



**REGIONAL  
WATER  
ALLIANCE**

**Council of Representatives  
MEETING MINUTES**

10:00 a.m. – August 8, 2013  
San Antonio Water Systems, Room CR-C145  
2800 US Hwy 281 North  
San Antonio, TX

**Council of Representatives Present:**

Alan Cockerell	Schertz-Seguin Local Government Corporation
Avery Lunsford, <i>Secretary</i>	City of Universal City
Brandon Bradley	Cibolo Creek Municipal Authority
Humberto Ramos, <i>Member at Large</i>	Canyon Regional Water Authority
Janet Thelan	City of La Vernia
John Chisholm	San Antonio River Authority
Mike Taylor	Crystal Clear Water Supply Corporation
Pat Allen, <i>Chair</i>	Green Valley Special Utility District
Patrick Sullivan	City of Alamo Heights
Sam Willoughby	City of Schertz
Steven Siebert, <i>Member at Large</i>	San Antonio Water System
Timothy Fousse	City of Cibolo

**Members, Guests & Administrative:**

Ann Gabriel	Texas A&M
Brian Perkins	HDR Engineering
David Davenport	Canyon Regional Water Authority
Erin Newberry	San Antonio River Authority
Julia Velez	San Antonio River Authority
Ryan Sabol	City of Converse

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

A Quorum was established and meeting was called to order by Avery Lunsford, Secretary.

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

Minutes were approved.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Update from Brackish Wilcox Groundwater Project Workgroup**

Humberto Ramos, from Canyon Regional Water Authority (CRWA), updated the group on the latest meeting of the Brackish Wilcox Groundwater Project workgroup that met on June 24 at the offices of SS

Water Supply Corporation (SS WSC). The intent of the meeting was to determine whether continuation of project would remain with the Regional Water Alliance (RWA), or would be transferred to a RWA member. Members of CRWA, San Antonio Water Systems (SAWS), City of La Vernia, Green Valley Special Utility District, City of Cibolo, San Antonio River Authority (SARA) and SS WSC were present for this meeting. It was decided by the group that CRWA would carry the project forward, and the request to make that change was forwarded to HDR.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Region L Update**

Erin Newberry reported that the most recent Region L meeting was held on August 1. The group heard updates from Matt Nelson with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and Robert Gulley with the Edwards Aquifer Authority. Also at that meeting, the group reviewed nominations and selected new members to fill the 12 vacant slots on the planning group. The new members elected were: Dianne Wassenich for Public; Will Conley for Counties; Gená Leathers for Industry; Blair Fitzsimmons for Agriculture; Doug McGooky and David Roberts for Small Business; Suzanne Scott for River Authorities; Roland Ruiz, Tim Andruss, and Greg Sengelmann for Water Districts; and Steve Ramsey for Water Utilities. All those elected, will sit on the planning group for another five years. Erin also provided a breakdown of Region L representation by county. Lastly, the planning group decided to allow the Eagleford Shale Workgroup to complete their research and development of the recommendation outside of the planning group meeting.

Humberto asked about the timeline for the next Carrizo-Wilcox workgroup meeting, and Brian Perkins reported that after a conversation he had with Greg Sengelmann, HDR will be drafting a short technical memorandum for the workgroup to review and comment on. If the summary and recommendation outlined in the memo are approved by the workgroup than that will be presented to the Region L Planning Group in November.

The next meeting of the Region L Planning Group will be Thursday, November 7, 2013 at SAWS.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO.5: Presentation from HDR Engineering**

Brian Perkins reviewed the updated schedule for the Region L planning group and noted that there are a couple items pertaining to population and water demand projections that are of interest. TWDB staff is expected to review all requested population and water demand revisions and present a recommendation to the new TWDB board in September. At that point the regional planning groups will finally be working with final projections. Brian also discussed the water management strategies being evaluated by HDR, and stated that there will be another round of strategies approved for evaluation in November and a small amount in February 2014. HDR's goal is to have 95% of all water management strategies evaluated, scoped and budgeted by February.

Brian reviewed the schedule for the remainder of the planning cycle. 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.

Lastly, Brian reported that Phase 2 of the Water Demand survey will be sent to all water user groups within the next couple weeks to determine water needs. 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. The results of that survey will be presented to the regional planning group at the November meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.6: 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 November 7, and the planning group will be presented with phase 2 survey results and final municipal population and water demand projections.

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

With no new business the meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE SECRETARY.

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Avery Lunsford, Secretary

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