



**REGIONAL
WATER
ALLIANCE**

**Council of Representatives
MEETING MINUTES**

**10:00 a.m. – March 2, 2018
San Antonio River Authority**

Council of Representatives Present:

Darren Thompson	San Antonio Water System
Michela Bandel	City of Marion
Herb Williams	SS WSC
Albert Strzelczyk	East Central SUD
Mike Taylor	Crystal Clear SUD
Humberto Ramos	Canyon Regional Water Authority
Avery Lunsford	City of Universal City
Allan 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
Cole Ruiz	San Antonio River Authority
Jonathan Smith	City of Converse
Eber Busch	City of Schertz

Guests & Administrative:

Cole Ruiz	San Antonio River Authority
Brandon Rohan	East Central SUD
David Davenport	Canyon Regional Water Authority
Steven Siebert	San Antonio Water System
Janine Ellington	LAN, Inc.
Laura Casset	LAN, Inc.

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 17, 2015, March 1, 2016, May 26, 2016, August 25, 2016, December 7 2016, and March 1, 2017 Meetings

Pat Allen asked for a motion to approve the minutes being considered under Agenda Item 2. Humberto Ramos moved to approve the minutes from November 17, 2015, March 1, 2016, May 26, 2016, August

25, 2016, December 7, 2016, March 1, 2017, August 24, 2017, and November 16, 2017. Avery Lunsford seconded the motion. The motion passed by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding the Voting Membership of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority on the Regional Water Alliance

Cole Ruiz informed the Regional Water Alliance (RWA) that the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) expressed an interest in joining the RWA as a member.

Humberto Ramos commented that Alliance Water had also expressed an interest in joining.

Albert Strzelczyk moved to approve Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority's request to join the RWA, and to reach out to Alliance Water to gauge its interest in joining prior to the next meeting of the RWA. Mike Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Election of Officers

Pat Allen opened discussion and nominations for officers to serve during the Calendar Year 2018 term.

Albert Strzelczyk nominated Pat Allen to serve as Chair for the Calendar Year 2018 term. Avery Lunsford seconded the motion. The motion passed by consensus.

Darren Thompson nominated Humberto Ramos as Vice-Chair for the Calendar Year 2018 term. Mike Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed by consensus.

Albert Strzelczyk nominated Avery Lunsford to serve as Secretary for the Calendar Year 2018 term. Humberto Ramos seconded the motion. The motion passed by consensus.

Humberto Ramos nominated Gene Camargo to serve as one of the two Members-At-Large for the Calendar Year 2018 term. Mike Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed by consensus.

Humberto Ramos nominated Darren Thompson to also serve as a Member-At-Large for the Calendar Year 2018. Mike Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Discussion and Appropriate Action Amending the Regional Water Alliance Bylaws

Cole Ruiz briefed the RWA members on the background and reasoning behind the proposed amendments to the RWA Bylaws, noting the cumbersome quorum requirements as the driving factor. The current quorum requirements were prohibitive to decision making.

Generally, amendments sought to place voting authority to the Executive Board (formerly the Executive Committee), and to reduce the quorum requirement from a simple majority of the full RWA, to a simple majority of the Executive Board.

Albert Strzelczyk moved to approve the proposed amendments. Mike Taylor seconded the motion.

Timothy Fousse commented that the proposed amendments would result in the Executive Board selecting Officers. After some discussion, language was added that placed the power of electing Officers in the full composition of the RWA present at the meeting where the selection of Officers was to take place.

Albert Strzelczyk moved to approve the proposed changes to the proposed amendments. Mike Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Region L Administrative Update and Recap of the November 3, 2016 Meeting

Cole Ruiz, reported to the RWA that the most recent Region L meeting was held on Thursday, February 15, 2018, and reviewed what transpired at the meeting.

Mr. Ruiz reported that the Planning Group re-elected its current Officers as follows:

- Suzanne Scott, Chair
- Tim Andruss, Vice-Chair
- Gary Middleton, Secretary
- Adam Yablonksi, Member-At-Large
- Kevin Janak, Member-At-Large

Mr. Ruiz informed the RWA that the Guadalupe, San Antonio, Mission, and Aransas Rivers and Mission, Copano, Aransas, and San Antonio Bays Basin and Bay Stakeholder Committee (BBASC) was waiting to hear from the Texas Water Development Board regarding the proposed studies as part of the validation of environmental flows. Few contracts for studies were under negotiation, and other would go through an RFQ process.

Mr. Ruiz briefed the group on recent events at the Texas Water Development Board, which included rule changes, and personnel changes at the TWDB. Specifically, the Governor had nominated a replacement for former TWDB Chair, Bech Brunn.

The Planning Group approved a minor amendment to include capital costs in a previously approved project in the 2016 Plan.

Mr. Ruiz briefed the RWA on the City of Elmendorf’s request for Planning Group support of a request to waive the consistency requirement typically necessary to qualify for TWDB funding and financing options. The Planning Group did authorize issuing support for the waiver request.

Mr. Ruiz informed the RWA that terms would be expiring in August 2018 for half of the Planning Group voting members. Per Region L Bylaws, vacancies are opened up to all members of the public who represent the interest category—within the Region L Planning Area—for which they are seeking to be nominated. Nominations would open up sometime after the May 3, 2018, Region L Planning Group meeting. Mr. Ruiz said he would send out a list of current members with expiring terms to the RWA.

Discussion ensued regarding the imbalance of representation on the Planning Group. The RWA generally agreed to that they should issue a letter to the Planning Group raising the issue. The Executive Committee agreed to meet sometime before the May meeting to discuss the issue of inclusion more water providers at the Planning Group table.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Discussion regarding the Texas Water Development Board’s Waiver and Amendment Processes

Cole Ruiz gave brief presentation on the Texas Water Development Board’s Waiver and Amendment Processes. In summary, the TWDB requires projects seeking TWDB funding to either be recommended

as a potentially feasible water management strategy in, or consistent with an approved Regional Water Plan and State Water Plan depending on the funding source. For projects that do not meet these minimum requirements, an amendment must be approved by the respective regional water planning group and the TWDB. However, there is an exception. Under certain circumstances, a political subdivision or non-profit water supply entity seek a waiver of this requirement. The waiver must be approved by the TWDB, and typically requires a support letter from the respective regional water planning group.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding the Regional Water Alliance Budget

Cole Ruiz informed the RWA that invoices for Calendar Year 2018 should be going out within the next couple of weeks. Currently there was about \$4,600 in the RWA coffers. That number should increase with the 2018 dues. Mr. Ruiz reminded the RWA to be thinking about how they would like to either spend that money or continue saving for future workshops or other opportunities.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Hazardous Mitigation Plan Presentation

Janine Ellington and Laura Casset with Lan, Inc. gave a presentation on Hazardous Mitigation Planning. Questions and discussion ensued. No RWA action was taken.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Location of May 18, 2018 Regional Water Alliance Meeting

Timothy Fousse offered the City of Cibolo's facilities for the next Regional Water Alliance Meeting.

Adjourned.

MINUTES RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE SECRETARY.

Avery Lunsford, Secretary