



**REGIONAL
WATER
ALLIANCE**

**Council of Representatives
MEETING MINUTES**

10:00 a.m. – November 14, 2013
San Antonio River Authority, Boardroom
100 E. Guenther Street
San Antonio, TX 78204

Council of Representatives Present:

Alan Cockerell	Schertz-Seguin Local Government Corporation
Avery Lunsford, <i>Secretary</i>	City of Universal City
Darren Thompson	San Antonio Water System
Humberto Ramos, <i>Member at Large</i>	Canyon Regional Water Authority
Jeanne Schnuriger	Springs Hill Water Supply Corporation
John Chisholm	San Antonio River Authority
Mike Taylor	Crystal Clear Special Utility District
Pat Allen, <i>Chair</i>	Green Valley Special Utility District
Patrick Sullivan	City of Alamo Heights
Sam Willoughby	City of Schertz

Members, Guests & Administrative:

Ann Gabriel	Texas A&M
Brady Haynes	San Antonio River Authority
Brian Perkins	HDR Engineering
Christopher Brennan	City of Converse
David Davenport	Canyon Regional Water Authority
Erin Newberry	San Antonio River Authority
Jon Murchison	City of Converse
Julia Velez	San Antonio River Authority
Mark Lenz	National Weather Service
Tracy Rappmund	Green Valley Special Utility District

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

A quorum was not established at the beginning of the meeting, so the group moved onto item number 2. A quorum was later established after item number 3.

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

Minutes were not approved until a quorum was established after item number 3. Mike Taylor made the motion, and Darren Thompson seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Drought Outlook Presentation from Mark Lenz, National Weather Service

The group received a presentation from Mark Lenz, Senior Service Hydrologist with the National Weather Service. Mr. Lenz provided an overview of past climate conditions compared with current

conditions. He reported that we've been in ENSO neutral conditions for the last two years, and similar conditions are expected to continue through the Spring of 2014.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Region L Update

Erin Newberry reported that the most Region L meeting was held on November 7, 2013. The group heard an update from Nathan Pence on the efforts of the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan (EAHCP); reviewed and approved Administrator's budget; and received an update on Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) activity from Matt Nelson. As a result of recent organizational changes at TWDB, Matt Nelson will no longer be the Region L liaison for TWDB; David Meeseey will be his replacement. There was a report from Greg Senglemann on the Carrizo Aquifer Workgroup, and there will be a workgroup meeting on November 25, 2013 at SARA. Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board provided a presentation on the Water Supply Enhancement program, information on the program will be made available on the Region L website. It was announced that Mike Mahoney, who held the position of Vice Chair and represented the Water District interest group, gave his resignation to the Planning Group right before the meeting. In February, SARA will begin solicitation to fill that vacancy, but although he held a seat on the Executive Committee of the planning group, his replacement will not assume that same role. Also in February, the Planning Group will hold elections for the Executive Committee.

The next meeting of the Region L Planning Group will be Thursday, February 6, 2014 at SAWS.

AGENDA ITEM NO.5: Presentation of Region L Technical Data from HDR Engineering

Brian Perkins reviewed the updated schedule for the Region L Planning Group and reported that after the August 2013 Region L meeting, HDR submitted 17 revision requests to TWDB pertaining to population and water demand projections. In October the TWDB approved all staff recommendations. As a result of the revision requests, population numbers increased by 2.1% in 2040, and 1.5% in 2070, and water demands increased by 2.9% in 2040, and 1.8% in 2070. Next, Brian discussed the results of Phase 2 Survey, which was sent to 137 water-user groups (WUGs) in September. The survey was reviewed by 39 WUGs, and seven WUGs either requested changes or provided information. Lastly, Brian reported on the status of the Carrizo Aquifer Workgroup's recommendation. Some of the issues surrounding the workgroup include calculating the amount of groundwater pumped and comparing that to the Modeled Available Groundwater (MAG); evaluating proposed water management strategies in areas where the projects' firm yields are right-at or exceed the MAG; and, how to address a situation in which the calculated amount of groundwater being pumped already exceeds the MAG and there are proposed water management strategies that are attempting to utilize that same supply of groundwater.

AGENDA ITEM NO.6: Regional Water Conservation Program Presentation from Ann Gabriel, Texas A&M

Ann Gabriel, Conservation Program Manager with Texas A&M, is the project manager for the EAHCPs Regional Water Conservation Program (RWCP). The goal of the RWCP is to conserve an extra 20,000 acre-feet by expanding water conservation efforts. Ann reported that there are a number of conservation activities being implemented by the RWCP including: Leak detection and lost water reduction; Commercial, industrial, or institutional technological changes; High efficiency toilets, showerheads, and aerators; Graywater, rainwater or condensate catchment and use.

AGENDA ITEM NO.7: New Business

Jeanne Schnuriger announced a series of seminars being hosted by GBRA on septic contamination related to aquifers.

MINUTES RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE SECRETARY.

Avery Lunsford, Secretary