



**REGIONAL
WATER
ALLIANCE**

**Council of Representatives
MEETING MINUTES**

**10:00 a.m. – August 24, 2017
San Antonio River Authority**

Council of Representatives Present:

Steven Siebert
Atilon Aguero
Humberto Ramos
Megan Neuman
Avery Lunsford
Allan Cockerell

San Antonio Water System
Springs Hill WSC
Canyon Regional Water Alliance
City of Marion
City of Universal City
Schertz-Seguin LGC

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

This item was postponed due to lack of quorum.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: 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, August 3, 2017, and reviewed what transpired at the meeting.

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 in the process of updating its meeting rules, and would be seeking project proposals for the next biennium in the September 2017 timeframe.

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. The process was implemented to address comments received from the public during the 2016 planning process.

Mr. Ruiz also briefed the RWA on the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority's request, and the Planning Group's approval, to amend the 2016 Regional Water Plan by way of substitution. The revision entailed substituting an alternative water management strategy in the 2016 Plan, for two recommended water management strategies in the 2016 Plan.

AGENDA ITEM NO.6: Other Business/ New Business

The RWA held an impromptu open discussion relating to the future of the RWA and brainstormed on how to bring members to quarterly meetings. Members suggested moving the meeting location to Canyon Regional Water Authority. Several members offered up potential presentations that might draw more attendance, including a presentation on fresh water mussels, the Habitat Conservation Plan, and the SAWS Water Management Plan.

The RWA members generally agreed on a time and location for the next meeting, which would be held on November 16, 2017, at Canyon Regional Water Authority, at 12:30 p.m. The members also agreed to schedule a discussion regarding the RWA bylaws and the RWA's future.

Adjourned.

MINUTES RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE SECRETARY.


Avery Lunsford, Secretary