



**REGIONAL  
WATER  
ALLIANCE**

**Council of Representatives  
MEETING MINUTES**

**10:00 a.m. – August 28, 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
Avery Lunsford	Universal City
James Hooks	City of Schertz
Patrick Sullivan	City of Alamo Heights
Herb Williams	SS Water Supply Corporation
Pat Allen	Green Valley SUD
Albert Strzelczyk	East Central SUD

**Guests & Administrative:**

Cole Ruiz	San Antonio River Authority
Brandon Rohan	East Central SUD

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Introductions and Certification of a Quorum by the Secretary**

A quorum was not established for this meeting.

An impromptu discussion ensued regarding the struggles of training employees to become licensed, and retaining employees. Some suggestions were made regarding salary, career development, and possible collaboration toward training.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Approval of the Minutes from the November 17, 2015, March 1, 2016, and May 26, 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 May 5, 2016 Meeting**

Mr. Ruiz, reported to the Regional Water Alliance (RWA) that the most recent Region L meeting was held on Thursday, August 4, 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 Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Director Kathleen Jackson gave a presentation on the 2017 State Water Plan.

Additionally, Mr. Ruiz informed the RWA of new members, who were recently selected to serve on the Region L Planning Group. Of the new members, Weldon Riggs and Charlie Flatten were selected to representing Agriculture and Environmental interests respectively.

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 all three science teams, and that a meeting was scheduled for September 27, 2016 at the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority.

Mr. Ruiz provided information about the TWDB proposed rule changes, noting that the Region L Planning Group decided to not submit comments as a group, but encouraged members to submit comments individual if they saw fit.

Mr. Ruiz reviewed 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 added that two rainwater harvesting presentation were given to the Region L Planning Group, one regarding residential systems, and the another regarding a more commercial water management strategy. Mr. Ruiz offered to make those presentations available is requested.

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.

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

There was no new business or other business.

Adjourned.

MINUTES RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE SECRETARY.

  
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Avery Lunsford, Secretary