

# Region M TWDB Update 4-7-21

## 1. Flood update

- Planning group sponsor
- Developing flood planning group's website
- Procurement/selection of technical consultants
- See flood planning website for program information and to sign up for news  
<http://www.twdb.texas.gov/flood/index.asp>
- The first regional flood plans will be due in January 2023, and the first state flood plan will be due September 1, 2024

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## 2. Request for Application (RFA) for the sixth cycle

- April 12, 2021 RFA deadline to submit and application
- The initial scope of work will include Tasks 1, 2A, 2B, 8, and 10 (Planning Area Description, Non-Municipal Water Demands Projections, Population and Municipal Water Demand Projections, Policy Recommendations, Public Participation (partially funded))
- June 2021: Anticipated Board authorization to negotiate/execute contracts
- August 2021: Initial contract execution deadline

## 3. Sixth cycle of regional water planning

- Website:  
<http://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/planningdocu/2026/index.asp>

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## 4. Pre-Planning Public Meeting

- The planning group is required to hold a pre-planning meeting to obtain public input on the development of the next regional water plan
- 30-day public notice requirement, needs to be published in a newspaper, and additional entities need to be notified
- should not be held until at least the date that the TWDB board authorizes contracts (June)
- procure technical consultants prior to this meeting
- Quorum would be necessary

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## 5. Interregional Planning Council status

- Council report online: <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/ipc>
- The Council developed recommendations regarding interregional coordination, best practices for future planning, and planning water resources for the state as a whole. Recommendations targeted TWDB, the Legislature, the planning groups, and future Councils
- The currently Council dissolves upon adoption of the 2022 State Water Plan (anticipated Summer 2021). Nominations for the next Council will be solicited following adoption of the SWP (this Summer)

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## 6. Regional water planning rulemaking update

Rulemaking to update RWP notice requirements and contract eligibility for limited direct labor costs.

**RFA:** proposal to remove the 30-day public notice associated with the request for applications.

**Political Subdivisions:** funding for certain direct labor  
Final rules to be considered at the May 6, Board meeting

## 7. Mining water use study

Website launched.

<https://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/data/projections/MiningStudy/index.asp>

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## 8. Reservoir yield uncertainty study

- TWDB is conducting a study to quantify the uncertainty of reservoir firm yield
- impact of significant drought events on reservoir yield
- tool available for RWPGs to assess reliability and will provide useful information on how confident we can be in the reservoir yields currently in use - for RWPG consideration; not a requirement
- Study focus area will be Upper Colorado, the Brazos, and the Trinity River Basins
- TWDB solicited voluntary project reviewers from RWPG (Chairs, Political subdivisions, technical consultants, river authorities)
  - First stakeholder meeting held 3/30
  - TWDB contracted with Aqua Strategies, Inc to conduct the study