



**REGIONAL  
WATER  
ALLIANCE**

**Council of Representatives  
MEETING MINUTES**

**10:00 a.m. – May 26, 2016  
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
Steve Raabe	San Antonio River Authority
Avery Lunsford	Universal City
James Hooks	City of Schertz
Patrick Sullivan	City of Alamo Heights

**Guests & Administrative:**

Cole Ruiz San Antonio River Authority

**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 October 1, 2015, Meeting**

This item was postponed to the August 24, 2016, 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 the current RWA account has \$9,453.00, which does not include the most recent fees. Mr. Ruiz reviewed the previous spending trends of the RWA. Mr. Ruiz noted that FY 2016/2017 begins in June, and an update to the balance will be provided at the next RWA meeting, August 2016. Humberto Ramos asked what the current fees for membership were. Mr. Ruiz confirmed that the current fees were \$200, but that amount could be increased by RWA vote.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4:      Region L Administrative Update and Recap of the May 5, 2016 Meeting**

Mr. Ruiz, reported to the Regional Water Alliance (RWA) that the most recent Region L meeting was held on Thursday, May 5, 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 planning group that the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) requires all regional water planning groups to hold a “pre-planning public meeting” to receive input from the public and stakeholders not represented on the planning group. That requirement was fulfilled at the May 5th Region L meeting. Several comments were submitted, all of which can be found on the meeting materials page at [www.regionltexas.org](http://www.regionltexas.org). Mr. Ruiz added that from now on, all Region L recording will be uploaded to Youtube.com, and posted on the Region L website. Minutes will also be available once they have been approved by the Planning Group.

Mr. Ruiz informed the RWA that, pursuant to agenda item 4, of the May 5th agenda, Kevin Janak was selected by the Planning Group to serve on the Region L Executive Committee in the At-Large position.

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) had negotiated contracts with two of three science teams, which the BBASC selected to conduct studies in pursuit of environmental flows standards validation. The third contract was still being executed.

Mr. Ruiz provided a handout in the meeting materials of a PowerPoint presentation that was given by Ron Ellis (TWDB) at the Region L meeting. The information included in the presentation was a review of the 2017 State Water Plan. Mr. Ruiz provided a link (<https://2017.texasstatewaterplan.org/statewide>) to TWDB’s interactive website, which houses the 2017 State Water Plan. Mr. Ruiz reminded the RWA that Ron Ellis has made himself available to the RWA to answer any questions its members may have.

Mr. Ruiz provided information about the TWDB proposed rule changes, and provided a copy of the Planning Group’s recommendations regarding those rule changes. Once the rule changes are adopted, TWDB will open a public comment period. Should the RWA or its member entities wish to submit comments at that point, they may do so.

Mr. Ruiz briefed the RWA on the TWDB’s new method for determining population projections and water demand. Where in the past such determinations were made using a city/county based method, now TWDB has employed a utility based planning method.

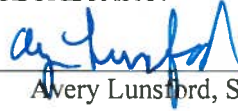
Mr. Ruiz explained the Planning Group’s efforts to improve the planning process through, what has been identified as, the 2021 Plan Enhancement Process. Accordingly, the Planning Group has developed the idea of preparing a Guiding Principles document, which will serve as tool through the fifth cycle 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.

Mr. Ruiz notified the RWA that the Planning Group is soliciting nominations to fill expiring terms, which will become vacant in August 2017. Information regarding the specific terms that were being expired was provided.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.6: Other Business/ New Business**

There was no new business or other business.

MINUTES RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE SECRETARY.



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Avery Lunsford, Secretary