



**REGIONAL
WATER
ALLIANCE**

Water Planning Meeting AGENDA

**March 1, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.
San Antonio River Authority – Salado Room
100 E. Guenther Street
San Antonio, Texas 78204**

1. Introductions and Certification of a Quorum by the Secretary
2. Approval of the Minutes from the November 17, 2016, Meeting
3. Regional Water Alliance Budget Update
4. Update from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)
5. Region L Administrative Update and Recap of February 11, 2016 Meeting
6. Other Business/ New Business
7. Adjourn

Agenda Item 1

Introductions and Certification of Quorum by the Secretary

Agenda Item 2

Approval of the Minutes from the November 17,
2016, Meeting



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**Council of Representatives
MEETING MINUTES**

**10:00 a.m. – October 1, 2015
San Antonio River Authority,
Salado Room
100 E. Guenther Street
San Antonio, TX 78204**

Council of Representatives Present:

Mike Taylor	Crystal Clear SUD
Brandon Payne	San Antonio Water System
Brandon Bradley	Cibolo Creek Municipal Authority
Humberto Ramos	Canyon Regional Water Alliance
Albert Strzelczyk	East Central SUD
Avery Lunsford	Universal City
Sam Willoughby	Schertz
Steve Raabe	San Antonio River Authority
LeAnn Piatt	City of Converse
Randy Schwenn	City of Marion
Patrick Sullivan	City of Alamo Heights

Members, Guests & Administrative:

Cole Ruiz	San Antonio River Authority
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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 October 1, 2015, Meeting

Mike Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 1, 2015, meeting. Randy Schwenn seconded the motion. The motion was approved by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Regional Water Alliance Budget Update

Cole Ruiz, San Antonio River Authority (SARA), briefed the Regional Water Alliance on the current status of the Regional Water Alliance Budget. Mr. Ruiz noted that the current budget for Fiscal Year 2016, was \$11,000.00. Mr. Ruiz reviewed the previous spending trends of the RWA.

Humberto Ramos asked if all 21 members of the RWA, including those who do not traditionally attend meetings, contribute to the budget. Mr. Ruiz confirmed that they did. Discussion ensued about getting those members engaged.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Region L Administrative Update and Recap of the November 5, 2015 Meeting

Mr. Ruiz, reported to the Regional Water Alliance (RWA) that the most recent Region L meeting was held on Thursday, November 5, 2015, and reviewed what transpired at the meeting.

Mr. Ruiz briefed the RWA, summarizing the Region L meeting agenda item by item. Mr. Ruiz noted that, concerning agenda item no. 6 of the November Region L meeting that SWIFT funding deadlines were approaching. Ensuing discussion resulted in a request to the Texas Water Development Board attend a future RWA meeting to answer questions regarding processes and deadlines as they relate to planning and SWIFT funding.

Mr. Ruiz continued, noting that HDR Engineering spoke at the Region L meeting about the planning schedule. HDR was to deliver the final Region L 2016 Regional Water Plan by December 1, 2015.

Mr. Ruiz, reviewed additional items from the Region L November meeting, including an amended Region L budget, and the prioritization of water management strategies in the 2016 Regional Water Plan.

Additionally, Mr. Ruiz briefed the RWA on process and votes surrounding the Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation's Carrizo Project. Cibolo Valley LGC had three versions of the same project in the 2016 Regional Water Plan. Ultimately, after a vote (at the November Region L meeting) to not reconsider the removal of any of the three versions of Cibolo Valley LGC projects from the plan, all three versions ended up included in the approved 2016 Regional Water Plan. The Region L Planning Group subsequently adopted 2016 Regional Water Plan.

Among other items, Mr. Ruiz addressed how the Region L planning group will move forward. An RFP was to be issued shortly to retain professional services (technical consultants) for the fifth cycle of planning (2021 Regional Water Plan development).

AGENDA ITEM NO.5: Guadalupe, San Antonio, Mission, and Aransas Rivers and Mission, Copano, Aransas, and San Antonio Bays Basin and Bay Stakeholder Committee (BBASC) Update

Mr. Ruiz briefed the RWA on funding from the Texas Water Development to conduct studies as part of the environmental flows validation process. Mr. Ruiz noted that three studies were being considered, but that none had been decided upon. The BBASC was still in the decision making process, after which they would enter a negotiation stage with the science teams tasked with conducting the proposed studies.

AGENDA ITEM NO.6: Other Business/ New Business

RWA members generally agreed that the meetings should continue to be held after Region L meetings, as has been the traditional practice.

There was a request to provide a list of members to the RWA members, and make a greater effort to engage inactive RWA members.

MINUTES RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE SECRETARY.


Avery Lunsford, Secretary

Agenda Item 3

Regional Water Alliance Budget Update

Agenda Item 4

Update from the Texas Water Development Board
(TWDB)



Regional Water Alliance Meeting

March 1, 2016

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Director Peter Lake



Peter Lake of Tyler was appointed to the Texas Water Development Board by Governor Greg Abbott on December 15, 2015. His term will expire February 1, 2021.



Application Timeline



2015

December 2015

Dec. 1 – Abridged application period begins

2016

February

Feb. 5 – Abridged applications due

Spring

- Board considers prioritization of abridged applications
- Board identifies amount of funds available by category; establishes the structure of financing and the subsidy terms
- Invitations extended to submit full applications for financial assistance

Summer

- Entities submit complete application
- Board considers and approves applications
- Board authorizes TWDB bond sale

Fall

- TWDB bond sale

Winter

- TWDB bond closing
- Borrowers close loans

Potential Projection Distribution to RPWGs for the 2021 Regional Water Plans (5th Cycle)

Deliverable	Date	Activity	Months Prior To IPP Due Date
	January 6, 2016	Beginning of planning period	50
A	July 1, 2016	Release to RWPGs for Review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> List of new Municipal WUGs under the new utility-planning process 	44
B	Oct. 1, 2016 – Dec. 31, 2016	Release to RWPGs for Review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Population Projections (2017 SWP projections adjusted to utility boundaries) Draft Muni Projections (2017 SWP Base GPCD and water efficiency savings) Draft Livestock Projections Draft Mining Projections 	36-39
	January – June, 2017	LEGISLATIVE SESSION	
C	June 2017	Release to RWPGs for Review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Irrigation Projections Draft Manufacturing Projections Draft Steam-Electric Power Projections 	33
D	July, 2017	Release historical (2011 – 2015) utility GPCD to use as alternate base values	32
E	January, 2018 (6 months after last draft posting)	Deadline for projections adjustment requests	26
F	March 2018	Take projections to the Board for approval	24
	March 2020	2021 IPPs Due to TWDB	0

Agenda Item 5

Administrative Update and Recap February

11, 2016, Region L Meeting

**NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING OF THE
SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL
WATER PLANNING GROUP**

TAKE NOTICE that a meeting of the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group as established by the Texas Water Development Board will be held on Thursday, February 11, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. at San Antonio Water System (SAWS), Customer Service Building, Room CR 145, 2800 US Highway 281 North, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. The following subjects will be considered for discussion and/or action at said meeting.

1. Public Comment
2. Approval of Minutes from the November 5, 2015, Region L Meeting
3. Election of Officers and Executive Committee for Calendar Year 2016
4. Status of Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) – Nathan Pence, Executive Director EAHCP
5. Status of Guadalupe, San Antonio, Mission, and Aransas Rivers and Mission, Copano, Aransas, and San Antonio Bays Basin and Bay Stakeholder Committee (BBASC) and Expert Science Team (BBEST)
6. Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Communications
7. Chair’s Report
8. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding Sufficient Form and Level of Detail for Region L Meeting Minutes
9. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding Conflicts of Interests as they Relate to Consultants for the Region L Planning Group
10. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding the Selection of Consultants for the Development of the Region L 2021 Regional Water Plan
11. Discussion and Appropriate Action Authorizing the Administrator to Negotiate and Execute Contracts with Consultants for the Development of the Region L 2021 Regional Water Plan
12. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding the Administrator’s Budget for Calendar Year 2016
13. Possible Agenda Items for the Next Region L Meeting
14. Public Comment

The South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Area consists of Atascosa, Bexar, Caldwell, Calhoun, Comal, Dewitt, Dimmit, Frio, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, La Salle, Medina, Refugio, Uvalde, Victoria, Wilson, Zavala and part of Hays Counties.