



**REGIONAL
WATER
ALLIANCE**

**Council of Representatives
MEETING MINUTES**

9:00 a.m. – February 11, 2009
San Antonio River Authority – Salado Room
100 E. Guenther
San Antonio, Texas 78204

The February 11, 2009 meeting of the Regional Water Alliance (Alliance) was called to order by Chairman Alan Cockerell at 9:25 a.m. in the San Antonio River Authority's Boardroom, 100 E. Guenther, San Antonio, Texas.

Council of Representatives Present:

Cockerell, Alan	Schertz-Seguin LGC
Larrison, John	SS Water Supply Corporation
Ramos, Humberto	Bexar Met Water District
Thompson, Darren	SAWS
Walker, Ken	City of Elmendorf
Schnuriger, Jeanne	Springs Hill
Lee, Scott	City of Selma
Wayman, Scott	City of Live Oak
Davenport, David	Canyon Regional Water Authority
Chisholm, John	SARA

Members, Guests & Administrative:

Farias, Rudy	SARA
Yosko, Landon	SARA
Gallegos, Richard	Gallegos Engineering, Inc.
Rocha, Al	Bexar Met Water District
Swanson, Scott	TCEQ

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

Alan Cockerell stated a quorum was not present.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Approval of the Minutes from November 12, 2008

The minutes could not be approved due to a lack of a quorum present.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Briefing on 2008 Annual Activity Report

Mr. Landon Yosko, San Antonio River Authority (SARA), briefed the council on the handout for activities conducted by and for the Alliance during 2008. Mr. John Larrison asked to add the study group that had looked at drilling a well in La Vernia to the 2008 Activities Report.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Discussion on Administrative Support for 2009

Mr. Yosko, SARA, briefed the council on the changes that had been made within the San Antonio River Authority personnel. The Water Resources & Community Development Department is now under the Operations Department. Mr. Yosko introduced Mr. John Chisholm, Director of Operations, for SARA.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Election of Officers

Mr. Alan Cockerell stated that according to the by-laws, Council Officers are elected annually. Last year it had been done at the first meeting of the year, but at this time there is not a quorum present. This agenda item will be moved to the May meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Presentation on Drought Contingency/Conservation Plan

Mr. Cockerell introduced Mr. Scott Swanson, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), Water Supply Division, Resource Protection Team. Mr. Swanson presented a power point presentation and briefed the council on the requirements for water conservation and drought contingency plans and the difference between each plan and the purpose of each plan.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Briefing on State Legislation Issues

Mr. Brian Mast, SARA, Intergovernmental and Community Relations Department, briefed the Council on three bills affecting water and sewer utilities, as well as a TCEQ request seeking to increase fee caps on three fees to increase funds for the water programs for the agency. The three bills (2 in the Senate, 1 in the House) have been introduced due to effects from Hurricane Ike on coastal water suppliers and sewer/utilities providers.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Report on Study Group/Committee Activity

i. Brackish Groundwater Desalination Committee

Mr. John Larrison briefed the Council on the previous committee meeting. The committee had put meeting on hold for several months until Evergreen had completed drafting their rules for pumping brackish water. Previously, Evergreen had no restrictions. Evergreen has drafted the restrictions which are 2 ac-ft per acre of land on pumpage. If you are pumping Carrizo, it will impact your pumping. Mr. Larrison stated that when the committee met, two topics of discussion were who would be in the group, how would the group be organized, as a sub-group of a larger group. The second issue was assuming this goes

forward, how it would be done. The group agreed to use a phased approach, spinning off the study HDR completed on brackish water on the eastern side of Wilson County. Indication shows that there is enough water there to make it feasible. The next meeting date will be March 16th, 2009 at SS Water Supply.

ii. Conservation Committee

Mr. Yosko stated that the committee is set to meet March 11th, 2009. At that time the committee will decide whether or not to push forward with a Leak Detection Program.

iii. RWA Website

Mr. Yosko updated the Council on the website being put together for RWA. The committee is looking at draft web pages for changes and/or corrections. Mr. Yosko demonstrated the webpage for the council and took recommendations at that time. Mr. Cockerell stated that he anticipates the launch of the website in March.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Briefing on Regional Water Resources Activities

i. Region L

Mr. Cockerell stated that the Region L meeting held last week was mostly discussions on whether or not to amend the 2006 RWP for the Lower Guadalupe Water Supply Project. Mr. Cockerell informed the Council on the timeline and process to possibly amend the plan. The Planning Group also voted at this time to take no action on the Population and Water Demand Revisions, but to utilize water management strategies to accommodate the entities as necessary. The demands will be adjusted by the Texas Water Development Board once the new census data is received.

ii. GMA 13

There was no report at this time.

iii. EARIP

Mr. Yosko stated that the Recharge Facility Feasibility Subcommittee for EARIP will be meeting today at 1:00 p.m. at Trinity University. He provided a copy of directions for those who would like to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

MINUTES RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE SECRETARY.

HUMBERTO RAMOS, Secretary