



**REGIONAL
WATER
ALLIANCE**

**Council of Representatives
MEETING MINUTES**

9:00 a.m. – May 14, 2008
San Antonio River Authority - Board Room
100 E. Guenther
San Antonio, Texas 78204

The May 14, 2008 meeting of the Regional Water Alliance (Alliance) was called to order by Chairman Alan Cockerell at 9:10 a.m. in the San Antonio River Authority's Board Room, 100 E. Guenther, San Antonio, Texas.

Council of Representatives Present:

Cockerell, Alan	Schertz-Seguin LGC
Larrison, John	SS Water Supply Corporation
Lee, Scott	City of Selma
Raabe, Steve	San Antonio River Authority (SARA)
Ramos, Humberto	BexarMet Water District
Thompson, Darren	SAWS
Willoughby, Sam	City of Schertz
Davenport, David	Canyon Regional Water Authority
Allen, Pat	Green Valley SUD
Schott, Harold	City of La Vernia
Longoria, Manuel	Shavano Park
Wayman, Scott	City of Live Oak
Strzelczyk, Albert	East Central SUD

Members, Guests & Administrative:

Ahrens, Chuck	SAWS
Farias, Rudy	SARA
Graham, Steve	SARA
Green, Christine	SARA
Perez, Bob	SARA
Williams, Herb	SS WSC

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Certification of a Quorum by the Secretary

Alan Cockerell stated a quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Approval of the Minutes from February 6, 2008 Meetings

The February 6, 2008 Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Report on Study Group Activity

i. Brackish Groundwater Desalination

Rudy Farias briefed the Alliance on the memo from the Texas Water Development Board regarding the grant applications for brackish water desalination and the announcement of funds. The TWDB was not recommending funding for the RWA request. Mr. Farias asked if the study group would like to meet again to look at other options utilizing existing wells as test wells as suggested by Mr. Larrison. John Larrison offered SS WSC as a meeting place.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Report on other Study Topics

i. Interconnection Study

Rudy Farias gave an update on the status of the HDR study. The study included the map that HDR provided with 10 entities that had provided information for the study. HDR is still planning on providing the results of the study at the November 2008 meeting.

ii. Population and Water Demand Projections

Rudy Farias gave an update on the report by HDR. A copy of the report was provided to all attendees. Mr. Farias requested that proposed changes be submitted to Region L by the end of June 2008. Alan Cockerell requested that Mr. Farias send a copy of the report in electronic format to all members.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Report on South Texas Regional Water Alliance

Rudy Farias updated the Alliance on the South Texas Regional Water Alliance monthly meetings and briefly mentioned two projects they were working on, which are firming the yield in Medina Lake and an interconnection study.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Briefing on Regional Water Resources Activities

i. Region L

Mr. Steve Raabe updated the Alliance on the previous Region L meeting, highlighting Agenda Item No. 4, Replacement of SCTRWPG Voting Members Whose Terms Expire in August 2008, and Agenda Item No. 9, Proposed Scope-of-Work for the Remainder of the 2011 Planning Cycle.

ii. Groundwater Management Area 13 (GMA 13)

Mr. Steve Raabe updated the Alliance on GMA 13, referring to printouts included in the packets - a printout of the Water Development Board's webpage on GMA

13, a map of GMA 13 area, and a statewide map. Mr. Raabe then discussed the process regarding legislation and groundwater management.

iii. Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program (EA RIP)

Mr. Steve Raabe updated the Alliance on the EA RIP and provided the group information regarding possible ramifications concerning endangered species and Edwards pumpers. Mr. Raabe then briefed the group on applying for an Incidental Take Permit, possibly as a group, and how to develop a draft Habitat Conservation Plan and strategies needed within the plan, for US Fish and Wildlife Service, to protect Edwards users from possible lawsuits regarding endangered species.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Set Date, Time, and Location on Next Meeting

Mr. Rudy Farias stated that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 13th, 2008 at 9:00 am at San Antonio River Authority.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Other Issues

Mr. Rudy Farias informed the Alliance that Bob Perez would be transferring to the Engineering Department and this was his last meeting.

No other issues were discussed at this time and meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

MINUTES RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE SECRETARY.

HUMBERTO RAMOS, Secretary