

REGION H

Water Planning Group

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING MATERIALS

February 4, 2026

Common Region H Terms and Conversion Factors

List of Abbreviations

CRU	Collective Reporting Unit
DCP	Drought Contingency Plan
DFC	Desired Future Condition
DOA	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
RFPG	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
9:15 AM Wednesday
February 4, 2026
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 May 7, 2025 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 May 7, 2025 Nominating Committee meeting.

**REGION H WATER PLANNING GROUP
NOMINATING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 7, 2025**

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

OTHER ATTENDEES: Krystal Boggs

CONSULTANT TEAM: Hailey Myers, Jordan Skipwith, Philip Taucer

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Chang declined to make introductions.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRAURY 5, 2025 NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

Ms. Max made a motion to approve the minutes. 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 public comments.

5. DISCUSS AND NEW MEMBERSHIP.

The committee discussed the nominations for planning group membership. Mr. Chang noted that several candidates had been nominated, including Jake Hollingsworth, Richard Stolleis, and Ronnie Woodruff. The committee briefly reviewed Planning Group policies and considerations for new membership. The background and experience of the nominees was discussed, and it was noted that all of the nominees have long-term experience in local water issues. The members cast ranked votes of the nominees. Based upon the results, it was determined that the committee would recommend Mr. Hollingsworth to the Planning Group for membership.

6. RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

7. ADJOURN

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Agenda Item 5

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

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 February 4, 2026. 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 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



Re: Region H - Member nomination process

From Fitos, Ekaterina - HPW

Date Tue 2025-10-14 5:12 PM

To Mark Evans

Cc Hailey Myers <Hailey.Myers@freese.com>; Philip Taucer <Philip.Taucer@freese.com>; Goodwin, Phillip - HPW

Molly, Andrew - HPW

Good Afternoon Mark,

I respectfully nominate Drew Molly, P.E., Chief Water Officer for Houston Public Works, for consideration to fill the Region H Board vacancy in the Municipalities category.

Please see his biography below. If you need any additional information please let me know.

Drew Molly, P.E.

Drew Molly is the Chief Water Officer for Houston Public Works, overseeing the city's drinking water and wastewater systems serving over two million residents. A licensed Professional Engineer in Texas, he holds a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University and Class A Water and Class D Wastewater Licenses. He previously served as Chief Operating Officer for Corpus Christi Water. A past Chair of the Texas Section of the American Water Works Association (AWWA), Drew currently serves on the boards of AWWA and Texas Desalination and is a recipient of AWWA's George Warren Fuller Award. Known for his collaborative and forward-thinking leadership, he is dedicated to advancing innovation and sustainability in public water systems. Outside of work, Drew enjoys spending time with his wife and three children, running, and exploring remote wilderness areas.

Thank you,

Ekaterina

Ekaterina Fitos, GISP, MBA

Assistant Director

Regulatory Compliance & Utility Development

Houston Water



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

JUSTIN R. RING, P.E. Principal



Focusing on the people of the industry as well as the “numbers” of the project have allowed Justin R. Ring, P.E. to become successful in the land development community of the Greater Houston area. Graduating from Texas A&M University with a civil engineering degree, Mr. Ring has worked with special district projects for over twenty years.

Justin has worked with municipal utility districts (MUDs) throughout the Greater Houston region and currently serves as consultant engineer for numerous MUDs in the region. He has previously served on Fort Bend County MUDs No. 109 and 106, Fort Bend County Levee Improvement District No. 11 and currently serves as Secretary of Fort Bend County MUD No. 163.

In addition to his work with special districts, Mr. Ring has worked for several cities and other municipalities including the City of Houston Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1, City of Rosenberg, City of Sugar Land, and Harris and Fort Bend Counties.

As a co-founder of Odyssey Engineering Group, LLC, Justin’s focus has been on the strategic planning functions of the company, in addition working closely with his business partner on the day-to-day activities of the company. His passion is long range planning for the success of the firm, which is directly attributed to the individual employees that make up the team of Odyssey Engineering Group.

While dedication to his projects, clients and employees is a large part of his success, Mr. Ring also builds relationships in his industry and community by working in neighborhood and civic organizations.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Texas A & M University May 2000

REGISTRATIONS

Professional Engineer State of Texas No. 95863 June 2005

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Municipal Utility District/Special Districts in State of Texas
Residential Land Development
Program and Project Management
Low Impact Development/Sustainability Design
Public Procurement Process

EXPERIENCE:

Odyssey Engineering Group, LLC.	02/2016 – Current
Founding Principal	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Co-Founded a Civil Engineering consulting firm which has grown from two to nearly sixty employees with annual revenue of over \$13 million.○ Manage multiple services and sectors, including residential, commercial and industrial development, small government municipalities, including special districts, small cities and counties.○ Program and Project Manager for public and private clients through the Southeast Texas Region○ Municipal Utility District engineer for the variety of Special Districts in Harris and Fort Bend Counties	
Odyssey Outreach	02/2019 – Current
Chairman & Co-Founder	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Co-Founded a Non-Profit Foundation focused on encouraging community organizations where Odyssey Engineering Group creates communities, as well as encouraging education and opportunities in STEM related education fields.○ Organization has donated over \$150,000 to charitable organizations over the past three years.	
Edminster, Hinshaw, Russ and Associates, Inc.	8/2002 – 1/2016
Vice President/Associate Principal	
Land Development	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Manage land development projects for multiple private developments up to 800 acres in size serving a diverse portfolio of different clients.○ Responsible for directing and supervising a team of designers, drafters and engineers to complete development projects.○ Design sanitary sewer, water distribution, drainage and plant facilities for private developments in numerous municipal utility districts, cities and counties.○ Coordinate with the Construction Management Department and contractors to ensure that projects are built as designed and to resolve any issues that arise during construction.○ Complete development feasibility studies to assist developers in determining if a site is practical for development.○ Active leader in business development efforts in Fort Bend, Harris, and Montgomery Counties.	

EXPERIENCE (cont'd):

Government Projects/Public Works

- Manage capital improvement projects for Harris and Fort Bend County.
- Responsible for coordinating project efforts with respective county staff and consultants.
- Responsible for directing and supervising a team of designers, drafters and engineers to complete C.I.P projects.

Municipal Utility District Engineer

- Municipal Utility District engineer for the variety of Special Districts in Harris, Fort Bend, Montgomery and Colorado Counties.
- Collaborate with Developers and Government agencies to create municipal utility districts.
- Orchestrate efforts between consultants to complete bond issues for District projects and Developer reimbursements.

Low Impact Development (LID)

- Designed multiple LID projects in the Greater Houston area, including many of the area's first LID projects
- Frequent speaker at conferences, seminars and symposiums in the Gulf Coast area on implementation of low impact development in projects within the Gulf Coast region.
- Consulted for government agencies for development of LID Design Criteria, including Harris County, City of Sugar Land, and City of League City.

Carter & Burgess, Inc.,

7/2000 – 7/2002

Land Development Design Engineer/Engineer in Training

CURRENT & PAST LEADERSHIP ROLES

Fort Bend Business Coalition – Trustee (2026)

Fort Bend Business Partnership – Trustee (2014 – Current)

Fort Bend Green – Treasurer (2023 – current)

Waller County Economic Development Partnership – Trustee (2024 – Current)

Texas A&M Development Industry Advisory Council for the Master of Land and Property Development Program – Executive Committee Member (2024- Current)

Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 163 – Secretary (2022 – current)

Texas Water Leadership through Texas Water Foundation (2022)

Association of Water Board of Directors – Board of Trustees (2011 through 2016, President 2013-2014)

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

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

2026 Region H Voting Membership

Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Caleb Cooper• Danny Pierce	Industries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jason Garrard• Cyndi Wagener	Small Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• W.R. Baker• Ivan Langford• Mike O'Connell
Counties	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mark Evans (Chair)• Byron Ryder• Loyd Smith	Municipal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Robert Istre	Water District	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jun Chang• Marvin Marcell (Vice Chair)• Mike Turco
Electric Generating	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carl Burch	Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ken Kramer	Water Utility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arthur Bredehoft (Exec)• Jake Hollingsworth• Alisa Max
Enviro.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• John Bartos (Secretary)	River Auth.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brad Brunett• Aubrey Spear• Kevin Ward		
GMA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• David Bailey (Exec)• Sarah Kouba				

