



**REGIONAL  
WATER  
ALLIANCE**

**Council of Representatives  
MEETING MINUTES**

1:00 p.m. – March 27, 2013  
SAWS Customer Service Building, Room CR-145  
2800 US Hwy 281 North  
San Antonio, TX

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Allen.

**Council of Representatives Present:**

Pat Allen, <i>Chair</i>	Green Valley Special Utility District
Jeanne Schnuriger, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Spring Hills WSC
Avery Lunsford, <i>Secretary</i>	City of Universal City
Darren Thompson, <i>Member at Large</i>	San Antonio Water System
Humberto Ramos, <i>Member at Large</i>	Canyon Regional Water Authority
Patrick Sullivan	City of Alamo Heights
Timothy Fousse	City of Cibolo
Scott Wayman	City of Live Oak
Robert Wyly	Crystal Clear WSC
Albert Strzelczyk	East Central Special Utility District
John Gomez	San Antonio River Authority
Herb Williams	SS WSC

**Members, Guests & Administrative:**

Brian Perkins	HDR Engineering
Kim Davis	City of Castroville
John Quintanilla	City of Converse
Jonathan Smith	City of Converse
Larry Zermeno	City of Goliad
Daniel Heidman	County Line SUD
Mike Fournier	Crystal Clear WSC
Ron Emmons	Fair Oaks Ranch
Pam Manachek	Green Valley SUD
Tracy Rappmund	Green Valley SUD
Tom Koch	
Erin Newberry	San Antonio River Authority
Melissa Bryant	San Antonio River Authority
John Chisholm	San Antonio River Authority
Steve Raabe	San Antonio River Authority

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

A Quorum was established

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Approval of the Minutes from November 27, 2012**

Minutes were approved

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Region L Update**

Erin Newberry reported that the most recent Region L meeting was held on March 14, 2013. The planning group received updates from several workgroups including the EAA HCP workgroup, chaired by Tom Taggart, the Eagle Ford Shale workgroup, chaired by Suzanne Scott, and the Carrizo-Wilcox workgroup, which is chaired by Greg Senglemann. There was a presentation by Matt Nelson of Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) on the revised rules for regional water planning, and there will be a follow-up presentation next month on a newly added section regarding drought planning. Brian Perkins of HDR Engineering presented the TWDB draft population and water demand projections, and discussed upcoming deadlines for the Region L planning group. The next Region L meeting will be Thursday, May 2, at which the planning group will authorize the solicitation for nominations to fill vacant seats and expiring terms for current members on the planning group.

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Presentation from HDR on Population and Water Demand Projections from TWDB**

Brian Perkins of HDR Engineering presented the draft population and water demand projections provided by TWDB that will ultimately be used in the 2016 Regional Water Plan. He explained the process by which TWDB receives and distributes their projections, going from the census to the state demographer, then to TWDB and lastly to HDR for presentation to the planning group. Brian went through the projections and provided data relevant to the Regional Water Alliance members. The presentation compared data from the 2011 Plan to what's being proposed for the 2016 Plan. He informed the Alliance that the Region L Planning Group, through HDR, is seeking feedback on these projections via an online survey, which was developed by HDR and will be conducted in two phases. Phase 1 of the survey, which was already distributed to water user groups, presented the draft population and water demand projections by water user group, and asks that each entity review the data and provide documentation for any requested modifications. Phase 2 will provide a draft water needs analysis based on the information gathered through Phase 1. Phase 2 will be sent out to all water user groups towards the end of the summer.

## **AGENDA ITEM NO.5: Regional Planning Process Status and Next Steps**

The survey went out to all water user groups on March 26, and HDR is asking that all responses and/or requests for revisions be made by April 15. The next Region L planning group meeting will be held May 2, and HDR will be asking the planning group members for authorization to submit those revisions to TWDB for approval. TWDB staff will then take those revision requests to their Board of Directors for approval in September. Brian Perkins mentioned that the Region L planning group meets quarterly, usually on the first Thursday of the month. The draft water plan is due to TWDB in May of 2015, with the final draft due November 2, 2015.

Humberto Ramos mentioned a project previously submitted by the Regional Water Alliance, and asked what needs to be done to get that project resubmitted into the 2016 plan. Brian stated that HDR will begin to evaluate water management strategies late 2013. The project that was submitted by RWA in the 2011 Water Plan will show up as a water management strategy in the Phase 2 survey, distributed later this year, for those entities that were listed as participants. If the parties involved wish to continue with this project and the overall scope has not changed much, HDR will update costs associated with the project and resubmit it as a water management strategy. If there are drastic changes anticipated then there will need to be a full water management strategy evaluation. That information will need to be provided on the Phase 2 survey.

## **AGENDA ITEM NO.6: Drought Update Presentation**

The Alliance received a presentation from Wayne Tschirhart of the San Antonio River Authority on current drought conditions. He reported that all public water supply systems throughout Texas are in a state of watch, and all major reservoirs west of Austin are below 50% of their capacity. There is a slight

tendency towards a state of El Nino in the coming months, but for the most part we have been and will remain to be in a neutral state. Drought conditions will persist for the coming months and likely for the remainder of the year, with above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.7: New Business**

The Alliance decided to continue to hold RWA meetings following the quarterly Region L meetings. With no new business the meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE SECRETARY.

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Avery Lunsford, Secretary