



**REGIONAL
WATER
ALLIANCE**

**Council of Representatives
MEETING MINUTES**

**10:00 a.m. – December 7, 2016
San Antonio Water Systems,
CR 145
2800 U.S. Hwy. 281 North
San Antonio, TX 78212**

Council of Representatives Present:

Mike Taylor	Crystal Clear SUD
Darren Thompson	San Antonio Water System
Brandon Bradley	Cibolo Creek Municipal Authority
Humberto Ramos	Canyon Regional Water Alliance
James Hooks	City of Schertz
Patrick Sullivan	City of Alamo Heights
Allan Cockerell	Schertz-Seguin LGC

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 not established for this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Approval of the Minutes from the November 17, 2015, March 1, 2016, May 26, 2016, and August 25, 2016 Meetings

This item was postponed to the December 7, meeting due to lack of quorum.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Regional Water Alliance Budget Update

Cole Ruiz, San Antonio River Authority (SARA), briefed the Regional Water Alliance (RWA) on the current status of the Regional Water Alliance Budget. Mr. Ruiz noted that SARA, as Administrator for the Regional Water Alliance, budgeted \$6,000.00 for of the RWA funds for fiscal year 2016-2017. Mr. Ruiz explained that RWA members should not anticipate spending anywhere close to the budgeted amount, and that the budgeted amount could be adjusted if necessary. Mr. Ruiz also reviewed the previous spending trends of the RWA, and potential future expenditures, which included the costs attributed to having the Region L Technical Consultant brief the RWA when water management strategies begin to be developed to meet water demands.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Region L Administrative Update and Recap of the November 3, 2016 Meeting

Mr. Ruiz, reported to the Regional Water Alliance (RWA) that the most recent Region L meeting was held on Thursday, November 3, 2016, and reviewed what transpired at the meeting.

Mr. Ruiz briefed the RWA, summarizing the Region L meeting agenda item by item. Beginning with the first agenda item, Mr. Ruiz informed the RWA of new member, who was recently selected to serve on the Region L Planning Group. Goliad County Judge, Pat Calhoun was selected to represent the Counties interest category.

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) has asked current members to recommit to the BBASC or retire. Upon receiving responses from all of the current members. The Chair would open up nominations to fill vacancies.

Mr. Ruiz updated the RWA on the Planning Group's efforts to improve the planning process through the 2021 Plan Enhancement Process. The Planning Group has developed the idea of preparing a Guiding Principles document, which will serve as a tool through the fifth cycle of planning. Over the next year and half, the Planning Group will address the issues identified through the 2021 Plan Enhancement Process and develop guiding principles on how the Planning Group will address such issues as they come to be. So far, the Planning Group has discussed and developed guiding principles on several of those issues, including: 1) the appropriateness and adequacy of how demand and need are determined, 2) the roll of the Planning Group in influencing population growth and land use, and 3) conflicts of interests with respect to planning group members, 4) the role of regional water planning groups in influencing water development plans of water suppliers, and 5) the role of regional water planning groups in influencing permitting entities. At its November 3, 2016, meeting the planning group discussed 1) the adequacy of evaluating the Plan's effects on freshwater inflows, and 2) the adequacy of environmental assessments of indivial WMSs. A guiding principle for these two topics was to be adopted at the February 2, 2017, meeting.

Lastly, Mr. Ruiz briefed the RWA on action taken by the Planning Group authorizing the San Antonio River Authority to submit an application requesting grant funds for the remaining tasks involve with the fifth cycle or regional water planning.

AGENDA ITEM NO.6: Other Business/ New Business

There was no new business or other business. However, the RWA held an impromptu open discussion relating to the future of the RWA and brainstormed on how to bring members to quarterly meetings.

Adjourned.

MINUTES RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE SECRETARY.


Avery Lunsford, Secretary