



Meeting AGENDA

**March 2, 2018 10:00 a.m.
City of Cibolo Municipal Building
200 S Main St, Cibolo, TX 78108**

1. Introductions and Certification of a Quorum by the Secretary
2. Approval of the Minutes from the November 17, 2015, March 1, 2016, May 26, 2016, August 25, 2016, December 7, 2016, March 1, 2017, August 24, 2017, and November 16, 2017, Meetings
3. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding the Voting Membership of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority on the Regional Water Alliance
4. Election of Officers
5. Discussion and Appropriate Action Amending the Regional Water Alliance Bylaws
6. Region L Administrative Update and Recap of February 15, 2018 Meeting
7. Discussion regarding the Texas Water Development Board's Waiver and Amendment Processes
8. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding the Regional Water Alliance Budget
9. Hazardous Mitigation Plan Presentation
10. Location of May 18, 2018, Regional Water Alliance Meeting
11. Adjourn

1. Introductions and Certification of a Quorum by the Secretary

2. Approval of the Minutes from the November 17, 2015, March 1, 2016, May 26, 2016, August 25, 2016, December 7, 2016, March 1, 2017, August 24, 2017, and November 16, 2017, Meetings

Minutes from November 17, 2016



**REGIONAL
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ALLIANCE**

**Council of Representatives
MEETING MINUTES**

**10:00 a.m. –November 17, 2015
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
Albert Strzelczyk	East Central SUD
Avery Lunsford	Universal City
Sam Willoughby	Schertz
Steve Raabe	San Antonio River Authority
LeAnn Piatt	City of Converse
Randy Schwenn	City of Marion
Patrick Sullivan	City of Alamo Heights

Members, 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 established for this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Approval of the Minutes from the October 1, 2015, Meeting

Mike Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 1, 2015, meeting. Randy Schwenn seconded the motion. The motion was approved by consensus.

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.

Humberto Ramos asked if all 21 members of the RWA, including those who do not traditionally attend meetings, contribute to the budget. Mr. Ruiz confirmed that they did. Discussion ensued about getting those members engaged.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: 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, November 5, 2015, 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 no. 6 of the November Region L meeting that SWIFT funding deadlines were approaching. Ensuing discussion resulted in a request to the Texas Water Development Board attend a future RWA meeting to answer questions regarding processes and deadlines as they relate to planning and SWIFT funding.

Mr. Ruiz continued, noting that HDR Engineering spoke at the Region L meeting about the planning schedule. HDR was to deliver the final Region L 2016 Regional Water Plan by December 1, 2015.

Mr. Ruiz, reviewed additional items from the Region L November meeting, including an amended Region L budget, and the prioritization of water management strategies in the 2016 Regional Water Plan.

Additionally, Mr. Ruiz briefed the RWA on process and votes surrounding the Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation's Carrizo Project. Cibolo Valley LGC had three versions of the same project in the 2016 Regional Water Plan. Ultimately, after a vote (at the November Region L meeting) to not reconsider the removal of any of the three versions of Cibolo Valley LGC projects from the plan, all three versions ended up included in the approved 2016 Regional Water Plan. The Region L Planning Group subsequently adopted 2016 Regional Water Plan.

Among other items, Mr. Ruiz addressed how the Region L planning group will move forward. An RFP was to be issued shortly to retain professional services (technical consultants) for the fifth cycle of planning (2021 Regional Water Plan development).

AGENDA ITEM NO.5: Guadalupe, San Antonio, Mission, and Aransas Rivers and Mission, Copano, Aransas, and San Antonio Bays Basin and Bay Stakeholder Committee (BBASC) Update

Mr. Ruiz briefed the RWA on funding from the Texas Water Development to conduct studies as part of the environmental flows validation process. Mr. Ruiz noted that three studies were being considered, but that none had been decided upon. The BBASC was still in the decision making process, after which they would enter a negotiation stage with the science teams tasked with conducting the proposed studies.

AGENDA ITEM NO.6: Other Business/ New Business

RWA members generally agreed that the meetings should continue to be held after Region L meetings, as has been the traditional practice.

There was a request to provide a list of members to the RWA members, and make a greater effort to engage inactive RWA members.

MINUTES RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE SECRETARY.

Avery Lunsford, Secretary

Minutes from March 1, 2016



**REGIONAL
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**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:

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:

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.

Avery Lunsford, Secretary

Minutes from May 26, 2016



**REGIONAL
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**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
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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 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. 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.

Avery Lunsford, Secretary

Minutes from August 28, 2016



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.

Avery Lunsford, Secretary

Minutes from December 7, 2016



**REGIONAL
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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

Minutes from March 1, 2017



**REGIONAL
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**Council of Representatives
MEETING MINUTES**

**10:00 a.m. – March 1, 2017
San Antonio River Authority**

Council of Representatives Present:

Mike Taylor
Darren Thompson
Brandon Bradley
Humberto Ramos
James Hooks
Patrick Sullivan
Allan Cockerell

Crystal Clear SUD
San Antonio Water System
Cibolo Creek Municipal Authority
Canyon Regional Water Alliance
City of Schertz
City of Alamo Heights
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, and August 25, 2016 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, February 2, 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) has asked current members to recommit to the BBASC or retire. Upon receiving responses from all of the current members. Nominations had been received, and the BBASC would be voting on nominees at the next possible meeting.

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.

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. Several members urged holding a workshop for water purveyors to become informed and involved in regional water planning. The group decided to schedule a brainstorming session to develop plans for a workshop to be held in April or May 2017.

Adjourned.

MINUTES RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE SECRETARY.

Avery Lunsford, Secretary

Minutes from August 24, 2017



**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 Agüero
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

Minutes from November 16, 2017



**REGIONAL
WATER
ALLIANCE**

**Council of Representatives
MEETING MINUTES**

12:30 a.m. – November 16, 2017

San Antonio River Authority

Council of Representatives Present:

Darren Thompson
Humberto Ramos
Megan Neumann
Avery Lunsford
Allan Cockerell
Brandon Rohan
Steve Liparoto
Mike Taylor
Jeanne Schnuriger
Cole Ruiz for John Chisolm

San Antonio Water System
Canyon Regional Water Authority
City of Marion
City of Universal City
Schertz-Seguin LGC
East Central SUD
City of Cibolo
Crystal Clear SUD
Springs Hill WSC
San Antonio River Authority

Guests & Administrative:

Cole Ruiz
David Davenport
Steven Siebert
Monica McGarrity

San Antonio River Authority
Canyon Regional Water Authority
San Antonio Water System
Texas Parks and Wildlife

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, 2016, March 1, 2016, May 26, 2016, August 25, 2016, December 7, 2016, March 1, 2017, August 24, 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, November 2, 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) recently developed a recommendation list of five studies, which were delivered to the Texas Water

Development Board (TWDB), to advance the SB3 validation of environmental flows standards. The TWDB had not responded with any affirmation as to which studies were moving forward. However, that information would be for forthcoming at a future meeting.

Mr. Ruiz briefed the RWA members on communications from the TWDB regarding new rules requiring planning groups to be subject to the Open Meetings Act and Public Information Act.

Mr. Ruiz notified the RWA members that the Planning Group adopted a schedule for Calendar Year 2018. Meetings would be held on the third Thursday of February, and the first Thursday of May, August, and November in 2018.

Next, Mr. Ruiz provided a summary of the Planning Group's authorization to move forward with a minor amendment to the 2016 Regional Water Plan, which was initially requested by the San Antonio Water System (SAWS). Mr. Ruiz provided some background information on the amendment process.

Mr. Ruiz briefly gave an update on the status of revision requests, the deadline for which was scheduled for a date in mid-January. The Planning Group approved hydrologic assumptions for the 2021 Regional Water Plan. Those assumptions were provided in the RWA agenda packet. Additionally, the Planning Group approved a process by which water management strategies would be considered and adopted.

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. The process was implemented to address comments received from the public during the 2016 planning process, and was officially completed with the adoption of the final guiding principle on November 3, 2017.

AGENDA ITEM NO.4: Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding Regional Water Alliance Budget

Mr. Ruiz provided information on the Regional Water Alliance's account and anticipated funds, providing context with recent expenditures and savings. This led to a discussion about the recent workshop, which was held in May 2017. It was noted that the difficulty in achieving a quorum encumbered the RWA's ability to approve use of the funds. No action was taken.

AGENDA ITEM NO.5: Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding the Purpose and Future of the Regional Water Alliance, Including Meeting Times and Location

Humberto Ramos asked what could be done to make the RWA more functional and beneficial for its members. Mr. Ramos then briefly summarized previous discussions about potential changes to the Bylaws, which would enable a less cumbersome decision making process. Those changes would include creating a decision-making Executive Board (as opposed to an Executive Committee). The Board would consist of five members. Decisions would require a simple majority, with a quorum of three. The non-Board members would still meet and discuss items, and could recommend action to the Executive Board.

A brainstorming discussion ensued about how to bolster RWA meetings beyond a mere regurgitation of the Region L meetings. Some suggested that the meetings should be set up ahead of time, and should be located at a location outside San Antonio. Some suggested that the members should be holding each other accountable, and should call each other before meetings to make sure a quorum can be met.

The RWA generally agreed that the second Friday following the Region L meeting would be a good time to meet, since board meetings usually take place Tuesday through Thursday. Meetings would be held throughout the region on a rotating basis.

The RWA asked Cole Ruiz to draft changes to the RWA Bylaws reflecting the discussion on the Executive Board (see above). Mr. Ruiz agreed, and informed the group that he would send out a current RWA membership list with contact information, the revised RWA Bylaws, and calendar notices for the calendar year 2018.

Additionally, the group discussed reaching out to the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) to see if they were interested in joining. Mr. Ruiz confirmed that he would reach out to GBRA to gauge their interest at the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO.6: Texas Parks and Wildlife Presentation on Zebra Mussels

Monica McGarrity, Texas Parks and Wildlife gave a presentation on the impacts and threats caused by invasive zebra mussels.

AGENDA ITEM NO.7: Presentation of the San Antonio Water System (SAWS) Water Management Plan

Adam Connor, San Antonio Water System gave a presentation on the SAWS 2017 Water Management Plan.

Adjourned.

MINUTES RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE SECRETARY.

Avery Lunsford, Secretary

3. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding the Voting Membership of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority on the Regional Water Alliance

4. Election of Officers

5. Discussion and Appropriate Action Amending the Regional Water Alliance
Bylaws

Regional Water Alliance Bylaws

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ARTICLE I. NAMES

Section 1. Organization

The official name of this organization shall be the Regional Water Alliance (hereinafter the Alliance).

Section 2. Boundary of Alliance

The boundary of the Alliance is the geographic limits of the water service areas of the water purveyors or district boundaries of special districts that execute this AGREEMENT. Adjacent and non-adjacent water purveyors may be considered for future addition to the Alliance. The PARTIES recognize that coordination with neighboring water purveyors, regional water resource and management entities and regional water planning groups may be required.

ARTICLE II. ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE

The Alliance was established by approval and execution of an interlocal agreement by the governing bodies of the member entities. The purpose of the Alliance shall be to assist member entities in:

- 1) assessing and developing water supply options on a regional basis,
- 2) promoting regional conservation and reuse of water resources,
- 3) working together to realize region-wide efficiencies and economies of scale in the development, distribution and operation of water projects for the mutual benefit of a diverse customer base and,
- 4) advancing a synergistic alliance among water agencies to jointly investigate funding opportunities, influence state and federal water regulations and policy, conduct study efforts and support a common voice in water issues facing the region.

ARTICLE III. DESIGNATION OF ADMINISTRATOR

The Administrator of the Alliance shall be the San Antonio River Authority. The Alliance Council may change the Administrator in accordance with Article XIII.

ARTICLE IV. PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

The principal administrative office of the Alliance shall be the principal business offices of the Administrator. The Chair of the Alliance shall ensure that the mailing address and physical address of the principal administrative office are provided to all member entities of the Alliance.

ARTICLE V. ALLIANCE COUNCIL

The Alliance shall operate through a council that shall manage the planning, implementation and operation of the Alliance.

ARTICLE VI. ~~VOTING~~ MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Composition

The ~~voting~~ members of the Alliance Council shall consist of one representative from each member entity that serves at the discretion of the governing body of that member entity.

Section 2. Terms of Office

Each member entity's representative shall serve until replaced by the governing body of the member entity.

Section 3. Conditions of Membership

In order to be eligible for voting membership on the Alliance Council, a person must be appointed by the governing body of a member entity, represent the interest of the appointing member entity, be willing to participate in the business of the Alliance, and abide by these bylaws.

Section 4. Selection of Members

The governing body of each member entity shall designate its representative to the Alliance Council upon approval and execution of the Interlocal Agreement. Each participating entity shall notify the Administrator in writing upon the initial designation or replacement of its representative to the Alliance Council.

Section 5. Designated Alternates

Each representative may designate an alternate to represent him/her when he/she is unable to attend a meeting or hearing. Each representative must notify the Chair and Administrator of the name of the representative's designated alternate prior to the meeting at which the designated alternate will appear on behalf of the representative. Any designated alternate representing multiple member entities shall count as one representative for the purposes of establishing a quorum and voting for decisions of the Alliance Council.

The designated alternate shall enjoy the same voting privileges and shall be bound by the same duties, terms, and conditions as the representative they represent, except as otherwise provided in these bylaws. However, a designated alternate for a representative who serves as an officer shall not be allowed to serve in the capacity as an officer in the representative's absence.

ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers, Restrictions, and Terms of Office

Representatives to the Alliance Council shall elect from its membership a Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary to serve as officers. Each officer shall serve a term of one year. Except as provided under Section 4 of this Article, an officer shall serve until his or her successor takes office. Elections shall be held annually, with no restrictions on the number of consecutive terms an individual may serve as an officer.

Section 2. Election

Nominations shall be made from the floor by the representatives to the Alliance Council. The representatives shall select officers from among the nominees by a simple majority vote of the representatives present.

Section 3. Removal of Officers

Any officer may be removed from office for repeated failure to carry out the duties of the office, by affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the voting members present. If the Chair is the subject of the possible removal action, the Vice-Chair shall preside over the meeting during the agenda item concerning the Chair's removal. The officer subject to the removal action shall not participate in any way in the removal decision, nor shall his or her membership count as part of the total membership for purposes of calculating a two-thirds vote. Any vacancy caused by the removal shall be filled as provided under Section 4 of this Article.

Section 4. Vacancies of Officers

Whenever an officer vacancy exists, the vacancy shall be filled at the earliest possible opportunity. Nominations shall be made from the floor by the representatives to the Alliance Council. The representatives shall elect a replacement officer from among the nominees by a simple majority of the voting members present. The next highest-ranking officer shall serve in the vacant position until a successor takes office, unless the office of the Secretary becomes vacant, in which case the Chair shall appoint a willing voting member to serve as Secretary until the successor to the Secretary takes office. The person elected to fill a vacancy for an officer shall serve for the unexpired term of his or her predecessor in office.

Section 5. Duties of Each Officer

(a) Chair. The Chair shall be the executive officer of the Alliance. The Chair will preside at all meetings of the Alliance and perform all duties provided by these bylaws.

(b) Vice Chair. The Vice Chair shall assist the Chair in the discharge of their duties and, in the absence of the Chair, shall assume the Chair's full

responsibilities and duties. In the event the Chair is unable to carry out the duties of the office, the Vice Chair shall serve as Chair until the Alliance elects a new Chair under Section 4 of this Article. The Vice-Chair shall perform other duties as assigned by the Chair, or these bylaws.

(c) Secretary. The Secretary, or the Administrator if so delegated by the Secretary, shall maintain the minutes and take attendance of the Alliance meetings. The minutes and attendance shall be kept as part of the Alliance official records. The Secretary shall perform other duties as assigned by the Chair or these bylaws. If both the Chair and Vice Chair are unable to carry out the duties of the Chair, the Secretary shall assume the duties of the Chair.

Section 6. Executive ~~Committee~~Board

The Executive ~~Committee~~Board shall be composed of five Alliance members, including the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and two members-at-large. The two members-at-large shall be elected annually in the same manner and with the same terms as set forth for the election of officers under this Article. Members-at-large shall be removed and their vacancies filled in the manner prescribed for officers under this Article.

The Executive ~~Committee~~Board shall be responsible for carrying out the duties imposed on it in these bylaws. The Alliance Council may delegate any administrative decisions to the Executive ~~Committee~~Board unless provided otherwise in these bylaws.

The Executive ~~Committee~~Board may meet as needed upon the call of the Chair. All meetings of the Executive ~~Committee~~Board shall comply with the provisions related to meetings generally as set forth in Article VIII of these bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII. MEETINGS

Section 1. Meetings and Notice

All meetings of the Alliance, its committees and/or study groups, shall be open to the representatives, officials and staff of the member entities. The time and place of meetings shall be set to facilitate, to the greatest extent possible, the participation of the representatives of the member entities.

Section 2. Regular or Called Meetings

The Alliance Council shall have meetings at least four times a year. At the first meeting of each calendar year, the Alliance Council may establish and adopt a regular meeting schedule for the ensuing year. The Chair or a majority of the representatives of the Alliance Council may also call special or emergency meetings or work sessions of the Alliance Council. The Secretary or Administrator shall ensure that an advance notice and an agenda for regular meetings will be provided to the full membership of the Alliance at least five

calendar days in advance by first class U.S. Mail, facsimile, or electronic mail. Supporting information and member-requested materials shall be distributed to the full membership with the notice and agenda or at the meeting, as deemed appropriate by the Chair.

Section 3. Agenda

The Secretary or the Administrator, if so delegated by the Secretary, shall ensure that agenda are prepared and distributed for all meetings, in accordance with this Article. Items shall be placed on the agenda by the request of any representative of the Alliance Council.

Section 4. Quorum

~~A quorum of the Alliance Council shall be a simple majority of the representatives or their designated alternates excluding vacancies.~~ A quorum of the Executive ~~Committee Board~~ shall be a simple majority of its members. A quorum of the Executive Board shall be necessary to ~~conduct any business of the Alliance Council and Executive Committee~~make any decision related to the business of the Alliance Council.

Section 5. Applicability of Robert ' s Rules of Order

Except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, meetings of the Alliance Council shall be conducted under the provisions of the most current edition of *Robert ' s Rules of Order*.

Section 6. Minutes

(a) The Secretary shall ensure that minutes of all meetings of the Alliance Council are prepared. The minutes shall:

- (1) state the subject of each deliberation;
- (2) indicate each vote, order, decision, or other action taken;
- (3) indicate those members or alternates in attendance, noting the presence of a quorum;
- (4) represent an accurate summary of the meeting ' s record; and state any other information required by these bylaws to be included in the minutes.

(b) The Secretary shall ensure that true copies of the minutes are provided to the full membership as soon as possible following the meeting.

ARTICLE IX. MAKING DECISIONS

Section 1. Applicability

(a) Unless the method for making a particular decision is set forth elsewhere in these bylaws, the Alliance Council, its committees, and study groups shall make

all decisions utilizing the process set forth in Section 2 of this Article.

(b) Written proxies shall not be allowed in any decision-making by the Alliance Council, its committees, or study groups. However, designated alternates shall be allowed to participate in decision making as set forth in these bylaws. Because it is important in achieving decisions for all representatives to participate actively, keep up-to-date on the progress of the Alliance Council, and develop a common base of information, members shall in good faith attempt to minimize the number of times they are absent from meetings or are represented by their designated alternates.

Section 2. Decision-Making Process

(a) Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, dDecisions of the Alliance Council shall be made by a simple majority vote of the representatives of the Executive Board, provided however, that a quorum of the Executive Board is present.

(b) Any member of the Alliance Council may, at any time, request the Executive Board to decide any business requiring Executive Board action. The Executive Board shall issue decisions on such matters as expeditiously as feasible.

(c) The Executive Board may, as it sees fit, require a vote of the representatives of the Alliance Council present on any business requiring a decision. However, all decisions, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, must first be considered by the Executive Board.

~~(b)~~ Decision Making Process for Committees and Study Groups. Committees and study groups established in accordance with these Bylaws shall utilize the process described in ~~Subsection-subsections~~ (a), (b) and (c) of this Section.

ARTICLE X. RECORDS

Section 1. Required Documents and Retainment

Records of the Alliance Council shall be kept at the principal administrative office of the Alliance for a period of at least five years.

ARTICLE XI. COMMITTEES/STUDY GROUPS

Section 1. Establishment

The Alliance Council may by motion establish committees and study groups to assist and advise the Alliance Council in the carrying out its purpose. The committee or study group may be formed to address specific issues assigned by the Alliance Council and may have a specified term.

ARTICLE XII. MEMBERSHIP FEES AND REIMBURSEMENT

OF ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

Section 1. Membership Fees

Each member entity shall pay an annual membership fee of \$200.00 which shall be due on January 1st of each year. The Administrator shall place all funds received from membership fees into an operating fund for the Alliance.

Section 2. Administrative Budget

The Administrator shall propose an annual budget for the operation of the Alliance and shall circulate the proposed annual budget to the member entities prior to consideration and approval by the Alliance Council.

Section 3. Administrative Costs

The operating fund will be utilized by the Administrator in the fulfillment of its duties specified in the Interlocal Agreement, bylaws, any separate funding agreements and the approved budget.

ARTICLE XIII. ADOPTING AND AMENDING THE BYLAWS

These bylaws shall have full force and effect upon approval and adoption by the Alliance Council, acting on behalf of the interests comprising the member entities of the Alliance. The Alliance Council shall adopt these bylaws and any amendments thereto by affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the representatives on the Alliance Council. The Secretary shall ensure that proposed amendments to the Bylaws are provided to the Alliance Council no later than ten calendar days prior to the next regular meeting of the Alliance Council when such amendments are to be considered.

Adopted on _____, 2006.

Amended on _____, 2018.

Chair, Alliance Council

6. Region L Administrative Update and Recap of February 15, 2018 Meeting

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING OF THE
SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL
WATER PLANNING GROUP

TAKE NOTICE that a meeting of the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group as established by the Texas Water Development Board will be held on Thursday, February 15, 2018, at 9:30 AM at San Antonio Water System (SAWS), Customer Service Building, Room CR 145, 2800 US Highway 281 North, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. The following subjects will be considered for discussion and/or action at said meeting.

1. Public Comment
2. Approval of the Minutes from the November 2, 2017, Meeting of the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (Region L)
3. Election of Officers for Calendar Year 2018
4. Status of Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) – Nathan Pence, Executive Director EAHCP
5. Status of Guadalupe, San Antonio, Mission, and Aransas Rivers and Mission, Copano, Aransas, and San Antonio Bays Basin and Bay Stakeholder Committee (BBASC) and Expert Science Team (BBEST)
6. Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Communications
7. Chair's Report
8. Discussion and Appropriate Action Authorizing the San Antonio River Authority (SARA) to Negotiate and Execute Amendment No. 2 to TWDB Contract No. 1548301840 between TWDB and SARA, in its Official Capacity as Designated Political Subdivision for the SCTRWPG
9. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding the San Antonio Water System's (SAWS) Proposed Minor Amendment to the 2016 South Central Texas Regional Water Plan
10. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding the City of Elmendorf's Request for SCTRWPG Support for a Request to Waive the Consistency Requirement, as Provided Under Section 357.60 of the Texas Administrative Code.
11. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding Consultant's Work and Schedule
12. Possible Agenda Items for the Next Region L Meeting
13. Public Comment

7. Discussion regarding the Texas Water Development Board's Waiver and Amendment Processes

Texas Water Development Board Amendment & Waiver Processes

Why Amend the Regional and State Water Plan?

Eligibility for any of the following:

- Agricultural Water Conservation Loans/Grants (AG)
- Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)
- Economically Distressed Areas Program (EDAP)
- Rural Water Assistance Fund (RWAF)
- State Participation Program (SP)
- Texas Water Development Fund (DFund)
- State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT)
 - ***Project must be a recommended strategy in an approved RWP

Texas Water Code

Amendments

Permits the TWDB to provide financial and political assistance to political subdivisions **only if the project is consistent with the regional water plan.** Tex. Water Code Ann. § 16.053(j)

Waiver

But....

The TWDB may **waive** the consistency requirement if the board determines that conditions warrant the waiver. Tex. Water Code Ann. § 16.053 (k)

Types of Amendments

Substitution

- RWPGs may substitute one or more evaluated Alternative Water Management Strategies for a recommended strategy if
 - it is capable of meeting the same need without over allocating any source.

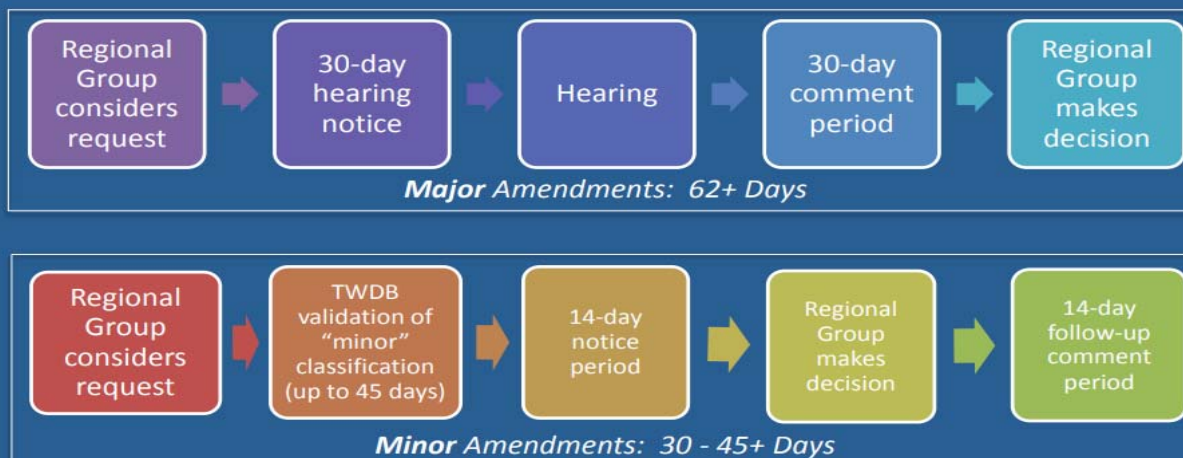
Minor Amendment

- Must not
 - Result in an over allocation
 - Relate to a new reservoir
 - Increase unmet needs
 - Impact instream flows
 - Have a significant impact on water planning or adopted RWPs
 - Alter any legal requirements of the plan

Major Amendment

- All other amendments

Regional Amendment Processes

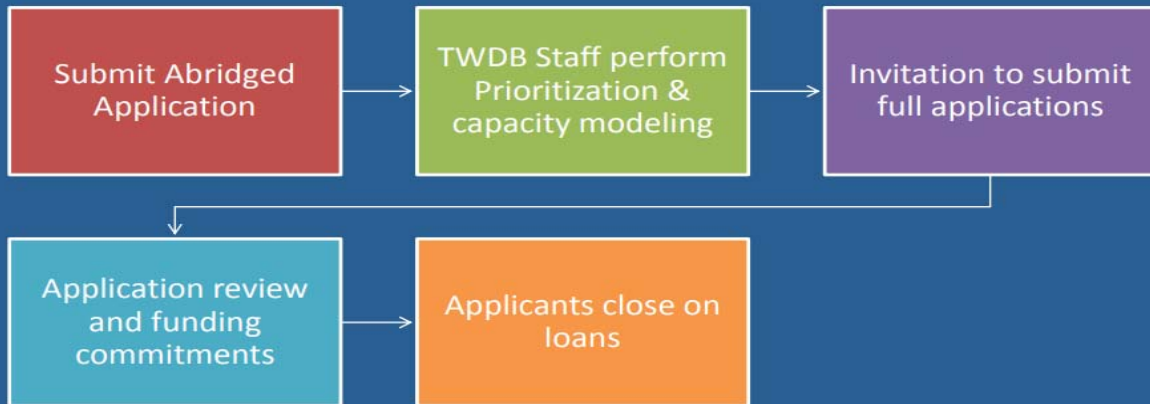


State Water Plan Amendments



The State Water Plan is amended only after regional amendments are finalized.

SWIFT Funding Cycle



Request to Waive Consistency Requirement

- The Board may consider, among other factors, changed conditions if a Political Subdivision requests a waiver of the Texas Water Code §16.053(j) for a project proposed to the Board for funding to meet a need in a manner that is not consistent with the manner the need is addressed in an approved RWP.
- The Board shall request the members of any affected RWPG to provide input on the request for waiver of the Texas Water Code §16.053(j).

31 Tex. Admin. Code § 357.60

Why request a Waiver of the Consistency Requirement?

- Political Subdivision is not seeking SWIFT financing
- Immediate demand (expediency)
- Nature of the inconsistency is relatively minor
- Process is less cumbersome

8. Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding the Regional Water Alliance
Budget

9. Hazardous Mitigation Plan Presentation

10. Location of May 18, 2018, Regional Water Alliance Meeting

11. Adjourn