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1. 2020 Agricultural Water Conservation Grants

TWDB is accepting applications for FY 2020- applications are due no later than February 19, 2020, at 2:00 PM.

- Annual funding opportunity.
- Funding available for agricultural water conservation projects that improve irrigation efficiency, advance soil health initiatives, and promote innovation in agriculture.
- Selected projects will support the implementation of water conservation strategies identified in the state and regional water plans.

Detailed information on the program can be found at the following link:

<https://www.twdb.texas.gov/publications/shells/AWCLGP.pdf?d=6890.7949999993>

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2. Rules update

Water planning:

On February 13, 2020 the TWDB Board approved publishing proposed amendments and new provisions to 31 TAC Chapter 357, Regional Water Planning, to clarify existing rules and implement legislative requirements from HB 807.

We anticipate the proposed rules being published in the February 28th version of the Texas Register, however you can view the proposed rules in the following Board item:

<http://www.twdb.texas.gov/board/2020/02/Board/Brd08.pdf>

Public comment on the proposed rules will be accepted until **March 30, 2020** and may be submitted electronically to rulescomments@twdb.texas.gov.

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Rules update continuation

Flood planning:

The TWDB is currently reviewing public comments received on the proposed state flood planning rules.

After the Board adopts rules and designates flood planning regions, the EA will begin soliciting for regional flood planning group membership.

For additional information on flood programs, including information related to the proposed flood rules, flood planning group boundaries, and flood financial assistance opportunities, please visit the following link:

<http://www.twdb.texas.gov/flood/index.asp>

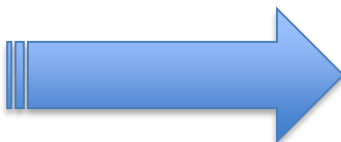
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3. Recent communications

a. Interregional Planning Council

- On January 16, 2020, the TWDB appointed members to the Interregional Planning Council- welcome letters were sent.
- As a reminder, the purpose of the Council is:
 - improve coordination among RWPGs and TWDB in meeting the goals of the water planning process
 - facilitate dialogue regarding WMSs, and
 - share best practices of the regional water planning process.
- TWDB anticipate at least two meetings in 2020, the first meeting has been scheduled for April 30th in Austin.

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RWPG	Interregional Planning Council Members
A	Steve Walthour
B	Russell Schreiber
C	Kevin Ward
D	Jim Thompson
E	Scott Reinert
F	Allison Strobe
G	Gail Peek
H	Mark Evans
I	Kelley Holcomb
J	Ray Buck
K	David Wheelock
L	Suzanne Scott
M	Tomas Rodriguez
N	Carl Crull
O	Melanie Barnes
P	Patrick Brzozowski

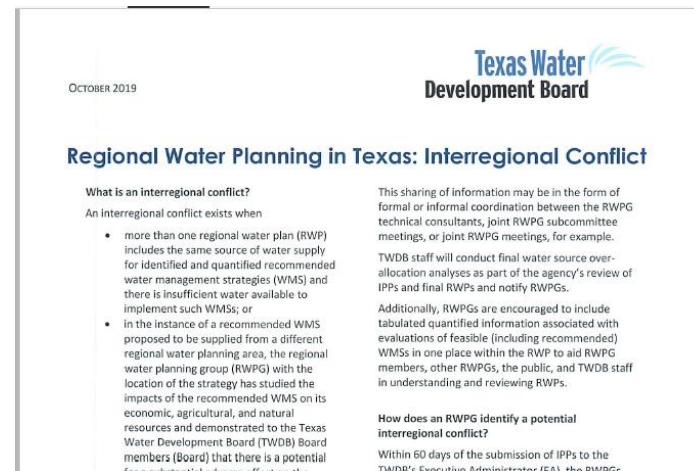
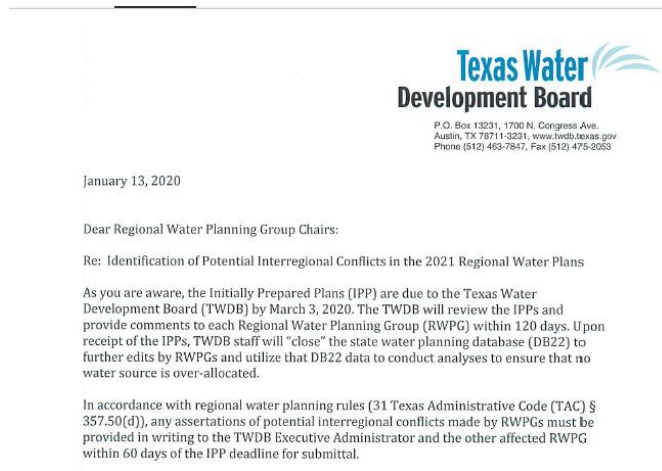


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b. Potential Interregional Conflict Letter:

An email containing a letter and an information sheet sent to RWPG Chairs on January 13, 2020, providing information on:

- definition of interregional conflict in regional water planning
- encouraged coordination prior identification of potential interregional conflict, and,
- process and timeline if a conflict is identified.



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c. Items for Administratively Complete IPP

An email sent on January 21, 2020, providing information on:

- List of items that the IPP must include to be considered admin complete
- Additional reminders, including electronic deliverables, deliveries, and database.