**Regional Solid Waste Management Plan**

**Volume I**

Regional Solid Waste Management Plans are required by Texas Health and Safety Code (THSC),

§363.062, relating to Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP). Contents of the RSWMP

are described in THSC §363.064 and in 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 330,

Subchapter O.

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# Regional Organization Information

Table 1. Organization Information

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| Name of Council of Government | Enter the name of the regional council of government. |
| Mailing Address | Enter the mailing address for the organization, including street number and name, city, state, and zip code. |
| Website | Enter the website for the organization. |
| Phone Number | Enter the number for the organization. |
| Email Address | Enter the email address for the organization. |

# Section I. Geographic Scope

[Ref. 30 TAC §330.645(a)(1)]

The geographic scope of the regional planning process shall be the entire planning region.

Table I.I. Geographic Scope

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| Names of Member Counties in the Entire Planning Region | Enter the names of the member counties in the planning region. |

# Section II. Plan Content

[Ref. 30 TAC §330.635(a)(2)]

*A regional plan shall be the result of a planning process related to the proper management of solid waste in the planning region. The process shall include identification of overriding concerns and collection and evaluation of the data necessary to provide a written public statement of goals and objectives and actions recommended to accomplish those goals and objectives.*

## II.A. Regional Goals and Objectives

[Ref. 30 TAC §330.635(a)(2)(A)]

In the table, list the long-range regional goals and corresponding objectives for the proper management of solid waste in the planning region. Add rows as needed.

Table II.A. Regional Goals and Objectives

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| **Goal #1** **Enter the first goal.** | **Objective 1.A.** Enter Objective 1.A. for the first goal.  **Objective 1.B.** Enter Objective 1.B. for the first goal.  **Additional Objectives** Enter and number additional objectives for the first goal. |
| **Goal #2 Enter the second goal.** | **Objective 2.A.** Enter Objective 2.A. for the second goal.  **Objective 2.B.** Enter Objective 2.B. for the second goal.  **Additional Objectives** Enter and number additional objectives for the second goal. |
| **Additional Goals Enter and number additional goals. Add rows as needed to capture all goals.** | **Objective X.A.** Enter Objective X.A. for the next goal.  **Objective X.B.** Enter Objective X.B. for the next goal.  **Additional Objectives** Enter and number additional objectives for the goals. |

## II.B. Efforts to Minimize, Reuse, and Recycle Waste

[Ref. 30 TAC §330.635(a)(2)(B)]

In the table, provide a description and assessment of efforts to minimize, reuse, and recycle waste.

Table II.B. Waste Minimization, Reuse, and Recycling

| **Subject** | **Description** |
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| Current Efforts to Minimize Municipal Solid Waste and to Reuse or Recycle Waste | Provide a brief description and an assessment of current efforts in the region to minimize municipal solid waste (MSW), including sludge, and efforts to reuse or recycle waste. |
| Recycling Rate Goal for the Region | Provide the established recycling rate goal appropriate to the region. Include a brief explanation on how the goal was established. |
| Recommendations for Encouraging and Achieving a Greater Degree of Waste Minimization and Waste Reuse or Recycling | Provide a list of any recommendations for encouraging and achieving a greater degree of waste minimization and waste reuse or recycling in the geographic area covered by the plan. |
| Existing or Proposed Community Programs for the Collection of Household Hazardous Waste | Provide a description and assessment of existing or proposed community programs for the collection of household hazardous waste. |
| Composting Programs for Yard Waste | The recommended composting programs for yard waste and related organic wastes may include:  (I) creation and use of community composting centers;  (II) adoption of the "Don't Bag It" program for lawn clippings developed by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service; and  (III) development and promotion of education programs on home composting, community composting, and the separation of yard waste for use as mulch. |
| Public Education/Outreach | Include a public education/outreach component in the solid waste program directed at efforts to minimize, reuse, and recycle waste. |

## II.C. Commitment Regarding the Management of MSW Facilities

[Ref. 30 TAC §330.635(a)(2)(C)]

By checking the boxes below, the Council of Government makes a commitment to the following, regarding the management of MSW facilities:

(i) encouraging cooperative efforts between local governments in the siting of landfills for the disposal of solid waste;

(ii) assessing the need for new waste disposal capacity;

(iii) considering the need to transport waste between municipalities, from a municipality to an area in the jurisdiction of a county, or between counties, particularly if a technically suitable site for a landfill does not exist in a particular area;

(iv) allowing a local government to justify the need for a landfill in its jurisdiction to dispose of the solid waste generated in the jurisdiction of another local government that does not have a technically suitable site for a landfill in its jurisdiction;

(v) completing and maintaining an inventory of MSW landfill units in accordance with Texas Health and Safety Code, §363.064. One copy of the inventory shall be provided to the commission and to the chief planning official of each municipality and county in which a unit is located; and

(vi) developing a guidance document to review MSW registration and permit applications to determine conformance with the goals and objectives outlined in *Volume II:* *Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Implementation Guidelines* as referenced in 30 TAC §330.643.

# Section III. Required Approvals

Table III.I. Required Approvals

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| **Solid Waste Advisory Committee** | Enter approval date by the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. |
| **Public Meeting Dates** | Enter dates of public meetings. |
| **Executive Committee** | Enter approval date by the Executive Committee. |