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Dear RWPG Stakeholders,

On May 6<sup>th</sup> the TWDB Board adopted amendments to regional water planning grant rules (31 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 355) and regional water planning notice and public participation rules (31 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 357.21).

The rules will be published in the May 21<sup>st</sup> edition of the [Texas Register](#) with an effective date of May 31, 2021. You can currently view the adopted rules in the following TWDB Board item: <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/board/2021/05/Board/Brd03.pdf>. Following the effective date, the revised rules will be available on the Secretary of State website. The TWDB is also updating the regional water planning rules pamphlet and public notification quick-reference documents.

Key changes to be aware of include:

**Chapter 355 (Regional Water Planning Grants)**

- The requirement to submit multiple applications for funding during a single planning cycle is removed.
- A new eligible expense is included to allow for limited reimbursement for political subdivision personnel costs. This expense will be limited by the TWDB contract expense budget.

**Chapter 357.21 (Regional Water Planning Notice and Public Participation)**

- The minimum public notice requirement for regular/committee meetings is increased from three to seven days.
- Minimum timeframes are added for the posting of meeting materials, depending on the action taken.
- The minimum public notice for adoption of final regional water plans is changed from three to 14 days
- The state/federal agency comment period on the Initially Prepared Plans is revised from 90 to 60 days to align with the 60 day public comment period. TWDB's 120 day comment period is not revised by this rule revision.
- The 30 day public notice associated with submitting an application for funding regional water plan development is removed.

Please contact your TWDB Planner with any questions.

*Note: This email has been sent to all RWPG members, administrators, and 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> cycle consultants with emails on file with TWDB's regional water planning program.*

Best,

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