



**REGIONAL
WATER
ALLIANCE**

**Council of Representatives
Meeting Minutes**

August 16th, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.
3864 Cibolo Valley Drive
Cibolo, TX 78108

Council of Representatives Present:

Pat Allen, Chair, Green Valley SUD
Humberto Ramos, Vice Chair, Canyon Regional Water Authority
Michal Urrutia, Guadalupe Blanco River Authority
Brandon Rohan, for Albert Strzelczyk, East Central SUD
Mike Taylor, Crystal Clear SUD
Chris Wright for Timothy Fousse, City of Cibolo
Steven Siebert, SAWS
Ryan Madsen, Cibolo Creek Municipal Authority
Amber Briggs Beard, Schertz-Seguin LGC
Avery Lunsford, City of Universal City

Guests and Administrative:

Steve Raabe, San Antonio River Authority
John Chisholm, San Antonio River Authority
Caitlin Heller, San Antonio River Authority

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Introductions and Certification of a Quorum

Mr. Pat Allen opened the meeting at 10:06 AM, and certified a quorum.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Approval of the Minutes from the May 10, 2019 meeting

Mr. Taylor moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Lunsford seconded, and the motion passed.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group
(SCTRWPG) Administrative Update and Recap of August 1, 2019 Meeting**

Mr. Steve Raabe introduced himself and reviewed the Region L agenda from the August 1, 2019 meeting. Mr. Raabe briefed the group on the Groundwater Management Area Joint Planning Overview presentation given to the Planning Group prior to the official meeting.

Mr. Raabe updated the group on Scott Stormant's report on the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan (EAHCP). The EAHCP has completed Phase #1 which includes their work plan and the approval of their resolution. They will begin Phase #2 which involves maintaining existing strategies.

Mr. Raabe then informed the group that Suzanne Scott, Chair of Region L, did an update for the Basin and Bay Area Stakeholder Committee (BBASC) on their current projects. The Region L Planning Group has also chosen to nominate Iliana Pena as their representative for the BBASC.

Mr. Raabe then updated the group on the legislative presentation given by the Texas Water Development Board. He continued to say that Block 1 water management strategies has been approved by the TWDB and Blocks 2 and 3 have also been approved to proceed. He informed the group that the TWDB has created a planning dashboard with regional planning sections. Mr. Raabe then proceeded to review HB 807, HB 221, HB 723, SB 7 and SB 8.

Mr. Raabe informed the group that the Region L Planning Group took an action to nominate Suzanne Scott to be the Region L representative on the Interregional Planning Council.

Mr. Raabe then reviewed the Black & Veatch consultant's work schedule and shared that the Planning Group is right in the middle of evaluation of potential water management strategies. He then explained to the group that Region L was planning on taking a formal action at the next meeting to create two meetings prior to the Initially Prepared Plan's (IPP) March 3rd due date. The November 7th Region L meeting will consist of a lot of Water Management Strategy evaluations so in order to review the draft of the IPP before March 3rd, the Planning Group will have meetings on January 23rd and February 20th.

He went on to say that as soon as the chapters for the plan have been completed they will be sent out to the group and posted on the Region L website. He encourage the group to provide comments and send feedback to the San Antonio River Authority.

Mr. Raabe updated the group that Region L has designated Major Water Providers to include the previously designated Wholesale Water Providers and municipalities with needs that exceed 25,000 acre-feet/year by 2070. He then reviewed how the Region L Planning Group has chosen to adhere to the HB 807 requirements.

Mr. Raabe then reviewed the evaluation of water management strategies that were presented to the Planning Group by the Black & Veatch consultant. Eight water management strategies (WMS) were reviewed at the August 1, 2019 meeting and the rest will be reviewed at the later meetings. Mr. Raabe informed the group on CRWA Siesta Project, SSLGC Brackish Wilcox, SSLGC Expanded Carrizo Project, CVLGC Carrizo Well Field, NBU ASR Project, NBU Trinity Well Field Expansion, Victoria ASR Project and concluded with Local Groundwater. He stated that the Planning Group still has 20 WMS that need to be presented in November.

Mr. Raabe then updated the group that the last item on the Planning Group agenda was a possible amendment to the group's bylaws regarding public comment. He continued on to say that formal action on this amendment will take place at the November meeting.

Lastly, he informed the group that the TWDB has required each Planning Group to provide a report on emergency inter-connections between water systems. The document must remain confidential so the Planning Group agreed to have their consultant prepare the report and then have one person, Thomas Taggart, review the report. The consultant will be reaching out to utilities systems in order to put this information into the report.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Discussion and Possible Action to Nominate Member-at-Large to the Executive Committee

Mr. Allen explained that the current Member-at-Large, Gene Camargo, had retired and his position needed to be filled. Mr. Thompson nominated Amber Briggs Beard. Mr. Taylor seconded, all agreed and Ms. Beard's nomination was confirmed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Location and Date of Next Regional Water Alliance Meeting

Mr. Raabe informed the group that it traditionally meets the week following the Region L Planning Group meeting, which would put the next meeting on November 15th, 2019. Ms. Heller stated that she would send out a poll to confirm this date with the group, as well as secure a meeting place.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Future Items for Consideration

Mr. Raabe encouraged the group to choose a meeting date after the Region L January and February meetings. He explained that this would be a great opportunity to discuss local planning and perhaps plan for a workshop.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Adjourn

Mr. Allen adjourned the meeting at 11:17 am.



AVERY LUNSFORD, SECRETARY
