



Council of Representatives
MEETING MINUTES

9:00 a.m. – May 9, 2013
San Antonio River Authority, Boardroom
100 E. Guenther Street
San Antonio, TX

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Allen.

Council of Representatives Present:

Alan Cockerell	Schertz-Seguin LGC
Albert Strzelczyk	East Central Special Utility District
Avery Lunsford, <i>Secretary</i>	City of Universal City
Darren Thompson, <i>Member at Large</i>	San Antonio Water System
Herb Williams	SS WSC
Humberto Ramos, <i>Member at Large</i>	Canyon Regional Water Authority
Jeanne Schnuriger, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Spring Hills WSC
John Gomez	San Antonio River Authority
Mike Taylor	Crystal Clear WSC
Pat Allen, <i>Chair</i>	Green Valley Special Utility District
Patrick Sullivan	City of Alamo Heights
Randy Schwenn	City of Marion
Sam Willoughby	City of Schertz
Scott Wayman	City of Live Oak

Members, Guests & Administrative:

Brian Mast	San Antonio River Authority
Brian Perkins	HDR Engineering
David Davenport	Canyon Regional Water Authority
Erin Newberry	San Antonio River Authority
Julia Velez	San Antonio River Authority
Julie Rowin	City of Converse
Melissa Bryant	San Antonio River Authority
Mike Fournier	Crystal Clear WSC
Tracy Campos	City of Converse

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

A Quorum was not established at the start of the meeting, but was later established during the report of Agenda item 1.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Approval of the Minutes from March 27, 2013

Minutes were approved.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Region L Update

Erin Newberry reported that the most recent Region L meeting was held on May 9, 2013. At that meeting Matt Nelson, of Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), gave a follow-up presentation on a newly added section regarding drought planning. Next, the group was informed of impending vacancies on the planning group board, of which there are 12. The planning group will be seeking nominations for those vacancies, and the closing date is June 21 at 5:00pm. There were updates provided by the chairs of both the Carrizo-Wilcox and the Eagleford Shale workgroups. The Eagleford Shale workgroup will report its final recommendations to the planning group at the August 1 meeting. The Carrizo-Wilcox aquifer will meet again at SARA on May 22, and it too will report its final recommendations to the planning group on August 1. Brian Perkins of HDR Engineering presented survey results from the draft population and water demand projections survey that was sent to all water user groups in April. The planning group approved the eight water management strategies, presented by HDR, for draft scope of work and budget for submittal to TWDB. HDR provided a list of 12 more water management strategies to begin drafting the scope of work and budget, which the planning group will review at its August meeting. Erin explained that TWDB has to provide the planning group a “notice to proceed” before HDR can begin evaluating the water management strategies, but TWDB will not provide that notice until HDR presents the draft scope of work and budget. The next Region L meeting will be Thursday, August 1, at San Antonio Water Systems.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Presentation from HDR

i) Draft Population and Water Demand Projections Survey Results

Brian Perkins of HDR Engineering presented the survey results from the draft population and water demand projections survey that went out to all water user groups in April. He reported that the survey was sent to 140 water user groups, and of that 73 entities (52.1%) responded, representing 85.6% of the population. Of the 73 entities that responded, 14 had revision requests. HDR is still in the process of trying to contact those entities that either did not reply, or that had revision requests but did not provide appropriate documentation. All population and water demand projections will be submitted to TWDB Board in September. Brian reported that Phase 2 of the survey, which will include an analysis of draft water needs, will be sent out to the water user groups in August.

ii) Draft Water Needs Analysis

Next, Brian gave a presentation on the draft water needs analysis. He explained that the “needs” is the amount of projected water demand above existing supplies, and reflect a worst-case scenario taking into account a 44% cutback of Edwards Aquifer supply. HDR is in the process of determining needs based on the demands provided by the water user groups, and the supplies calculated by HDR staff. The needs analysis numbers will be presented to the planning group in August for approval.

Brian stated that the needs are draft numbers, and HDR is still incorporating changes. This data will be finalized by August and the calculated needs will be presented in Phase 2 of the survey, which will go out in August. The survey will also request updated information on entities’ water management strategies that were either included in the last regional water plan, or new water management strategies in development. Survey responses are expected back mid-September and will be taken to the Region L Planning Group at its November meeting. At that point HDR expects to be able to start evaluating water management strategies.

Brian reported that in 2014, HDR will evaluate water management strategies, and determine information on supply and cost. HDR will also begin drafting write-ups for approval by the Region L Planning Group in 2014, with the plan of drafting the Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) early 2015. The IPP will be presented for public comment in May 2015, and there will be one-to-three public hearings held before the Regional Water Plan is adopted.

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

Brian Perkins covered the next steps in the planning process under the previous agenda item. The next Region L planning group meeting will be held August 1, and the planning group will be presented the draft needs analysis for approval.

AGENDA ITEM NO.6: Discuss and take appropriate action on Brackish Wilcox Groundwater Project for Regional Water Alliance

Pat Allen stated that the Brackish Wilcox Groundwater Project was listed in the 2011 plan, and this is an opportunity to see if those entities originally involved are still interested in pursuing that project. The entities engaged in the original plan included: SS Water Supply Corporation (WSC), East Central Special Utility District (SUD), Green Valley Special Utility District, Canyon Regional Water Authority (CRWA), and the former Bexar Metropolitan Water District (Bexar Met). There was discussion amongst the members present about the details and logistics of the project. Humberto Ramos stated that Canyon Regional Water Authority supports this project and has included it as a water management strategy. Darren Thompson, on behalf of the former Bexar Met, stated that San Antonio Water System would not be participating in this project. It was determined that a workgroup consisting of CRWA, East Central SUD, Green Valley SUD, SS WSC, and City of La Vernia would be convened to further discuss this project and determine which, if any, RWA member would carry it forward. The results of that workgroup will be reported at the next RWA meeting in August.

AGENDA ITEM NO.7: Legislative update

Brian Mast, with the San Antonio River Authority, provided an update on current legislative activity, and his handout will be available on the RWA website.

San Antonio Water System’s legislative analyst was not present but provided a handout and that will be available on the website.

AGENDA ITEM NO.8: New Business

With no new business the meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE SECRETARY.

Avery Lunsford, Secretary