



**REGIONAL  
WATER  
ALLIANCE**

**Council of Representatives  
MEETING MINUTES**

9:00 a.m. – May 13, 2009  
San Antonio River Authority – Salado Room  
100 E. Guenther  
San Antonio, Texas 78204

The May 13, 2009 meeting of the Regional Water Alliance (Alliance) was called to order by Chairman Alan Cockerell at 9:00 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
Walker, Ken	City of Elmendorf
Ramos, Humberto	Bexar Metropolitan Water District
Schnuriger, Jeanne	Springs Hill
Lee, Scott	City of Selma
Wayman, Scott	City of Live Oak
Davenport, David	Canyon Regional Water Authority
Chisholm, John	SARA
Schott, Harold	City of La Vernia
Allen, Pat	Green Valley Special Utility District
Willoughby, Sam	City of Schertz
Longoria, Manuel	City Shavano Park

**Members, Guests & Administrative:**

Farias, Rudy	SARA
Yosko, Landon	SARA
Swanson, Scott	TCEQ
Raabe, Steve	SARA
Guardiola, Lisa	SAWS
Newell, Peter	HDR
Perkins, Brian	HDR

**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 November 12, 2008 and February 11, 2009**

Steve Raabe made a motion to approve the minutes from November 12, 2008. John Larrison seconded the motion. The motion carried by consensus. Steve Raabe made a motion to approve the minutes from February 11, 2009. Scott Lee seconded the motion. The motion carried by consensus.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Election of Officers**

Mr. Cockerell stated that a recommendation was presented by the Executive Committee for the current officers to serve another term. David Davenport made a motion to elect the current officers for another term. Mr. Lee seconded the motion. The motion carried by consensus.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Update on Interconnection Study – HDR Engineering, Inc.**

Peter Newell and Brian Perkins, HDR Engineering, Inc. presented preliminary results from the Interconnection Study and reviewed the presentation with the RWA members. The objective of the study was to identify possible emergency and/or normal water supply interconnections for RWA members.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Report on Study Group/Committee Activity**

- i. Brackish Groundwater Desalination Committee – Members provided HDR information needed to come up with cost estimates for the proposed Brackish Desalination project that is currently in the 2011 Regional Water Plan (RWP) as a water management strategy (WMS). John Larrison stated we need to set up a meeting to discuss the presentation and what the next step will be to move forward. Mr. Perkins will discuss the Brackish Desalination WMS that is currently in the 2011 RWP.
- ii. Conservation Committee – Landon Yosko, San Antonio River Authority (SARA), presented samples of water conservation handouts, door hangers and postcards, that were created by SARA staff. The handouts can be edited per RWA members' needs. RWA will be responsible for the printing costs for the templates. There are also brochures that can be purchased directly from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Mr. Yosko provided the TWDB website information to request brochures from.
- iii. RWA Website - Mr. Yosko sent an email to RWA Members asking each RWA Member (entity) for feedback on the webpage. The website has been launched but requires editing and some improvements. The website has been created for the entities of Regional Water Alliance and information they would like to see. The website can show contact information for the entities, conservation ideas and other information.

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

- i. Region L – Mr. Raabe briefed RWA members on recent Region L actions, to include the Public Hearing on the Proposed Amendment to the 2006 Regional Water Plan regarding the Lower Guadalupe Water Supply Project for GBRA Needs. Comments on the proposed amendment will be accepted through June 7, 2009. The comments will be sent to HDR Engineering to be addressed with appropriate responses and the proposed amendment ready for vote at the Region L meeting on August 6, 2009. If the amendment is formally adopted by the Planning Group, the amendment will then be forwarded to the TWDB for approval. Once the TWDB approves the amendment, the TWDB will then amend the State Water Plan.

Mr. Raabe also discussed plans by Region L Chairman, Con Mims, to begin organizing workgroups to address two possibly contentious plans, the Guadalupe Basin Water Needs Workgroup and Gonzales County Groundwater Projects Workgroup. This will also be addressed by the Planning Group on August 6, 2009.

Lastly, the SAGES Whooping Crane Study was presented at the Planning Group meeting. The study is posted on the Region L website and comments are currently being accepted.

- ii. GMA 13 – Mr. Raabe stated that there was no new information at this time regarding GMA 13.
- iii. EARIP – Mr. Raabe informed the members that for those that pump water from the Edwards or have water supplies in the Guadalupe River Basin, the purpose of the EARIP is to assist in the recovery of the endangered species that rely on the Edwards Aquifer. A significant result could be the development of a Habitat Conservation Plan that could be used to acquire an Incidental Take Permit which then those that would want to be listed on the incidental take permit would have protection for take of species at the springs. In order to get a permit you would have to have assurances in what you would do to protect those species, such as different management of the aquifer, water management strategies, etc. That is how this ties in to water supply. EARIP will be meeting tomorrow, Thursday, May 14, 2009. There is a website that you can view for up to date information as well.
- iv. South Texas Regional Water Alliance (STRWA) – Humberto Ramos informed members that STRWA will be meeting with HDR Engineering to review the Medina Lake Firm Up study that was done on their behalf.

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Other Business**

Mr. Yosko handed out a Legislative Update that was completed by SARA staff. Should there be any questions, please contact Brian Mast, San Antonio River Authority, Inter-Governmental/Community Relations, and his business card is attached.

Mr. Cockerell stated that the next RWA Meeting will be held August 12, 2009 at 9:00 am.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by consensus at 11:26 am.

MINUTES RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE SECRETARY.

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HUMBERTO RAMOS, Secretary