



**REGIONAL
WATER
ALLIANCE**

**Council of Representatives
MEETING MINUTES**

**10:00 a.m. –November 17, 2015
San Antonio River Authority,
Salado Room
100 E. Guenther Street
San Antonio, TX 78204**

Council of Representatives Present:

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| 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:

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| 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