



**REGIONAL
WATER
ALLIANCE**

**Council of Representatives
MEETING MINUTES**

**May 18, 2018 9:00 a.m.
City of Cibolo Municipal Building
200 S Main St, Cibolo, TX 78108**

Council of Representatives Present:

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| Steven Siebert | San Antonio Water System |
| Michela Bandel | City of Marion |
| Brandon Rohan | East Central SUD |
| Mike Taylor | Crystal Clear SUD |
| Humberto Ramos | Canyon Regional Water Authority |
| Avery Lunsford | City of Universal City |
| Alan Cockerell | Schertz-Seguin LGC |
| Pat Allen | Green Valley SUD |
| Timothy Fousse | City of Cibolo |
| Angelica Amezquita | McCoy WSC |
| Patrick Sullivan | City of Alamo Heights |
| Stephen Mayfield | City of Elmendorf |
| Eber Busch | City of Schertz |
| Devan Herrera | Springs Hill WSC |
| Michael Urrutia | Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority |

Guests & Administrative:

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| Cole Ruiz | San Antonio River Authority |
| David Davenport | Canyon Regional Water Authority |
| Amber Beard | Schertz-Seguin LGC |

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

A quorum was established for this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Approval of the Minutes from the March 2, 2018 Regional Water Alliance Meeting

Pat Allen asked for a motion to approve the minutes being considered under Agenda Item 2. Mike Taylor moved to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2018 meeting of the Regional Water Alliance (RWA). Timothy Fousse seconded the motion. The motion passed by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding the Voting Membership of Alliance Regional Water Authority

Cole Ruiz informed the RWA that Alliance Regional Water Authority expressed an interest in joining the RWA as a member.

Mike Taylor moved to approve Alliance Regional Water Authority's request to join the RWA. Tim Fousse seconded the motion. The motion passed by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Region L Administrative Update and Recap of the May 3, 2018 Meeting

Cole Ruiz, reported to the RWA that the most recent Region L meeting was held on Thursday, May 3, 2018, and reviewed what transpired at the meeting.

Mr. Ruiz summarized the update given to the Region L Planning Group on May 3, 2018, which detailed the status of ongoing procurement for studies to validate the environmental flows for the Guadalupe, San Antonio, Mission, and Aransas Rivers and Mission, Copano, Aransas and San Antonio Bays Basin and Bay Area Stakeholder Committee.

Mr. Ruiz informed the RWA of the recent appointment of a new Director, Brook T. Paup, at the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB).

Mr. Ruiz also briefed the RWA on a recent TWDB rule change. Previously, the TWDB defined Wholesale Water Providers (WWP), for purposes of regional water planning, as those entities which sell or will be selling at least 1,000 acft/yr of water on a wholesale basis. The recent rule change allows regional water planning groups to define for themselves, what constitutes a WWP for regional water planning purposes. Mr. Ellis clarified that a WWP still must be an entity that provides or plans to provide wholesale water supplies over the planning cycle. The 1,000 acft/yr threshold has been removed. The Planning Group could develop their own threshold within the TWDB's definition of a WWP. A list of WWPs from the 2016 Plan was adopted by the Region L Planning Group.

Additionally, Mr. Ruiz explained the new TWDB rule, which allows planning groups to identify "Major Water Providers" in the regional water plan. The designation provides a mechanism to group larger water providers for easy visibility in the regional water plan. Water User Groups (WUGs) and WWPs are still designations required by the rules, and entities with those designation could be identified as Major Water Providers if a planning group wishes to designate them as such. The process requires very little extra work from the consultants, which would result in report that provides information related to the designated Major Water Providers. The Planning Group adopted a list of "Major Water Providers," which included all WWPs within the Region L Planning Area, and WUGs with water demand projected to be greater than 20,000 acft/yr by 2070.

Mr. Ruiz also briefed the RWA on action taken by the Planning Group to add two members to the Planning Group in the areas of Municipalities and Water Districts. The added Water District seat was reserved for non-ground water districts. The San Antonio River Authority was authorized to post the notice soliciting nominations to fill all of the impending vacancies for terms expiring in August 2018.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding SCTRWPG Voting Member Nominations

Chair Pat Allen opened the agenda item up for discussion. Many topics were discussed, including strategy regarding support letter from the RWA, potential conflicts of interests, and other topics related

to nominating people to fill the vacant Planning Group positions. Mr. Ruiz offered to write a generic letter of support template, which may be edited and altered to fit individual needs, and printed on RWA letterhead. From that, an RWA member may submit the finalized RWA support letter with their respective nomination packet. Tim Fousse motioned to authorize the automatic endorsement by the Regional Water Alliance of any of its members who may be nominated to fill the vacant Planning Group seats. Mike Taylor seconded the motion. There were no objections. The motion passed by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Location of August 17, 2018 Regional Water Alliance Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 10:00 AM on August 17, 2018, and will be held at the SS Water Supply Corporation, at 10393 US-87, La Vernia, Texas, 78121

Adjourned.

MINUTES RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE SECRETARY.

Avery Lunsford, Secretary