



**REGIONAL
WATER
ALLIANCE**

**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

Members, Guests & Administrative:

Cole Ruiz	San Antonio River Authority
Gene Camargo	McCoy Water Supply Corporation

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 November 18, 2014, the February 12, 2015, and the April 7, 2015, meetings

Albert Strzelczyk made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2014, the February 12, 2015, and the April 7, 2015, meetings. Mike Taylor 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. He noted that the budget update would be a standing item on the meeting agendas moving forward. Specifically, Mr. Ruiz reviewed historical annual expenditures beginning in Fiscal Year 2013. Mr. Ruiz added that the current budget for Fiscal Year 2016, was \$11,000.00. Mr. Ruiz suggested that the group not make any major purchases throughout Fiscal Year 2016 in order to allow the reserve to build up for future years where expenditures may be needed (i.e. workshops or Region L technical consultant presentations).

Humberto Ramos asked what the current fees were. Mr. Ruiz confirmed that the fees were currently set at \$200.00 per year per entity.

Mr. Ramos asked whether SARA was contributing additional funds. Steve Raabe, SARA, answered, saying that SARA had contributed at an early stage to conduct some studies, but is currently only contributing at the regular rate of \$200.00 per year.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Region L Administrative Update and Recap of the September 3, 2015 Meeting

Cole Ruiz, with the San Antonio River Authority (SARA), reported to the Regional Water Alliance (RWA) that the most recent Region L meeting was held on Thursday, September 3, 2015, and recapitulated what transpired at the meeting.

Mr. Ruiz reported that the Region L Planning Group heard public comments concerning three versions of the same project. The comments were largely in favor of, or against the inclusion of the Cibolo Valley LGC Carrizo Projects (“MAG Limited” and “with Conversions”) as recommended water management strategies in the 2016 Regional Water Plan.

Regarding Agenda Item No. 3 of the Region L agenda, Mr. Ruiz noted that all minutes through April 2, 2015, were posted on www.regionltexas.org.

Regarding Agenda Item No. 5, Mr. Ruiz reported that the BBASC would be receiving funding to conduct additional studies in efforts to validate the necessity of in-stream flow standards. Steve Raabe briefed the group on some of the studies previously conducted.

Mr. Ruiz reported that Temple McKinnon replaced David Meeseey as Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) representative on the planning group. Mr. Ruiz added that Mrs. McKinnon highlighted the schedule for applying for SWIFT funding and the prioritization process for funding projects.

Mr. Ruiz briefed the planning group on Agenda Item No.9 of the Region L Agenda, which addressed the planning group’s efforts to mitigate public concern about particular projects in the 2016 Regional Water Plan, namely the Cibolo Valley LGC Carrizo Projects (“MAG-Limited” and “with Conversions”). Ultimately, the planning group took three separate votes to remove each version of the project from the plan. The votes to remove the projects failed to pass by a simple majority of the planning group members.

Regarding Agenda Item No. 10, Mr. Ruiz briefed the RWA members on process of prioritizing projects in the 2016 Regional Water Plan. Mr. Raabe added that the planning group authorized HDR Engineering to conduct the scoring and prioritizing of the projects in the 2016 Regional Water Plan pursuant to the method developed under the prioritization of the 2011 Regional Water Plan projects.

Mr. Ruiz continued to recapitulate the Region L meeting of September 3, 2015. Agenda Items 11

through 13 concerned TWDB's requirement of the public participation component to the regional water planning process. A Region L workgroup was tasked with the duty of considering and responding to public comments received after the submission of the 2016 Initially Prepared Plan. Their recommended responses were affirmed by the planning group on September 3, 2015. Public comments were received from TWDB, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and the general public (including local, public agencies (non-state)).

Mr. Ruiz also emphasized some comments made by Region L Chair, Con Mims, at the September 3, 2015, meeting. The comments spoke to the importance of adopting a regional water plan by the TWDB deadline of December 1, 2015. If the planning group were to fail in adopting a plan, the effect would be such that there would be no plan to amend later. However, if a plan was adopted in accordance with the TWDB deadline, any disagreements warranting change could be effectively made through the amendment process after the plan's adoption, and inclusion in the 2017 State Water Plan.

Mr. Ruiz reminded the group that the next Region L meeting would be held on November 5, 2015.

AGENDA ITEM NO.5: Other Business/ New Business

Humberto Ramos made some comments regarding reuse projects. Mr. Ramos suggested that any conversations regarding reuse projects be relayed to the Regional Water Alliance members.

Steve Raabe noted that the next Regional Water Alliance meeting will included an update on the BBASC efforts, including any reuse discussion, and a recap of the November 5, 2015, Region L meeting.

Additionally, Cole Ruiz suggested sending out an online poll to schedule the next Regional Water Alliance meeting. Members agreed.

AGENDA ITEM NO.6: Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE SECRETARY.

Avery Lunsford, Secretary