requirements and RWP Amendment Process

8.A.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ADMINISTRATION BUDGET RECONCILIATION

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ADMINISTRATION BUDGET RECONCILIATION

CATEGORY	Original Amount	Revised Amount
Other Expenses (LRGVDC) ¹	\$14,566	\$9,190
Subcontract Services (B&V)	\$852,162	\$858,538
Voting Planning Member Travel ²	\$1,000	0
Political Subdivision Travel ³	0	0
Total Study Cost ⁴	\$867,728	\$867,728

Expenses that LRGVDC can bill are limited by the terms of the contract to specific items

LRGVDC'S ELIGIBLE & INELIGIBLE EXPENSES

¹ Eligible Other Expenses are administrative costs associated with Political Subdivisions and are defined to be direct, non-labor costs including:

- a) expendable supplies consumed in direct support of the planning process;
- b) direct communication charges;
- c) limited direct costs/fees of maintaining RWPG website domain, website hosting, and/or website – not to exceed \$250.00 per calendar year;
- d) other direct non-labor costs of storing or posting of audio visual files (e.g., meeting recordings) are not limited by cap stated in item (c) above;
- e) direct non-labor costs and fees associated with the initial development of a website are not limited by cap stated in item (c) above;
- f) Food, drink, or lodging for designated member travel to support participation in legislatively required or Board requested meetings, as pre-authorized by the TWDB Executive Administrator;
- g) reproduction of materials directly associated with notification or planning activities;
- h) labor, reproduction, or distribution of newsletters not exceed \$5,000.00;
- i) direct postage (e.g., postage for mailed notification of meetings); and
- j) other direct costs of public meetings, all of which must be directly related to planning (e.g., newspaper and other public notice posting costs).

LRGVDC'S ELIGIBLE & INELIGIBLE EXPENSES

² **Voting Planning Member Travel Expenses** is defined as eligible mileage expenses incurred by regional water planning members, or their designee, to attend regional water planning group meetings that cannot be reimbursed by any other entity, political subdivision, etc. as certified by the voting member, or their designee, and as food, drink, lodging, or airfare of designated member travel to support participation in legislatively-required or Board-requested meetings, as pre-authorized by the TWDB Executive Administrator. The reimbursed amount is limited to the maximum amounts authorized for state employees by the General Appropriations Act, Tex. Leg. Regular Session, 2017, Article IX, Part 5, as amended or superseded.

³ **Political Subdivision Travel Expenses** is defined as eligible mileage expenses incurred by political subdivisions for work associated with regional water plan development. Travel must be pre-authorized by the RWPG and TWDB Executive Administrator. The reimbursed amount is limited to the maximum amounts authorized for state employees by the General Appropriations Act, Tex. Leg. Regular Session, 2017, Article IX, Part 5, as amended or superseded.

LRGVDC'S ELIGIBLE & INELIGIBLE EXPENSES

⁴ Ineligible Expenses include, but are not limited to:

- a) Compensation for the time or expenses of RWPGs members' service on or for the RWPG;
- b) Costs of administering the RWPGs, including labor costs, or building, or overhead costs associated with the Political Subdivision;
- c) Indirect or labor costs of public notice and meetings, including time and expenses for attendance at such meetings;
- d) Costs for training;
- e) Costs of reviewing products developed due to funding requests to TWDB;
- f) Costs of administering the regional water planning grant and associated contracts;
- g) Direct costs greater than \$250.00 per year for domain fees, website hosting, and/or web site maintenance costs;
- h) Food, drink, or lodging for Regional Water Planning Group members, unless eligible and authorized under item ¹f above;
- i) Purchase, rental, or depreciation of equipment (e.g., computers, copiers, fax machines);
- j) General purchases of office supplies not documented as consumed directly for the planning process; and
- k) Costs associated with social events or tours.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF TWO BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR BOTH CONTRACTS:

LRGVDC-TWDB

Shift \$6,376 from LRGVDC “Other Expenses” and “Voting Member Travel” that were not used to Subconsultant Services

B&V – LRGVDC

Increase contract total by \$6,376 to cover labor overages. Funds remain in Task 10 – Public Participation

- **No change to the TWDB contract total**
- **Unused funds otherwise go back to TWDB**

8.A.2. 2021 RWP RECEIPT AND APPROVAL SCHEDULE

2021 REGION M RWP RECEIPT AND APPROVAL SCHEDULE

- Received by the TWDB – November 3, 2020
- Administratively Complete – November 13, 2020
- Anticipated Approval – January/February 2021

8.A.3. STATE FUNDING PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND RWP AMENDMENT PROCESS









FUNDING AND AMENDMENTS

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- TWDB offers a lot of different funding programs (loans, grants, and a combination)
- Many of these funding programs do not require that projects be specifically recommended in the Plan
- Look at TWDB website and talk to William or Mireya Loewe at TWDB for information
- IF you have discussed with TWDB and you need an amendment to the plan to move forward:
 - Identify whether it is a substitution, minor amendment, or major amendment
 - Ask for approval from RWP

TWDB FUNDING PROGRAMS

A Toolbox for Public Water Utilities











































-  Agricultural Water Conservation Loans/Grants (AG)
-  Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)
-  Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)
-  Economically Distressed Areas Program (EDAP)
-  Rural Water Assistance Fund (RWAF)
-  State Participation Program (SP)
-  State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT)
-  Texas Water Development Fund (DFund)

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TWDB FUNDING PROGRAMS

Eligible Projects

	SWIFT	CWSRF	DWSRF	EDAP	RWAF	SP	DFund
Water Supply: Current Need							
Water Supply: Future Need							
Water Treatment							
Water Transmission & Distribution							
Potable Reuse							
Wastewater Collection							
Wastewater Treatment							
Nonpoint Source Pollution Control							
Flood Control & Storm Water Management							

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TWDB FUNDING PROGRAMS (1 OF 2)

- **Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF)**
 - Loan program with a portion of funding reserved for loan forgiveness
 - First apply through the Intended Use Program
 - Projects must be **consistent** with the current TWDB State Water Plan
- **SWIFT**
 - Loan program with a portion of funding reserved for loan forgiveness
 - Eligible projects must be **recommended** water management strategy projects with an associated nonzero capital cost in the 2021 RWP
- **Economically Distressed Areas Program (EDAP)**
 - Typically provides both a loan and a partial grant
 - Qualify as economically distressed area
 - Projects must be **consistent** with the current TWDB State Water Plan
- **Rural Water Assistance Fund (RWAFF)**
 - Loan program only
 - Intended for rural political subdivisions: serving a population of 10,000 or less, and counties in which no urban area has a population exceeding 50,000.
 - Projects must be **consistent** with the current TWDB State Water Plan

TWDB FUNDING PROGRAMS (2 OF 2)

- **State Participation Program (SP)**

- “The TWDB may acquire ownership interest in the water rights or a co-ownership interest of the property and treatment works. The loan repayments that would have been required, if the assistance had been from a loan, are deferred. Ultimately, however, the cost of the funding is repaid to the TWDB based upon purchase payments, which allows the TWDB to recover its principal and interest costs and issuance expenses. Although it is not required, the local sponsor usually acquires a loan from the TWDB for the local sponsor's portion of the project funding.”
- “For water supply projects, the project must be in an approved State Water Plan or Regional Water Plan”

- **Texas Water Development Fund (D Fund)**

- Loan program only
- Projects must be **consistent** with the current TWDB State Water Plan

RWP AMENDMENT PROCESS

Amendment Initiation

- Typically an amendment is initiated by sending a request to the RWPG, which will consider the request and accept or reject it
- Applicant may petition TWDB if not satisfied with the decision and TWDB EA will make a determination
- If accepted or determined by EA, revisions should be made within 90 days

Amending Approved RWP Doc (11/17)

https://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/planningdocu/2021/doc/current_docs/admin_docs/AmendingApprovedRWP.pdf



RWP AMENDMENT PROCESS CONT.

Ways RWP May be Modified

- TWDB Board adopted population or water demand projections
- **Alternative WMS substitutions** (a WMS already included as an alternative substituted for a recommended WMS)
- **Minor Amendments** that do not adversely affect supplies, needs, flow requirements, other WMSs, or relate to a new reservoir
 - For example: descriptions, quantities, costs, etc.
- **Major Amendments**

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RWP AMENDMENT PROCESS CONT.

Major Amendments (e.g. new WMS)

- Cannot be addressed via minor amendment
- Requires a longer process that includes some of the following:
 - Public hearing on the proposed amendment
 - Consideration of all public comments received
 - TWDB review and if accepted, amends SWP

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RWP AMENDMENT PROCESS CONT.

Who Pays for an Amendment

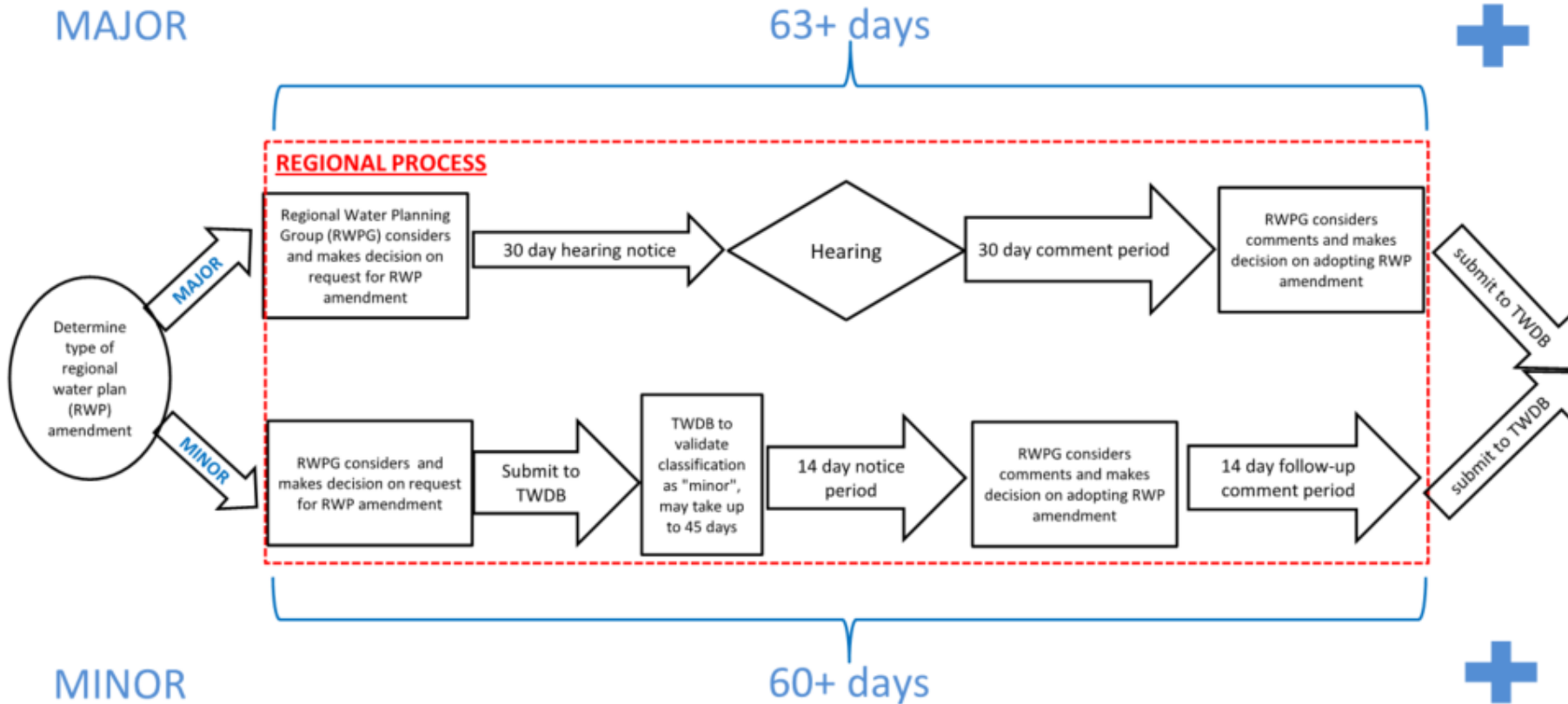
- Primarily paid by political subdivision, i.e. LRGVDC, or the entity seeking the amendment, through the LRGVDC
- Limited TWDB funds may be available if applied for by LRGVDC
- Unsolicited proposals requesting funding may be submitted at any time using standard grant application
- Proposals must include SOW, task items, and expense budgets

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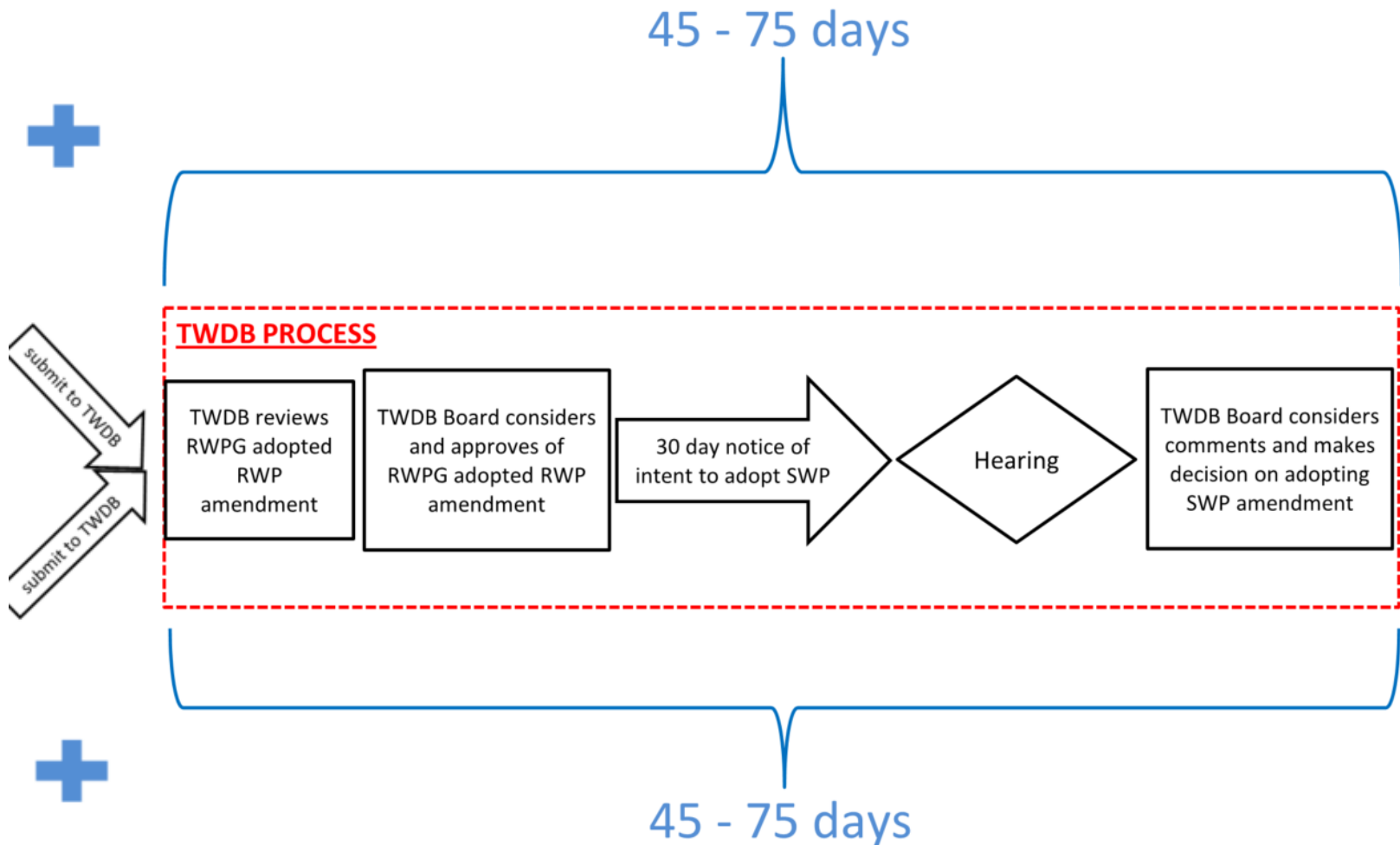


RWP AMENDMENT PROCESS TIMELINE



Please note: the Regional Process timeline outlined above is exclusive of any additional days needed to accommodate scheduling for public meetings, posting of public notice, or other variables. Also, the timeline does not reflect the additional days needed by the RWPG to prioritize the amended regional plan.

RWP AMENDMENT PROCESS TIMELINE CONT.



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