



**REGIONAL
WATER
ALLIANCE**

**Council of Representatives
MEETING MINUTES**

9:00 a.m. – November 12, 2008
San Antonio River Authority – Salado Room
100 E. Guenther
San Antonio, Texas 78204

The November 12th, 2008 meeting of the Regional Water Alliance (Alliance) was called to order by Chairman Alan Cockerell at 9:12 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
Raabe, Steve	San Antonio River Authority (SARA)
Ramos, Humberto	BexarMet Water District
Thompson, Darren	SAWS
Davenport, David	Canyon Regional Water Authority
Allen, Pat	Green Valley SUD
Strzelczyk, Albert	East Central SUD
Walker, Ken	City of Elmendorf
Ellis, Clint	Cibolo Creek Municipal Authority
Lunsford, Avery	Universal City
Rojas, Jacob	Alamo Heights
Schnuriger, Jeanne	Springs Hill
Lee, Scott	City of Selma

Members, Guests & Administrative:

Farias, Rudy	SARA
Bryant, Melissa	SARA
Yosko, Landon	SARA
Guardiola, Lisa	SAWS
Brown, Jeff	SAWS
Shiple, Jim	SAWS
Connor, Adam	SAWS

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 May 14, 2008 and August 13th, 2008 Meetings

Mr. Albert Strzelczyk made a motion to approve the minutes from May 14th, 2008 as presented. Mr. Darren Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Darren Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes from August 13th, 2008 as presented. Mr. Pat Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Report on Study Group/Committee Activities

i. Brackish Groundwater Desalination Committee

John Larrison updated the group on the last committee meeting held at SS WSC on September 16, 2008. Mr. Larrison then presented a slide presentation regarding the differences between the RWA Brackish Groundwater Study and the SAWS Brackish Groundwater Study and the boundaries that each project is associated within.

ii. Conservation Committee

Landon Yosko briefed the committee regarding the September 4, 2008 Conservation Committee meeting. The Conservation Committee had eight different conservation topics presented, which the committee then picked the two that would have the most benefit our members and the general community, focusing on water conservation. The two topics to be focused on at this time are Leak Detection and Water Auditing. The Leak Detection Program by the San Antonio Water Systems will be presented by SAWS at the end of the meeting.

iii. RWA Website

Landon Yosko updated the committee on progress being made on the Regional Water Alliance website. The consultants will be Thompson Marketing. He also reminded the members that if they had any photographs of their entities (their cities, employees, water towers, etc.); please email the pictures to him for implementing into the website.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Briefing on Regional Water Resources Activities – Steve Raabe

i. Region L

Steve Raabe updated the committee on last week's South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (Region L) quarterly meeting. At the meeting, the Planning Group voted to submit their 1st Biennium Studies to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Region L is in the final contract stages for the 2nd Biennium funding, which will be incorporated into developing the 2011 Regional Water Plan. The 2011 Regional Water Plan must be submitted in March 2010 by the Planning Group. Steve Raabe asked that if any entity has a local plan of how they intend to meet their water needs, please submitted the plans to Rudy Farias and he will then forward them to the consultant.

At Region L's February 5th, 2009 meeting the Planning Group will decide whether or not to amend the 2006 Regional Water Plan, regarding the Lower Guadalupe Water Supply Project for GBRA Needs and the different interpretations of the law that allows that amendment to go forth. Should the Planning Group agree to amend the plan, they then have to decide which version of the project to put in the amendment and put it in a draft amendment. They would then have to have a public hearing before submitting the amendment to the TWDB. Steve Raabe then clarified the timeline for the public hearings and the process that the Planning Group will have to go through to get the amendment approved and the plan amended before the plan could be approved.

The TWDB is currently reviewing the Population and Water Demand Projection revisions that have been submitted by Region L on behalf of entities requesting revisions. Once the TWDB has reviewed the requests and forwarded its recommendations to Region L, we will then post a public notice 14 days prior to the upcoming Region L meeting. The hope is that we receive the recommendations from the TWDB in enough time to post the notice prior to the February 2009 Region L meeting. If that happens, then entities will be able to review the recommendations by the TWDB and bring their comments to the February meeting, where the Planning Group will discuss and decide on the recommendations from the TWDB.

There is currently a vacancy on the Planning Group in the Water District category due to Gil Olivares leaving Bexar Met. The Planning Group decided to keep the position, but leave it vacant until the Bexar Met situation is settled.

ii. GMA 13

All the GMA's in the state have a deadline in 2010 to get their Desired Future Conditions (DFC's) submitted to TWDB. Once the DFC's are submitted, the TWDB gives them the managed available groundwater. There was an attempt by GMA 13 to try to get it all done by November 2008 so that those numbers could be used in the Region L planning process. In their last meeting, the GMA 13 decided not to submit a DFC at this time to try to meet the Region L deadline. GMA 13 will continue working on it to meet their statutory deadline of 2010.

iii. EARIP

The EARIP (Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program) is a stakeholder process that is working across the region to develop strategies that can be folded into a draft habitat conservation plan. This plan would then be the basis of an issuance for an Incidental Take Permit (ITP). The ITP is important for all Edwards Aquifer pumpers. If there happens to be a take of endangered species at Comal or San Marcos Springs and you are covered by the ITP, you are immune to any prosecution due to that take. The stakeholders' process is working on developing the habitat conservation plan. The group is meeting tomorrow at Trinity University and if you would like to attend please see Steve Raabe. Steve then gave an update on the different committees that meet and the officers that are being recommended for the next year.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: RWA 2009 Quarterly Meeting Dates, Times and Location

The 2009 RWA meeting dates will be:

February 11, 2009 at 9:00 a.m., San Antonio River Authority
May 13, 2009 at 9:00 a.m., San Antonio River Authority
August 12, 2009 at 9:00 a.m., San Antonio River Authority
November 11, 2009 at 9:00 a.m., San Antonio River Authority

Alan Cockerell stated that the November meeting will need to be moved due to Veteran's Day.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Set Date, Time, and Location on Next Meeting

Alan Cockerell stated that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at 9:00 am at the San Antonio River Authority.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Other Issues

Alan Cockerell briefed those present that invoices for membership dues for 2009 should be sent out after January 1st, 2009.

He also reminded everyone that RWA is always looking for new members.

He then asked the group for ideas on meeting topics/presentations for the 2009 meetings. Humberto Ramos reminded the group that a request for Legislative Updates be presented at February's meeting, in addition to a presentation from TCEQ regarding drought contingency planning.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Leak Detection Program Presentation and Demonstration – Mr. Jim Shipley, Program Data Coordinator and Mr. Jeff Brown, Manager, Mission Road Service Center, SAWS

Darren Thompson introduced Jim Shipley and Jeff Brown, SAWS. Mr. Shipley and Mr. Brown then gave a powerpoint presentation on the Leak Detection Program at SAWS. The presentation was then followed by a demonstration outside.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

MINUTES RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE SECRETARY.

HUMBERTO RAMOS, Secretary

