

# MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY

October 15, 2008 - 2:00 p.m.



#### ***GENERAL AND CEREMONIAL ITEMS:***

1. **CALL TO ORDER WAS MADE AT 2:00 PM BY THE CHAIRMAN, MR. THOMAS G. WEAVER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN BY THE SECRETARY, MS. SALLY BUCHANAN**  
*Board members present for this meeting are indicated with a checked box:*

#### **BEXAR COUNTY:**

- Sally Buchanan
- Hector Morales
- Jeff Neathery
- Názirite Rubén Pérez
- Roberto G. Rodríguez
- Thomas G. Weaver

#### **GOLIAD COUNTY:**

- Terry E. Baiamonte
- Adair R. Sutherland

#### **KARNES COUNTY:**

- Gaylon J. Oehlke
- H.B. Ruckman III

#### **WILSON COUNTY:**

- John Flieller
- A.D. Kollodziej, Jr.

Suzanne B. Scott, General Manager  
Steve Graham, Assistant General Manager  
John Chisholm, Director of Operations  
Larry Anderson, Director of Support Services  
Steve Raabe, Technical Services Director  
Sharon McCoy-Huber, Financial Services Manager  
Steven Schauer, Manager of External Communications  
Rudy Farias, Water Resources & Community Development Manager  
Claude Harding, Real Estate Manager  
Mike Gonzales, Environmental Sciences Manager  
Al Astran, Utilities Manager  
James Blair, Watershed Operations Manager  
Jim Boenig, Engineering Manager  
Ted Orta, Line Maintenance General Foreman  
Happy Garcia, Plant Maintenance Supervisor  
John Gomez, EIT II / Utilities Engineering Assistant  
Ralph Arias, Engineer II  
Karen Opiela, Planning & Development Coordinator  
Carol Earman, Education Specialist  
Ivalis Gonzalez, Intergovernmental & Community Relations Technician  
Brian Mast, Intergovernmental Relations Specialist  
Kenny Fletcher, Education & Training Specialist  
Yolanda McGinnis, Administrative Assistant II  
Linda Muñoz, Human Resources Supervisor  
Laura Govea, Administrative Assistant I  
Karen Bishop, Executive Services Supervisor  
Cindy Hernandez, Executive Assistant  
Lupe Sanchez-Moreno, Executive Assistant

Others present were:

David Ross, Legal Counsel

4. **CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM WAS MADE BY THE SECRETARY, MS. BUCHANAN**
5. **INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS**

Ms. Moreno announced that the following citizens were in attendance:

Alger H. Kendall, Karnes County Judge  
James Shortner, Retired SARA Employee  
Robbie Shortner, Wife of James Shortner  
Meredith Fowler, TRPSA  
Allen Beinke, TRPSA  
Fred Timmons, Thompson, Williams, Biedeger, Kastor & Young, L.C.  
Janet Pitman, Thompson, Williams, Biedeger, Kastor & Young, L.C.

Mike Del Toro, Thompson, Williams, Biedeger, Kastor & Young, L.C.  
Roy Freeman, Citizen  
Joe E. Ponish, Escondido Watershed District  
Clarence Janysek, Citizen  
Nancy Janysek, Citizen  
Skylar Janysek, Citizen  
Larry Stark, USDA - NRCS

**6. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Alger H. Kendall, Karnes County Judge, signed up to speak. Judge Kendall welcomed and expressed his appreciation and gratitude to the Board for gathering in Karnes County. He also expressed that the citizens appreciate all the work that the San Antonio River Authority does for Karnes County.

**7. AWARDING OF CERTIFICATE OF RETIREMENT**

Suzanne B. Scott presented James "Jimmy" Shortner with a plaque for his dedication and service as the Watershed Operations Foreman in Karnes County for close to 35 years.

**8. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 2, 2008, AND THE REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2008**

Motion made by Jeff Neathery  
Seconded by Sally Buchanan  
Motion carried unanimously

**9. SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXECUTIVE, COMMUNICATIONS, FISCAL AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEMBER CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE REPORTS**

The Executive Committee Chairman Weaver gave a short briefing on the last meeting held on October 6, 2008.

The Fiscal Committee Chairman Oehlke gave a short briefing on the last meeting held on October 6, 2008. Chairman Oehlke proposed that the Identity Theft Prevention Item be pulled from consent and placed on the individual items to be presented to the Board.

The Communications Committee Chairman Rodríguez gave a short briefing on the last meeting held on September 25, 2008.

Board Member Conference Reports: Sally Buchanan reported on the Texas Water Conservation Association (TWCA) meeting with specifics on Alfredia's desalination for its major cities on the sea coast.

***CONSENT AGENDA ITEM:***

**10. APPROVAL OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION PROGRAM**

Staff recommended a motion that the proposed Identity Theft Prevention Program be approved.

Motion made by Gaylon J. Oelke  
Seconded by Roberto G. Rodriguez  
Motion carried unanimously

***INDIVIDUAL AGENDA ITEMS:***

**11. PRESENTATION ON THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY'S SERVICES IN KARNES COUNTY AND IN THE SOUTHERN SAN ANTONIO RIVER BASIN**

Ms. Scott and Mr. Graham provided an overview of the San Antonio River Authority's services that focused on Karnes County and the southern basin.

**12. APPROVAL OF THE 2007/08 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Staff made a motion approving the 2007/08 Audited Financial Statements and authorizing and directing the General Manager to submit the approved audit to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for filing as required by the Texas Water Code.

Motion made by Gaylon J. Oelke  
Seconded by H.B. Ruckman, III  
Motion carried unanimously

**13. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO FUND SENATE BILL 1, SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP SECOND BIENNIUM ACTIVITIES FOR PREPARATION OF SCOPE OF WORK AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2011 REGIONAL WATER PLAN AND NECESSARY BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

Staff recommended a motion that Resolution No. R-1354 and the necessary budget amendments be passed and approved.

Motion made by Gaylon J. Oelke  
Seconded by Jeff Neathery  
Motion carried unanimously

**14. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF CONSULTANT SELECTION ACTIVITIES AND/OR CONSULTANT CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION, RENEWALS, AMENDMENTS OR EXTENSIONS:**

**REGION L TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD SECOND BIENNIUM GRANT FUNDS FOR PREPARATION OF THE 2011 REGIONAL WATER PLAN**

There being no action taken on Agenda Item 14, Mr. Weaver called for Agenda Item 15.

**15. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY'S AGENDA FOR THE 81ST TEXAS LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION**

Staff recommended a motion to approve the San Antonio River Authority's agenda for the 81st Texas Legislature Regular Session as amended by Mr. Schauer's PowerPoint presentation.

Motion made by Jeff Neathery  
Seconded by Roberto G. Rodriguez  
Motion carried unanimously

**16. PRESENTATION ON SARA INSTREAM FLOW STUDY ACTIVITIES ON THE LOWER SAN ANTONIO RIVER**

There being no action taken on Agenda Item 16, Mr. Weaver called for Agenda Item 17.

**17. BRIEFING AND PRESENTATION ON ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO THE CITY OF ALVIN**

Staff presented the Board with a slide show and gave a brief overview of SARA staff's role in the assistance to the City of Alvin.

**18. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

Staff reported that there were none.

**19. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:**

- **ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION NO. GA-0668 AND ITS IMPACT ON FUTURE GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS,**
- **UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR,**
- **FUTURE BOARD AND/OR COMMITTEE MEETINGS,**
- **MEETINGS INVOLVING THE ATTENDANCE OF ONE OR MORE BOARD MEMBERS.**

Mr. Ross gave a breif overview of the Attorney General's request to comply with the Open Meetings Act by listing more details under the General Manager's Report.

Each Board member was given a copy of the upcoming calendar of events and Ms. Scott discussed the details to the Board.

**20. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next Regular meeting will be Wednesday, November 19, 2008.

**21. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Ms. Sutherland moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:36 pm.

PREPARED AND RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE GENERAL MANAGER.

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SUZANNE B. SCOTT, General Manager

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON  
NOVEMBER 19, 2008.

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THOMAS G. WEAVER, Chairman

ATTEST:

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STEPHEN T. GRAHAM, Assistant Secretary