

AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY

April 12, 2010, 12:30 p.m.

**Estimated Presentation Time: 1.5 hours*



GENERAL AND CEREMONIAL ITEMS:

Estimated Presentation Time: 5 minutes

- 1. CALL TO ORDER BY THE CHAIRMAN, MR. GAYLON J. OEHLKE**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. ROLL CALL BY THE SECRETARY, MR. ROBERTO G. RODRÍGUEZ**

BEXAR COUNTY:

- Sally Buchanan
- Michael W. Lackey, P. E.
- Hector R. Morales
- 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 J. Flieller
- A.D. Kollodziej, Jr.

- 4. CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM BY THE SECRETARY**
- 5. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS**

**Represents the time staff anticipate that it will take to make presentations or give briefings; does not include an estimate of the time required if consent items are pulled for individual presentation or for discussions generated by Board members.*

6. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

INDIVIDUAL AGENDA ITEMS:

- 7. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE WASTEWATER BILLING LIMITED PURPOSE AUDIT**
- 8. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING RIPARIAN MITIGATION BANKING IN THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER BASIN**
- 9. ADJOURN**

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SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY
General Statements

This meeting is wheelchair accessible. Accessible parking is located at 100 E. Guenther Street. Requests for an interpreter for the hearing impaired must be received at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, or, to arrange for special assistance to attend this meeting, please call the Operator at 210-227-1373.

The Board of Directors of the San Antonio River Authority may discuss and/or take action on any item listed in this agenda while convened in open session. The Board of Directors of the San Antonio River Authority may also meet in Executive Session, pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, to receive advice from legal counsel on any item listed in this agenda.

Date: 04/12/2010

Wastewater Billing Limited Purpose Audit

Submitted By: Sharon McCoy-Huber,
Support Services

Division: Support Services

Department: Finance

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CAPTION

**PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE
WASTEWATER BILLING LIMITED PURPOSE AUDIT**

Presenter

Sharon McCoy-Huber; Al Astran; Thompson, Williams, Biediger, Kastor & Young, LC; and Malcolm Pirnie

Estimated Presentation Time: 30 minutes

In October 2007, it was discovered that the Bexar Met Water System had been billing the San Antonio River Authority (River Authority) wastewater customers at the SAWS rate and processing the funds to SAWS. After research by SAWS, Bexar Met and the River Authority, approximately \$150,000 was forwarded to the River Authority from SAWS for reimbursement of funds received from Bexar Met.

At that time, the Board and staff concurred on a need for an external review of the purveyors with which the River Authority contracts. While preparing the Request for Proposal, staff saw the additional need for information in a Geographical Information System (GIS) format. On September 30, 2008, the River Authority executed a contract with the team of Thompson, Williams, Biediger, Kastor & Young, LC, and Malcolm Pirnie to conduct professional services regarding billing and collection services for the River Authority's wastewater systems in eastern and north eastern Bexar County.

The consultants have conducted a limited purpose audit of customer billing, an analysis of business practices, and have made recommendations for the future. Additionally, customer locations and mapping of service infrastructure have been refined and extended to all residential and commercial customers in a GIS format for the Salatrillo and Martinez service areas. Staff and the consultants will update the Board on the findings.

Recommendation

Motion to be crafted, if necessary, after discussion of this item.

Discussion

Vote

Date: 04/12/2010

Riparian Mitigation Banking

Submitted By: Claude Harding, Technical Services

Division: Technical Services

Department: Real Estate

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PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING RIPARIAN MITIGATION BANKING IN THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER BASIN

Presenter

Claude Harding, Will Harman with Michael Baker, Jr. Inc.

Estimated Presentation Time: 45 minutes

Staff and consultant Will Harman will present the findings of a study to determine the feasibility for the River Authority to implement a riparian mitigation bank. A riparian mitigation bank is a site or suite of sites within a watershed where resources (e.g. streams, riparian areas) are restored, established, enhanced, and/or preserved for the purpose of providing compensatory mitigation for impacts. In general, a mitigation bank sells compensatory mitigation credits to permittees whose obligation to provide mitigation is then transferred to the mitigation sponsor.

Establishing a riparian mitigation bank is an innovative solution to enhance the San Antonio River Basin, its environment and our community. Funds earned from a bank owned by the River Authority could become a funding source for future stream restoration efforts.

The firm Michael Baker Jr., Inc. was chosen to prepare the feasibility study which is now complete. Will Harman, PG, a geomorphologist with Michael Baker, Jr., will present his firm's findings and provide conclusions and recommendations.

Recommendation

Motion to be crafted, if necessary, after Board discussion.

Discussion

Vote

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Date: 04/12/2010

Adjourn

Submitted By: Lupe Sanchez, Executive
Offices

Division: Executive Offices

Department:

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Presenter

Gaylon J. Oehlke
