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1. Contracts

- LRGVDC will need to amend subcontracts and submit those to the TWDB for acceptance
- Reimbursement acceptable back to 4/20/2017

2. Working schedule and Upcoming Deadlines

- Proposed revisions to 31 TAC Chapter 357, seeking input on three bills (Senate Bill 347, Senate Bill 1511, and House Bill 2215,) may be submitted by email to RulesComments@twdb.texas.gov by October 2, 2017

Projections :

- Draft projections revision request are due January 12, 2018
- TWDB adoption in March or April 2018

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3. Legislative update

Bills that passed relevant to Regional Water Planning

Senate Bill 347

Content: Stipulates that each regional water planning group (RWPG), committee, and subcommittee of the RWPG are subject to the Open Meetings Act and the Public Information Act (Government Code, Chapters 551 & 552)

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House Bill 2215

Content: Synchs the schedules of the State Water Plan and the desired future conditions (DFC) process

- Groundwater conservation districts to propose DFCs by 5/1/21 and adopt the DFCs by 1/5/22
- Subsequent DFCs to be adopted before the end of each future five-year cycle

Effective: Immediately

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Senate Bill 1511

Content:

1. Adds a non-voting member to each RWPG from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board
2. Requires that certain planning group activities be held at a location “readily accessible to the public” within the planning area
3. Directs RWPGs to amend their approved plan to exclude any strategy or project that becomes infeasible, and consider recommending a feasible strategy to address the same need.
4. Allows RWPGs to implement simplified planning every other cycle if there are no significant changes in water availability, supplies, or demands in the region based upon the RWPG’s own initial analysis

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Content (continued):

5. Directs the TWDB to report on the prioritization and implementation of SWIFT projects in the State Water Plan.

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4. RWPG Consultant Conference call

- DB22 technical conference call scheduled for Wednesday, 9/27/17 from 1:30-3:00 p.m.
- Water Supply Strategy & Analysis team will go over application updates, DB22 data, and timelines

5. New Member Orientation – Part 2