



**REGIONAL  
WATER  
ALLIANCE**

**Council of Representatives  
Meeting Minutes**

**March 15, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Canyon Regional Water Authority**  
**850 Lakeside Pass, New Braunfels, TX 78130**

**Council of Representatives Present:**

Pat Allen, Chair, Green Valley SUD  
Humberto Ramos, Vice Chair, Canyon Regional Water Authority  
Jim Hooks, City of Schertz  
Ryan Madsen, for Clint Ellis, Cibolo Creek Municipal Authority  
Brandon Rohn, Albert Strzelczyk, East Central SUD  
Atilano Aguero, Springs Hill WSC

**Guests and Administrative:**

Steve Raabe, San Antonio River Authority  
Hillary Lilly, San Antonio River Authority  
Amber Beard, Schertz-Seguin LGC  
Michal Urrutia, Guadalupe Brazos River Authority

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

Mr. Pat Allen opened the meeting at 09:13AM, there is not a quorum.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Approval of the Minutes from the November 9, 2018 meeting**

There are no minutes recorded from the November 9, 2018 meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (SCTRWPG) Administrative Update and Recap of January 31, 2019 Meeting**

Mr. Steve Raabe introduced himself and reviewed the Region L agenda from the January 31, 2019 meeting. Mr. Raabe briefed the group on Scott Stormants update on the Habitat conservation plan. The measures that were in place for phase 1 have been successful and going on to phase 2 there will not be a need for significant changes in the conservation plan.

Mr. Raabe then reviewed the Black & Veatch consultant's work schedule and shared that the Planning Group has approved the consultant to work on the scope and fees of proposed water management strategies and will need to publish the IPP in the next year. He goes on to say that

they will have to rank the projects within the plan using the uniform standards that were recently reviewed and update with minimal changes. Mr. Raabe reviewed the history behind the water demand projections that were amended at the last meeting. He went on to share the status of the approved, proposed and denied amendments. He highlighted the Comal county request to increase their projection. Canyon Lake Water Service Co. and NBU will be serving the new population that will be coming to their area and the request was presented to SCTRWPG that approved the amendments. Mr. Raabe asked if the group had any questions about the projections. Mr. Davenport asked if the amendments are enough. Mr. Raabe responded that the entities could propose more projects into the plan to make up for possible unmet needs. It was mentioned that the 2020 census will aid in the planning process for the 2026 plan.

Mr. Raabe then described the socioeconomic impact analysis process and shared with the group that the SCTRWPG approved the request to the TWDB. He went on to describe the process of identifying the Water Management Strategies (WMS) and the preparation of the scope and fees for Block #1, #2 and #3 WMS. Mr. Ramos asked if a project is a facility expansion would it be considered a WMS. Mr. Raabe confirmed that it would be and went on to say that the Planning Group approved the scope and fees for Block #2 and now Black and Veatch is evaluating them. Mr. Raabe then went down the list of the Block #2 WMS and briefed the group on them. Mr. Ramos asked why the scope fees are so high when some of the studies or projects are already complete. Mr. Raabe responded by saying that some projects are more advanced in their development than others. He said all of the projects are run through the Uniform Costing Tool per the TWDB. Mr. Raabe then moved on to summarize the Block #3 WMSs. He explained the Region L Advanced Conservation WMS and reviewed the PowerPoint that was shared with the planning group at the last meeting. Mr. Raabe then reviewed the upcoming Region L meeting dates. He shared that the planning group will discuss policy recommendations moving forward. The group will also discuss potential vacancies and the potential to open up a solicitation to Hays and Goliad counties. He informed the group that the May meeting will include the technical evaluation of the Block #1 WMS.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Location and Date of Next Regional Water Alliance Meeting**

Recommended to hold the next meeting on May 10, 2019. Location TBD.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Future Items for Consideration**

Mr. Ramos mentioned the RWA Workshop and said that he feels it is too late at this point within the planning process to hold the workshop. Mr. Raabe suggested that it would be timelier to do the workshop right after the 2021 plan is rolled out due to the time constraints.

Mr. Ramos asked for a financial reporting item to be on the agenda at the next meeting to discuss budget and membership fees. He then asked about a legislative update and Ms. Lilly gave an update on the current status of the bills that could impact Region L or the Regional Water Alliance.

It was also recommended that the next meeting include a briefing on freshwater mussels.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 10:24A.M.