



TWDB Planning Rule Revisions for the East Texas Planning Group

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31 TAC Ch. 355: Funding

Revisions:

- Repeal of payback provisions in regional facility planning if project not constructed.
- Facility planning for EDAP areas in line with EDAP statewide changes.
- No funding of groundwater evaluation if DFC submitted by 12/1/07.



31 TAC Ch. 355: Funding

New:

- Funding for environmental flow activities
 - Travel expenses for Science Advisory Committee (SAC) and Bay-Basin Expert Science Team (BBEST)
 - Administrative expenses for conducting meetings of Bay-Basin Area Stakeholder Committees (BBASC), SAC, and BBEST
 - Technical Assistance contracts



31 TAC Ch. 357: Planning

Revisions:

- Update plan due dates: RWP 9/1/10
- Clarifying requirement for firm yield, existing rights, and use of WAM.
- Use of Alternative Water Management Strategies
- Format and content of RWP
- Data entry complete by due date of RWP text
- Public comment period consistency (60-day to 30-day following public hearing)



31 TAC Ch. 357: Planning

New:

- Expedited Amendment Process
 - Proposal to EA of TWDB for eligibility determination
 - Does not result in overallocation of existing or planned source of water
 - Does not relate to a new reservoir
 - Does not have significant effect on instream or environmental flows
 - Does not have significant substantive effect on water planning or previously adopted WMS
 - Does not delete or change any legal requirements of plan
 - Adoption at public meeting with 2 weeks notice
 - Clean coal



Consistency Waiver Process

- Sponsor presents project and situation to the RWPG.
- RWPG determines if they support a request for consistency waiver or if the plan requires an amendment.
 - If waiver request supported, RWPG submits letter to EA of TWDB. Project sponsor submits request for waiver to EA of TWDB for consideration with loan request.
 - If amending plan, follow process in rules.