



**REGIONAL  
WATER  
ALLIANCE**

**Council of Representatives  
MEETING MINUTES**

**10:00 a.m. – March 1, 2016  
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                |
| Darren Thompson  | San Antonio Water System         |
| Brandon Bradley  | Cibolo Creek Municipal Authority |
| Humberto Ramos   | Canyon Regional Water Alliance   |
| Alan Cockerell   | Schertz-Seguin LGC               |
| Pat Allen        | Green Valley SUD                 |
| Avery Lunsford   | Universal City                   |
| Sam Willoughby   | Schertz                          |
| Patrick Sullivan | City of Alamo Heights            |
| Atilano Aguero   | Springs Hill WSC                 |

**Members, Guests & Administrative:**

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| Cole Ruiz    | San Antonio River Authority   |
| Ron Ellis    | Texas Water Development Board |
| Amber Briggs | Schertz-Seguin LGC            |
| Jim Hooks    | Schertz                       |

**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 May 26, 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 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.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Update from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)**

Cole Ruiz, San Antonio River Authority (SARA), Ron Ellis to the Regional Water Alliance. Mr. Ellis is the new Region L liaison from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB).

Ron Ellis provided information as to his background and then gave a general update on TWDB matters. Mr. Ellis informed the RWA that Peter Lake was appointed as a Director on the TWDB Board on December 15, 2015, and provided some background information.

Additionally, Mr. Ellis provided information specific to the application timeline for SWIFT funding and the Fifth Cycle of water planning.

Mr. Ellis informed the RWA that a letter detailing changes to TWDB rules was issued to planning groups throughout the state. The rule changes were being made to effectuate recent legislation, clarify current rules, and update standards. TWDB will be seeking comments on those rule proposals in the coming months. The process by which the TWDB proposes rule changes requires an approval of any rule changes by the Board, and entails publishing those changes for public comment. Upon Board approval of any changes, a public comment period will be triggered where TWDB will solicit comments from stakeholders, including full Regional Water Planning Groups (RWPG) and individual entities. Mr. Ruiz indicated that he would forward the TWDB letter on potential rule changes to the RWA members via email.

Mr. Ellis briefed the RWA on 5th Cycle projections. TWDB is changing the population and municipal water demand projections to be based on water provider service areas instead of political boundaries (called utility-based planning). These projections will be effective for the 2021 Regional Water Plan (RWP) and the 2022 State Water Plan (SWP). Additionally, methodologies currently being used to develop power generation, irrigation, and manufacturing projections are currently being peer reviewed. Any changes to those methodologies will be disclosed when those changes are implemented. With regard to mining and livestock projections, TWDB is looking at two options: either 1) a direct roll over from the 2016 RWP, or 2) using trends based on recent historical use. Regarding population projects, TWDB plans to start with final population number from Database 17 (DB17).

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: 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, February 11, 2016, 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 three, *Election of Officers and Executive Committee for Calendar Year 2016*, the planning group elected Suzanne Scott as Chair, Tim Andruss as Vice Chair, Gary Middleton as Secretary, and Adam Yablonski to fill one of two At-Large positions on the Region L Executive Committee. Mr. Ruiz added that the planning group will fill one remaining At-Large position at its next meeting on May 5, 2016.

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 negotiations with several science teams to conduct studies in pursuit of environmental flows standards validation.

Mr. Ruiz told the RWA that, with respect to agenda item eight, recordings of meetings would be

posted on the Region L website in the future.

Mr. Ruiz reviewed agenda item nine, which spoke to conflicts of interest with respect to planning group consultants. Additionally, Mr. Ruiz informed the RWA that the planning group selected Black and Veatch to lead the consulting efforts for the Fifth Cycle of water planning. Brian Perkins, who previously worked for HDR as the consultant for Region L during the Fourth Cycle of the water planning, now works for Black and Veatch. Mr. Perkins will be the point of contact for Region L/RWA interrelated matters that concern the consultant.

Mr. Ruiz encouraged members to attend the next Region L meeting, as a pre-planning public meeting would be held to assess input on improving the process and end product. That meeting would be held on May 5, 2016.

Humberto Ramos suggested that the RWA consider contributing to the Region L Administrative budget. Mr. Ruiz added that RWA has an opportunity to contribute to the next Interlocal Agreement for the Fifth Cycle Administers Budget. Such decision would require action by the RWA.

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

Humberto Ramos suggested that the RWA develop a position on some of the issues being taken up by the Region L Planning Group.

MINUTES RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE SECRETARY.



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Avery Lunsford, Secretary