

# REGION H REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP

## policy issues questionnaire

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<b>A. <u>Agricultural and Rural Water</u></b>	no opinion	not at all important	somewhat important	important	extremely important
1. Improved water use information for irrigation and livestock watering categories					
2. Impacts on water supply and quality resulting from conversion of agricultural lands to urban lands					
3. Protecting agricultural and rural water supplies, considering economic constraints and competing uses					
4. Quantification of impacts to rural Texans of water transfers (e.g., effects on income, employment, population)					
5. Conservation of agricultural water for additional agricultural use, urban uses or for environmental purposes (i.e., how to treat this "new" water)					
6. Incentives for individual projects, including stock tanks					
7. Effects of Safe Drinking Water Act on Small Water supply systems					
8. <b>Other topics in this category:</b>					

<b>B. <u>Conservation</u></b>	no opinion	not at all important	somewhat important	important	extremely important
1. Incentives (e.g., landscaping and plumbing rebates)					
2. Retail customer water pricing					
3. Per capita water use analysis considering commercial and institutional use, income, housing stock characteristics, and geographical location					
4. Relationship between drought contingency planning and regional water planning					
5. Quantifying conserved water					
6. <b>Other topics in this category:</b>					

<b>C. <u>Data</u></b>	no opinion	not at all important	somewhat important	important	extremely important
1. Data for rural areas					
2. Access to data, including security constraints					
3. Compatibility of data from different sources					
4. Linkages of databases					
5. Trends in data collection and availability					
6. Consistent analytical techniques					
7. <b>Other topics in this category:</b>					

<b>D. <u>Environmental</u></b>	no opinion	not at all important	somewhat important	important	extremely important
1. Bays and estuaries					
2. Instream flows					
3. Regional or statewide environmental mitigation system					
4. Sustainable growth, including impacts of growth					
5. Watershed planning/source water protection					
6. Integrating water quality and water supply considerations					
7. Environmental criteria to measure and maintain a sound ecological environment					
8. Texas Water Trust					
9. Unique stream segments					
10. Invasive species					
11. Environmental water permits					
12. Wildlife resources, including threatened and endangered species					
13. <b>Other topics in this category:</b>					

E.	<b>Groundwater</b>	no opinion	not at all important	somewhat important	important	extremely important
1.	Sustainability and groundwater management					
2.	Linking groundwater and surface water models (see also surface water)					
3.	Conjunctive use of groundwater and surface water (see also surface water)					
4.	Rule of capture					
5.	Coordination between Groundwater Conservation Districts and Regional Water Planning Groups					
6.	Standardized methods/policy for determining groundwater availability					
7.	Improving groundwater availability data					
8.	Groundwater export and potential equity issues (e.g., use of export fees)					
9.	Adequate financial resources for districts					
10.	Impacts of Texas Water Code of 36.121, "Limitation on Rulemaking Power of Districts Over Wells in Certain Counties"					
11.	Abandoned oil and gas wells, including waters supply and quality impacts					
12.	Clarifying state roles and district roles					
13.	Water marketing (e.g. water rights leases, sales, transfers)					
14.	Variability of "historical water use" definition					
15.	<b>Other topics in this category:</b>					

<b>F.</b>	<b><u>Innovative Strategies</u></b>	no opinion	not important	somewhat important	important	extremely important
1.	Desalination of seawater and brackish water					
2.	Reuse (including basin-specific assessment of reuse potential and impacts)					
3.	Planning beyond the current fifty-year time horizon					
4.	<b>Other topics in this category:</b>					

<b>G.</b>	<b><u>Providing and Financing Water and Wastewater Services</u></b>	no opinion	not important	somewhat important	important	extremely important
1.	Incentives for planning implementation					
2.	Regionalized water supply					
3.	Ranking proposals as a component of financial assistance					
4.	Potential funding sources for water supply					
5.	State participation					
6.	Public-private partnerships					
7.	<b>Other topics in this category:</b>					

H.	<b>Surface Water</b>	no opinion	not important	somewhat important	important	extremely important
1.	Assessment of the current water resource regulatory system to meet water management needs of the 21 <sup>st</sup> century					
2.	Cumulative effects on water availability of exempt water storage facilities (e.g. stock ponds)					
3.	Linking groundwater and surface water models (see also groundwater)					
4.	Conjunctive use of groundwater and surface water (see also groundwater)					
5.	Interbasin Transfer (IBTs)					
6.	Subordination agreements (including basin-specific assessment of subordination agreements)					
7.	System operation of water facilities (e.g. coordination of multiple reservoirs)					
8.	Reservoir storage reallocation (e.g. from flood storage to water supply storage)					
9.	Water marketing (e.g. water right leases, sales, transfers)					
10.	Competing demands on reservoir operation (e.g. B&E flows, recreation, municipal supply, aesthetics, etc.)					
11.	Watermaster program (e.g. expansion, funding, enforcement)					
12.	<b>Other topics in this category:</b>					

I.	<b>Other Issues</b>	no opinion	not important	somewhat important	important	extremely important
1.	Education					
2.	Inter-regional cooperation / Inter-regional water sharing					
3.	Public involvement					
4.	Security of supply from potential disruptions					
5.	Heritage / tourism / recreation / cultural resources					
6.	Consistency between regional water planning and rules for drinking water systems regarding minimum requirements for water supply					
7.	<b>Other topics in this category:</b>					

