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Ron Naumann

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DATE: January 26, 2011

TO: Members of the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group

FROM: Steven J. Raabe, P.E.

The schedule and location of the meeting of the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group is as follows:

MEMBERS

Jason Ammerman

Industries

Dr. Donna Balin

Environmental

Darrell Brownlow

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Vacancy

Water Districts

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Bill West

River Authorities

Robert Puente

Municipalities

Tony Wood

Small Business

TIME AND LOCATION

Thursday, February 3, 2011

10:00 a.m.

San Antonio Water System

Customer Service Building

Room CR 145

2800 US Highway 281 North

San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas 78212

Enclosed is a copy of the posted public meeting notice.


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Enclosure

**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 3, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. 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 Minutes
3. Status of Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program (EARIP)
4. Chair's Report
5. Election of Planning Group Officers and At-Large Executive Committee Members for 2011
6. Replacement of Planning Group Members
7. 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)
8. Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Communications
9. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Authorize Administrator to Provide Public Notice and Submit a Grant Application for Regional Planning Grant Funding to TWDB for the Fourth Cycle of Regional Water Planning
10. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Authorize Administrator to Provide Public Notice and Hold a Public Meeting to Take Input for the Scope of Work for Region L for the Fourth Cycle of Regional Water Planning
11. Discussion and Appropriate Action Authorizing Administrator to Solicit Requests for Proposal for Regional Water Planning Consultant Services
12. Discussion Regarding Proposed Legislation Affecting Groundwater Ownership
13. Possible Agenda Items for the Next South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group Meeting
14. Public Comment

The South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Area consists of Atascosa, Bexar, Caldwell, Calhoun, Comal, Dewitt, Dimmit, Frio, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, La Salle, Medina, Refugio, Uvalde, Victoria, Wilson, Zavala and part of Hays Counties.

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AGENDA ITEM 1

Public Comment

AGENDA ITEM 2

Approval of Minutes

**Minutes of the
South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group
November 5, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. in the San Antonio Water System's (SAWS) Customer Service Building, Room CR 145, 2800 US Highway 281 North, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.

Twenty-one of the 22 voting members, or their alternates, were present.

Voting Members Present:

Tyson Broad for Jason Ammerman
Tim Andruss
Donna Balin
Evelyn Bonavita
Darrell Brownlow
Mike Fields
Bill Jones
John Kight
David Langford
Mike Mahoney
Gary Middleton

Jay Millikin
Con Mims
Ron Naumann
Iliana Peña
Charles Ahrens for Robert Puente
Suzanne Scott
Steve Ramsey
Milton Stoltz
Tom Taggart
Bill West

Voting Members Absent:

Tony Wood

Non-Voting Members Present:

Matt Nelson, Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)
Ken Weidenfeller, Texas Department of Agriculture

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Public Comment

Alan Cockerell, Schertz-Seguin Local Government Council, briefed the Planning Group on a potential new expansion project in the Wilcox formation to develop a brackish desalination project for the next planning cycle.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Approval of Minutes

Chairman Con Mims asked if there were any corrections to be made to the minutes. Evelyn Bonavita asked that a correction be made to Agenda Item No. 7 of the minutes. Mr. Mims asked for a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Ron Naumann made a motion to approve the minutes. Mike Mahoney seconded the motion. The motion carried by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Status of the Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program (EARIP)

Dr. Robert Gulley, EARIP, provided an update on EARIP activities to the Planning Group. An EARIP meeting was held on October 21, 2010 with the objective of coming together as a group to agree on a package of actions for the phased process of the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for EARIP consultants to work with. Dr. Gulley also presented an informational slide regarding estimated costs for certain EARIP activities, as well as a slide reflecting a "bottom up" package for Comal Springflow during the drought of record.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Chair's Report

Mr. Mims informed the Planning Group he would be speaking to the League of Women's Voters on November 6, 2010 and Texas Water Law Institute on December 3, 2010 regarding the 2011 Regional Water Plan (RWP) and will be participating with the Texas River Institute's briefing of Legislative staffers on December 6, 2010. Steve Raabe stated a briefing on the 2011 RWP will be presented to the EARIP in December.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Replacement of Planning Group Member

Mr. Mims informed the Planning Group that one nomination was received for the Industries vacancy on the Planning Group. Mr. Mims introduced Rey Chavez, President/CEO, San Antonio Manufacturer's Association (SAMA), as the nominee. Mr. Mahoney made a motion to approve the nomination of Mr. Chavez for the Industries position. Mr. Naumann seconded the motion. The motion passed by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Discussion and Appropriate Action Authorizing Administrator to Solicit Nominations for Vacant Planning Group Position

Mr. Mims informed the Planning Group he has received two letters of resignation to the Region L Planning Group. The letters were sent by Velma Danielson and Jay Millikin representing Water Districts and Counties, respectively. Mr. Mims also stated he received notice by Garrett Engelking, a Water Districts representative, that he is no longer eligible to represent Water Districts. Mr. Mims asked the Planning Group if they would like to fill all three vacancies at this time. The Planning Group agreed to fill all three positions. Bill West made a motion to approve authorizing the Administrator to solicit nominations for three vacancies on the Planning Group. Mr. Mahoney seconded the motion. The motion carried by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Communications

Matt Nelson, TWDB, stated all regional water plans have been submitted on time to TWDB. TWDB staff will present regional plans to the Board for approval at the October, November and December TWDB Board of Directors meetings. Region L will be in the last group of plans presented in December. The State Water Plan will then be put together for delivery to Legislators in 2012.

Mr. Nelson reminded the Planning Group the current contract will expire effective January 31, 2011. At this time, TWDB does not expect to know how much funds will be available for regional water planning for the next phase until May 2011. In anticipation of assumed amount of funds, TWDB will begin preparing Solicitation for Applications for funds available for the 1st biennium of the 2016 RWP. A new procurement process for Technical Consultants will be

expected. The Planning Group will need to solicit new Technical Consultants for professional services for the 1st phase of the planning process. This action may take place at the Planning Group's discretion. Mr. Raabe asked Mr. Nelson when he estimates completed grant applications will be due to TWDB. Mr. Nelson estimated Request for Proposals to go out to Planning Groups after May 2011 with deadlines for completed grant applications sometime in the summer.

Mr. Nelson also informed the Planning Group that TWDB will release non-population water demand projections, such as mining projections, in March 2011. The draft reports will be available on the TWDB website for viewing and comments. Mr. Nelson will inform the Administrator when reports become available.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding Consultants' Work and Schedule

Brian Perkins, HDR Engineering, briefed the Planning Group on actions taken to finalize the Regional Water Plan. HDR Engineering submitted the final plan to TWDB on schedule. The final plan has also been delivered to all Region L counties, as well as county libraries, in electronic format. The plan is available on the Region L website at www.RegionLTexas.org.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Review/Approve Administrator's 2011 Budget

Erin Newberry, SARA, reviewed the proposed administrator's budget for 2011 with the Planning Group. The budget is operated on a calendar year basis. The Administrator has proposed the budget remain the same as the 2010 budget, \$58,000.00. Administrative costs are funded and agreed upon through an interlocal agreement with several entities involved in the Region L planning process. The current interlocal agreement expires December 31, 2011. A new interlocal agreement will be drafted by the Administrator this year. Mr. West made a motion to approve the budget for 2011 at \$58,000.00. Gary Middleton seconded the motion. The motion passed by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Eagle Ford Shale Oil and Gas Development – Effects on Groundwater – Darrell T. Brownlow, Ph.D.

Darrell Brownlow presented a detailed presentation on groundwater usage related to hydraulic fracturing and the implications on aquifers in South Texas, such as the Carrizo Aquifer. Dr. Brownlow reminded the Planning Group that any opinions in the presentation are strictly his own.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Groundwater/Surface Water Interaction Study, Gain/Loss Study on the Lower San Antonio River Basin and Guadalupe River – Joy Lizarraga, USGS

Joy Lizarraga, USGS, presented the Groundwater/Surface Water Interaction Study, Gain/Loss Study on the Lower San Antonio River Basin and Guadalupe River, being conducted by USGS and funded by several entities involved in the Region L water planning process.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Possible Agenda Items for the Next South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group

Mr. Mims proposed the following agenda item for the February 3, 2011 meeting:

- Replacement of Planning Group Members
- Election of Officers
- EARIP Update
- Status of SB3, Environmental Flows Process
- Authorize Administrator to Begin Process to Solicit for Consultants for First Phase of 2016 RWP

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: Public Comment

Donna Balin thanked Commissioner Millikin for his contribution to Region L and the planning process.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by consensus at 12:22 p.m.

Recommended for approval.

GARY MIDDLETON, SECRETARY

Approved by the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group at a meeting held on February 3, 2011.

CON MIMS, CHAIR

AGENDA ITEM 3

STATUS OF EDWARDS AQUIFER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM (EARIP)

AGENDA ITEM 4

Chair's Report

AGENDA ITEM 5

Election of Planning Group Officers and At-Large Executive Committee
Members for 2011

SCTRWPG MEMBERS'
TERM OF OFFICE
(As of January 24, 2011)

Member Name	Term	Interest	Term Expires
Members of the Executive Committee			
Con Mims - Chair	5 yrs.	River Authorities	2011
Mike Mahoney – Vice-Chair	5 yrs.	Water Districts	2011
Gary Middleton – Secretary	5 yrs.	Municipalities	2011
Evelyn Bonavita	5 yrs.	Public	2013
Ron Naumann	5 yrs.	Water Utilities	2013
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Iliana Pena	5 yrs.	Environmental	2011
Donna Balin	5 yrs.	Environmental	2011
VACANT	5 yrs.	Counties	2013
John Kight	5 yrs.	Counties	2011
Robert Puente	5 yrs.	Municipalities	2011
Tom Taggart	5 yrs.	Municipalities	2011
Jason Ammerman	5 yrs.	Industries	2013
Rey Chavez	5 yrs.	Industries	2011
David Langford	5yrs	Agricultural	2011
Milton Stolte	5 yrs.	Agricultural	2011
Bill Jones	5 yrs.	Agricultural	2013
Tony Wood	5 yrs.	Small Business	2013
Darrell Brownlow	5 yrs.	Small Business	2013
Mike Fields	5 yrs.	Elec. Generating Utilities	2011
Bill West	5 yrs.	River Authorities	2011
Suzanne Scott	5 yrs.	River Authorities	2013
VACANT	5 yrs.	Water Districts	2013
Tim Andruss	5 yrs.	Water Districts	2013
VACANT	5 yrs.	Water Districts	2013
Steve Ramsey	5 yrs.	Water Utilities	2013

AGENDA ITEM 6

Replacement of Planning Group Members

SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP

Nomination for Interest Group (check one):

- ☐ Agriculture, ☒ Counties, ☐ Electric Generating Utilities,
☐ Environmental, ☐ Industries, ☐ Municipalities, ☐ River Authority, ☐ Water Districts

NOMINATOR

NAME: DONALD R. POZZI
ADDRESS: 101 N. BRIDGE, ROOM 102, VICTORIA, TEXAS 77901
PHONE: 361/575-4558 FAX: 361/573-7585 EMAIL: dpozzi@vctx.org
OCCUPATION: VICTORIA COUNTY JUDGE

NOMINEE

NAME: KEVIN M. JANAK
ADDRESS: 5015 FM 1685 VICTORIA, TEXAS 77905
PHONE: 361/576-5647 FAX: 361/573-7585 EMAIL: kjanak@vctx.org
INTEREST AREA: COUNTIES
COUNTY: VICTORIA
OCCUPATION: COUNTY COMMISSIONER

PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE NOMINEE'S EXPERIENCE THAT WOULD QUALIFY HIM/HER FOR THE POSITION: KEVIN JANAK IS A NATIVE VICTORIA RESIDENT WHO OWNS PROPERTY ON THE GUADALUPE RIVER. HE HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN WATER ISSUES AND IS PRESENTLY A VOTING ALTERNATE FOR THE ELECTRIC GENERATING UTILITIES AND AGRICULTURE. HE HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN ELECTRIC GENERATING UTILITIES FOR 28 YEARS, 5 OF THOSE IN A LEADERSHIP ROLE.
PLEASE LIST ANY PERTINENT AFFILIATIONS: KEVIN ALSO HAS VAST EXPERIENCE IN RANCHING.

DATE SUBMITTED: 12/15/2010

PLEASE ATTACH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IF DESIRED

Nominations must be received by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 28, 2010 addressed to Con Mims, Chair, South Central Texas RWPG, c/o San Antonio River Authority, Attn: Erin Newberry, P.O. 839980, San Antonio, Texas 78283-9980: Faxed to (210) 302-3692 or email to enewberry@sara-tx.org



COUNTY OF VICTORIA

Donald R. Pozzi
County Judge

December 15, 2010

Kenny Spann
Commissioner, Pct. 1

Kevin M. Janak
Commissioner, Pct. 2

Gary Burns
Commissioner, Pct. 3

Wayne D. Dierlam
Commissioner, Pct. 4

Mr. Con Mims, Chair
South Central Texas RWPG
c/o San Antonio River Authority
Attn: Erin Newberry
P.O. Box 839980
San Antonio, Texas 78283-9980

Dear Mr. Mims:

I am writing to give my support for the appointment of Kevin M. Janak, Commissioner Precinct #2, Victoria County to the South central Texas Regional Water Planning Group.

Kevin has been very involved in water issues since his election to Commissioners' Court. I feel he would be an asset to represent the vacant county position.

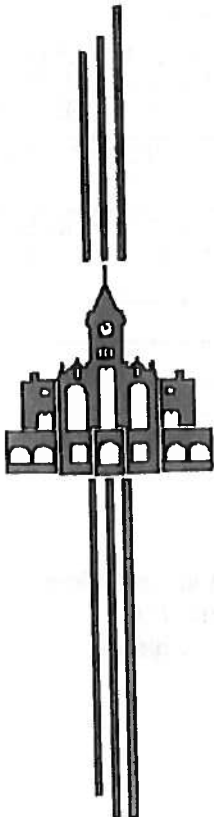
I would appreciate consideration of Kevin M. Janak for this appointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Donald R. Pozzi", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Donald R. Pozzi
Victoria County Judge

DRP/kp



SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP

Nomination for Interest Group (check one):

- ☐ Agriculture, ☐ Counties, ☐ Electric Generating Utilities,
☐ Environmental, ☐ Industries, ☐ Municipalities, ☐ River Authority, ☒ Water Districts

NOMINATOR

NAME: Commissioners Court of Guadalupe County

ADDRESS: 211 West Court, Justice Center, Seguin, TX 78155

PHONE: (830) 303-8857 **FAX:** (830) 303-4064 **EMAIL:** frances.randall@co.guadalupe.tx.us

OCCUPATION Governmental Entity

NOMINEE

NAME: Mike Wiggins

ADDRESS: 211 West Court, Justice Center, Seguin, TX 78155

PHONE: (830) 303-4188x312 **FAX:** (830) 303-0250 **EMAIL:** DLuehlfig@co.guadalupe.tx.us

INTEREST AREA: Region L

COUNTY: Guadalupe

OCCUPATION: _____

PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE NOMINEE'S EXPERIENCE THAT WOULD QUALIFY HIM/HER FOR THE POSITION:

See Attached.

PLEASE LIST ANY PERTINENT AFFILIATIONS:

See Attached.

DATE SUBMITTED: 12/09/10

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NO. 12072010-6E

COUNTY OF GUADALUPE

COMMISSIONERS COURT

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MIKE WIGGINS
TO FILL A VACANCY POSITION ON THE
SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP (REGION L)**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Guadalupe County would like to nominate Mike Wiggins for the Vacant County Position on the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (Region L); and

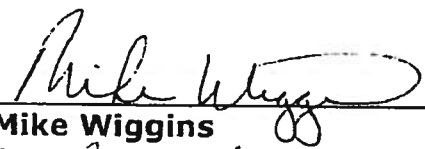
WHEREAS, the Guadalupe County Commissioner's Court recognizes that Judge Wiggins has the qualifications to fill the vacant position and is willing to take the position.

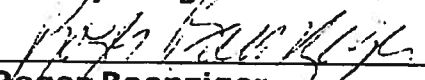
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commissioners Court of Guadalupe County that Judge Mike Wiggins be considered for the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group County Representative.


Section 1: The above recited facts are true and correct and adopted herein for all purposes.

Section 2: A true and correct copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to appropriate officials of the Region L/South Central Regional Water Planning Group.

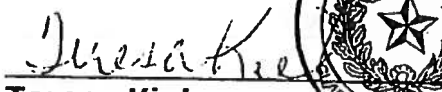
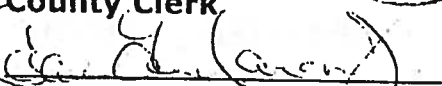
PASSED AND APPROVED on the **7th** day of **DECEMBER 2010**.

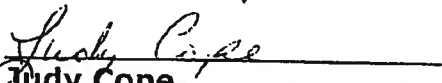

Mike Wiggins
County Judge


Roger Baenziger
Commissioner, Pct. 1


Jim Wolverton
Commissioner, Pct. 3

ATTEST:


Teresa Kiel
County Clerk

Cesareo Guadarrama, III
Commissioner, Pct. 2


Judy Cope
Commissioner, Pct. 4



South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group
Nomination Form
(County Representative)

Nominator's Name: Mike Wiggins
Address: 211 W. Court Street, Seguin, TX 78155
Phone: (830) 303-4188 ext. 312
Fax: (830) 303-0250
Occupation: County Judge

Name of nominee (if different from above): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email(not required): DoreenL@co.guadalupe.tx.us

Interest Area: Water District

County: Guadalupe

Occupation: County Judge

Please give a brief description of the nominee's experience that would qualify him/her for the position:

See Attached

Please list any pertinent affiliations:

See Attached

Please attach additional information if desired.

County Judge



**Judge Mike Wiggins
211 West Court Street
Seguin, Texas 78155
830.303.8857, press 5
FAX (830) 303-4064**

About Judge Wiggins

Mike Wiggins was elected Guadalupe County Judge after winning the Republican Primary Runoff on April 11, 2006. He was sworn into office on January 1, 2007, becoming the 31st Guadalupe County Judge. And, he is a native Texan!

A retired Texas DPS Sergeant, Wiggins has served his State for thirty years; the last fourteen years were served here in Guadalupe County where he was responsible for the DPS operations, he received extensive budget experience with the Texas State Legislature and was responsible for the local emergency management operations. He received his Police Administration Diploma from Northwestern University, and continuing coursework from St. Edwards University and Lamar University.

Active in many civic organizations, he was a founding board member of the Seguin Outdoor Learning Center and the Guadalupe County Children's Lodge; he has served as president of the DPS Officers Association; past president of the Seguin Little League Board; an active board member of Buck Fever, Committee Chairman of Bass Fever; a booster member of Seguin Sports; an active member of the Seguin Area Chamber of Commerce and the Seguin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

In his campaign for County Judge, Wiggins pledged to provide a new level of leadership, guidance and direction of the County, to advocate for emergency services, seek federal funding, and continue to support and preserve the ranching and agricultural heritage of Guadalupe County.

South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group

The South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (SCTRWPG), is one of the 16 regional water planning groups established by the TWDB to develop a regional water plan as required by Senate Bill 1, 75th Legislative Session.

These regional plans provide for many things including local water conservation and preparation for drought while ensuring the health of the public, economy and natural resources.

Water Planning

In addition to developing a plan, the Group is required to establish policies, make decisions, and consider interest groups in the development of the regional water plan.

The development of a regional water plan includes studies, decisions, and recommendations regarding the water supply needs, potential water supply options and strategies throughout the area. Recognizing the importance of public participation, the SCTRWPG has established a public participation process to achieve stakeholder acceptance of the regional water plan.

The South Central Texas study area also known as Region L, encompasses twenty and one-half (20 1/2) counties with a total 2000 population of 1,695,584 (2000 US Census Data).

History

On February 19, 1998, the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) adopted rules for state and regional water planning and grant assistance, designating 16 regional water planning areas to implement state and regional water planning aspects of SB1. The overall goal of SB1 was to "develop regional and state water plans that will provide for the orderly development, management, and conservation of water resources, and preparation for and response to drought conditions in order that sufficient water will be available at a reasonable cost to ensure public health, safety, and welfare further economic development, and protect the agricultural and natural resources of the planning area."

Planning Process

Regional water planning is a "bottom up" process designed to ensure that the water needs of all Texans are met. These plans map out how to:

- Conserve water supplies
- Meet future water supply needs
- Respond to future droughts in the planning areas

Planning group members represent interests and prepare a region-specific water plan. The public at large are also invited to provide comments on the draft regional plans.

In accordance with SB 1, regional water plans are approved by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and incorporated into a comprehensive state water plan. Water plans are updated every five years. The current 2006-2011 regional planning cycle is underway.

Responsibilities

Each RWPG is responsible for preparing and adopting a regional water plan for its area. Most RWPGs have hired consultants to assist with developing the engineering, socioeconomic, hydrological, environmental, legal and institutional components of the regional water plans. RWPGs must:

- Provide a process for public input in the planning process
- Hold public meetings
- Furnish a draft report of the plan for public review and comment

SB 1 requires that each regional water plan address the needs of all water users and suppliers, except certain political subdivisions that decide not to participate.

Why does this matter?

Texas' vulnerability to drought and to the limits of existing water supplies are increasing as populations grow. The state's population is expected to increase from its current level of about 19 million to more than 36 million people by the year 2050.

TWDB financial assistance may be provided only to water supply projects that meet needs in a manner that is consistent with the approved regional water plans. In addition, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission may not issue a water right for municipal purposes unless it is consistent with an approved regional water plan.

Who Oversees the Regional Water Planning Process?

TWDB is the lead state agency for coordinating the regional water planning process and developing a comprehensive state water plan. To accomplish these tasks, the TWDB developed planning guidelines, designated planning areas and appointed the original planning group members for the 16 regions.

Each planning area functions on its own with continuous guidance from the TWDB. New planning group members are voted in by existing members.

When was this process established?

In June 1997, Governor George W. Bush signed into law Senate Bill 1, comprehensive water legislation enacted by the 75th Texas Legislature. This legislation created the regional water planning process.

SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP

Nomination for Interest Group (check one):

- ☐ Agriculture, ☒ Counties, ☐ Electric Generating Utilities,
☐ Environmental, ☐ Industries, ☐ Municipalities, ☐ River Authority, ☐ Water Districts

NOMINATOR

NAME: Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority

ADDRESS: 933 East Court, Seguin, Texas 78155

PHONE: 830-379-5822 **FAX:** 830-379-1766 **EMAIL:** bwest@gbra.org

OCCUPATION Board of Directors

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OCCUPATION: County Judge

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SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP (REGION L)**

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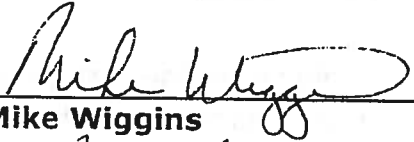
WHEREAS, the Guadalupe County Commissioner's Court recognizes that Judge Wiggins has the qualifications to fill the vacant position and is willing to take the position.


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commissioners Court of Guadalupe County that Judge Mike Wiggins be considered for the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group County Representative.

Section 1: The above recited facts are true and correct and adopted herein for all purposes.

Section 2: A true and correct copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to appropriate officials of the Region L/South Central Regional Water Planning Group.

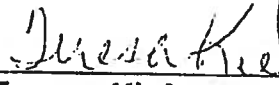

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 7th day of **DECEMBER 2010**.


Mike Wiggins
County Judge


Roger Baenziger
Commissioner, Pct. 1


Jim Wolverton
Commissioner, Pct. 3

ATTEST:


Teresa Kiel
County Clerk

Cesareo Guadarrama, III
Commissioner, Pct. 2


Judy Cope
Commissioner, Pct. 4



SPRINGS HILL WATER

P.W.S. ID. NO. 0940022

December 17, 2010

Con Mims, Chairman
South Central Texas RWPG
San Antonio River Authority
PO 839980
San Antonio, Texas 78283-9980

Dear Con:

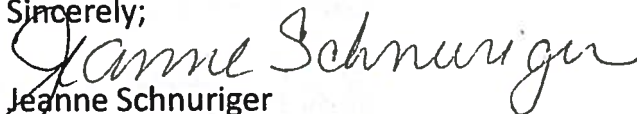
By now you should have received a resolution from the Guadalupe County Commissioner's Court. It was dated December 7, 2010 and a copy has been attached to this letter of recommendation.

I have not known Mike Wiggins for a long time but I have watched him through the press and while attending the Commissioner's court meetings. He has proven to be a man of character and wisdom. He tends to review carefully the facts and base his decisions on the analysis performed. He is open to new ideas and appears to be a quick learner.

He does not have a background in water but has time to learn over the next five years. A fresh set of ears and eyes might bring new ideas to the table.

Guadalupe County sits in between most of the water coming from the East going to San Antonio and we would like to have another interested party to do what is best for the entire area.

Sincerely;



Jeanne Schnuriger

General Manager SHWSC

Cc: Mike Wiggins

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STATE OF TEXAS

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NO. 12072010-6E

COUNTY OF GUADALUPE

COMMISSIONERS COURT

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MIKE WIGGINS
TO FILL A VACANCY POSITION ON THE
SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP (REGION L)**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Guadalupe County would like to nominate Mike Wiggins for the Vacant County Position on the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (Region L); and

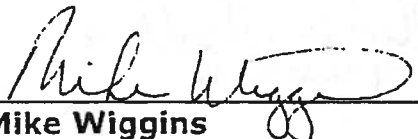
WHEREAS, the Guadalupe County Commissioner's Court recognizes that Judge Wiggins has the qualifications to fill the vacant position and is willing to take the position.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commissioners Court of Guadalupe County that Judge Mike Wiggins be considered for the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group County Representative.

Section 1: The above recited facts are true and correct and adopted herein for all purposes.

Section 2: A true and correct copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to appropriate officials of the Region L/South Central Regional Water Planning Group.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the **7th** day of **DECEMBER 2010**.



Mike Wiggins
County Judge


Roger Baenziger
Commissioner, Pct. 1


Jim Wolverton
Commissioner, Pct. 3

ATTEST:


Teresa Kiel
County Clerk


Cesareo Guadarrama, III
Commissioner, Pct. 2


Judy Cope
Commissioner, Pct. 4



**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SEGUIN DECLARING ITS SUPPORT FOR
MIKE WIGGINS AS A REPRESENTATIVE ON THE REGION L WATER
PLANNING GROUP**

WHEREAS, the Region L Water Planning Group is responsible for preparing and updating the regional water plan in accordance with state law, and the Water Planning Group consists of individuals representing affected interests; and

WHEREAS, the Seguin City Council has been notified of the existence of a vacant County position on the Region L Planning Group; and

WHEREAS, the Seguin City Council has been informed that Mike Wiggins, Guadalupe County Judge, is willing to serve on the Region L Water Planning Group to represent the interests of Guadalupe County; and

WHEREAS, the Seguin City Council declares that the unique interests of the City of Seguin and Guadalupe County in the acquisition, delivery, and future planning for surface and ground water supplies serve a critical public purpose; and because water issues have become increasingly complex and important the nomination of a well qualified candidate is of particular interest; and

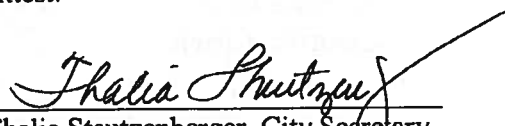
WHEREAS, the Seguin City Council finds that Mike Wiggins is well qualified and his nomination is in the best interests of the citizens of Guadalupe County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the **CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEGUIN** support Mike Wiggins to fill a vacancy position on the South Central Texas Region L Water Planning Group.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 21st day of December, 2010.


Betty Ann Matthies, Mayor

Attest:


Thalia Stautzenberger, City Secretary

December 28, 2010

Bernie Mueller
1011 Timmermann Road
Seguin, Texas 78155

Con Mims, Chairman
South Central Regional Water Planning Group
C/O San Antonio River Authority
Attention: Erin Newberry
PO 839980
San Antonio, Texas 78283-9980

Dear Mr. Mims

My name is Bernie Mueller. I am a board member of Spring Hill Water Supply Corporation. We serve over 6,000 customers in the Guadalupe County area. Water is a major issue in my area, as I am sure it is in most of the rest of the State.

I would like to recommend Judge Mike Wiggin to be placed on the Region L Board for the 2011 – 2016 term as a county representative. He was nominated by the Guadalupe County Commissioners Court on December 7, 2010. It is my understanding he now must be approved by the entire Region L Board.

I have known Judge Mike Wiggins for a number of years and have always known him to be fair and honest. I encourage SCTRWPG to select him to represent the interests of County Officials when you meet on February 3, 2011.

Any comments or question you may have of me would be welcomed.

Sincerely,



Bernie Mueller
830-556-4748 Cell phone



Crystal Clear Water Supply Corp

2370 FM 1979

SAN MARCOS TEXAS 78666

(830) 372-1031

January 5, 2011

Con Mims, Chairman
South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group
C/O San Antonio River Authority
PO Box 839980
San Antonio, TX 78283-9980

Dear Mr. Mims,

I am writing in support of the appointment of Judge Mike Wiggins to be the county representative on the board of the South Central Regional Texas Water Planning Group.

While I do not know Judge Wiggins personally, I have observed his activities through the press and from attending the Commissioner's court meetings and have been impressed with his fairness, balance and honesty. He comes highly recommended by all who do know him personally.

While Judge Wiggins does not have an extensive background in water, he appreciates the key role that water plays in the future development of our area and understands the importance the board has in shaping that future. He has an open and inquiring mind, and could be a real asset to the board by bringing a new perspective to it.

I encourage SCTRWPG to select Mike Wiggins to represent the interests of County Officials when you meet on February 3, 2011.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Speed". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" and last name "Speed" clearly distinguishable.

Mark Speed
General Manager, Crystal Clear Water Supply Corporation
(830) 743-3463 cell

RESOLUTION No. 2011-RD1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS, DECLARING ITS SUPPORT FOR GUADALUPE COUNTY JUDGE MIKE WIGGINS AS A REPRESENTATIVE ON THE SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS (REGION L) REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP

WHEREAS, the South Central Texas (Region L) Regional Water Planning Group is responsible for preparing and updating a regional water plan in accordance with state law, and the Region L Water Planning Group consists of individuals representing affected water interests; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Braunfels is aware of the existence of a vacant county position on the Region L Planning Group; and

WHEREAS, this vacancy is the position previously occupied by former Comal County Commissioner Jay Millikin; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Braunfels has been informed that Mike Wiggins, Guadalupe County Judge, is willing to serve on the Region L Water Planning Group as a county representative; and

WHEREAS, portions the corporate limits of the City of New Braunfels lie within the Guadalupe County; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Braunfels has interests in the protection of spring flows and in the proper management and planning for surface and ground water supplies and for water conservation and reuse, and because water issues have become increasingly complex and important, the nomination of a well qualified candidate is of upmost importance; and

WHEREAS, Guadalupe County Judge Mike Wiggins is well qualified and his nomination and service on the Region L Water Planning Group is in the best interest of the citizens of New Braunfels.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS TEXAS declares its support for Guadalupe County Judge Mike Wiggins as a representative on the South Central Texas (Region L) Regional Water Planning Group;

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED on this the 10th day of January, 2011.

City of New Braunfels, Texas



R. BRUCE BOYER, Mayor



Attest:



ANN SMITH, Interim City Secretary

January 12, 2011

Con Mims, Chair
South Central Texas RWPG
c/o San Antonio River Authority
Attn: Erin Newberry
P.O. Box 839980
San Antonio, Texas 78283-9980

Dear Con,

Our Board formally acted at our last Board meeting to show support to certain applicants currently applying for Water Districts and Counties to the Regional Planning Group. As you are aware Canyon Regional is a wholesale utility representing a large retail base in the San Antonio and Austin corridor. We feel that our recommendations represent a balance of representation on the Regional Planning group between the Regions in the planning area.

We would like to recommend Mr. Karl Dreher nominated by the Edwards Aquifer Authority, Mr. Greg Sengemann nominated by the Gonzales County Underground Water District and Mr. Mike Wiggins nominated by Guadalupe County.

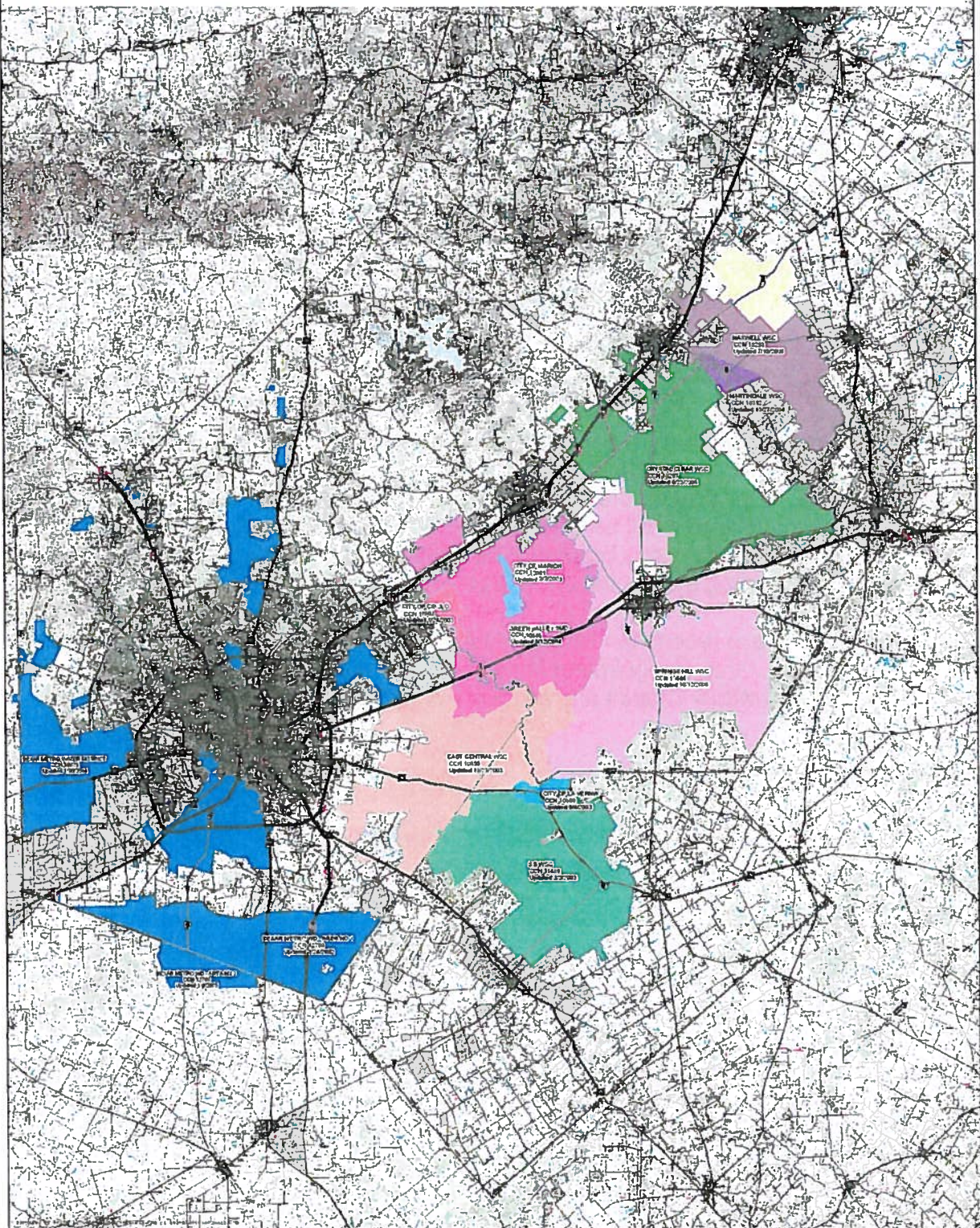
Yours truly,



David J. Davenport
General Manager



Canyon Regional Water Authority



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1 inch equals 20,000 feet
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| CITY OF CIBOLA | GREEN VALLEY SUD |
| CITY OF LA VERNIA | MARTINDALE WSC |
| CITY OF MARION | MAXWELL WSC |
| COUNTY LINE WSC | S S WSC |
| CRYSTAL CLEAR WSC | SPRINGS HILL WSC |
| | County Boundary |

SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP

Nomination for Interest Group (check one):

- ☐ Agriculture, ☒ Counties, ☐ Electric Generating Utilities,
☐ Environmental, ☐ Industries, ☐ Municipalities, ☐ River Authority, ☐ Water Districts

NOMINATOR

NAME: Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority
ADDRESS: 933 East Court, Seguin, Texas 78155
PHONE: 830-379-5822 FAX: 830-379-1766 EMAIL: bwest@gbra.org
OCCUPATION Board of Directors

NOMINEE

NAME: Will Conley
ADDRESS: 14306 Ranch Road 12, Suite 11
PHONE: 512-847-3159 FAX: 512-847-7352 EMAIL: will.conley@co.hays.tx.us
INTEREST AREA: Counties
COUNTY: Hays
OCCUPATION: Hays County Commissionert

PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE NOMINEE'S EXPERIENCE THAT WOULD QUALIFY HIM/HER FOR THE POSITION:

See attached resume.

PLEASE LIST ANY PERTINENT AFFILIATIONS:

See attached resume.

DATE SUBMITTED: December 15, 2010

PLEASE ATTACH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IF DESIRED

Nominations must be received by **5:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 28, 2010** addressed to Con Mims, Chair, South Central Texas RWPG, c/o San Antonio River Authority, Attn: Erin Newberry, P.O. 839980, San Antonio, Texas 78283-9980: Faxed to (210) 302-3692 or email to enewberry@sara-tx.org

Will Conley
14306 Ranch Road 12, Suite 11
Wimberley, Texas
will.conley@co.hays.tx.us and jennifer.anderson@co.hays.tx.us
Phone: (512) 847-3159 Fax: (512) 847-7352

Will Conley was elected Hays County Commissioner in 2004, serving the residents of greater San Marcos and the Wimberley Valley. Since his election, Commissioner Conley gained a reputation for achieving forward-thinking solutions for Hays County. As one of the fastest growing counties in the nation, Commissioner Conley pursued a bold agenda to improve Hays County roads and public safety, enhance parks and conservation efforts, streamline county government, and develop a long-term plan for future growth.

As chairman of the Capitol Area Regional Transportation Planning Organization, Commissioner Conley represents Hays County's interests on a regional level, working for long-term solutions to Central Texas' growing transportation needs. In the past four years, Commissioner Conley's ambitious work in Hays County made historic safety improvements to local roadways, constructed new bypasses and overpasses, and established transportation plans to prevent future traffic congestion. Commissioner Conley is also a board member of the Lone Star Rail District and Capitol Area Council of Governments, working to make Hays County an integral part of Central Texas' exciting future.

Commissioner Conley has been a leader on protecting Hays County's water and natural resources. Commissioner Conley met with lawmakers and federal officials in Washington D.C., securing over \$750,000 in federal grants to create the Hays County Habitat Conservation Plan. In addition, Commissioner Conley secured \$3 million to create the Jacob's Well Land Trust to preserve and protect the Wimberley Valley's treasured water source. Commissioner Conley also allocated \$2 million to develop the Blue Hole Regional Park and was instrumental in the joint effort with the City of San Marcos and Texas State University to preserve Spring Lake/Aquarena Springs in the heart of the city.

In addition, Commissioner Conley fought for a much-needed pay raise for Hays County

law enforcement officers and sponsored the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program to give officers the safety equipment they deserve. By eliminating wasteful spending and securing millions of dollars in outside grants, Commissioner Conley has been able to provide better services to Hays County residents while lessening the tax burden on homeowners.

In fact, Commissioner Conley has never voted to raise tax rates and fought to double the homestead exemption for senior citizens and create an exemption for disabled citizens. Commissioner Conley is currently working on increasing the homestead exemption for all Hays County homeowners.

By improving Hays County roads and public safety, protecting water quality, enhancing area parkland, making long-term plans for growth, and providing tax relief to homeowners, Commissioner Conley is protecting Hays County's quality of life for the long-term. This vision for the future is making Hays County a shining star in Central Texas.

A local small businessman, Commissioner Conley is president of Conley Enterprises, an auto services company in San Marcos, Texas. Conley's business has long been recognized for its partnership with local charities and award-winning environmental leadership.

Conley is a graduate of Texas State University in San Marcos. He and his wife, Erin, reside in Wimberley, Texas, and are the proud parents of their daughter Eve.

Boards/Activities: Texas State Rivers Center Master Planning Committee Member, Hays County Food Bank Board Member, Hays County Financial Committee Member, CARTPO (Capital Area Regional Transportation Planning Organization) Chairman, CAPCOG (Capital Area Council of Governments) Executive Board Member, CAMPO (Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization) Executive Board, Master Planning Committee Blue Hole Park in Wimberley, Main Street Board- San Marcos, San Marcos Chamber of Commerce, San Marcos Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Wimberley Chamber of Commerce, Wimberley Lions Club, CASA Honorary Member, Crime Stoppers Board of Directors, Rotary Club, Ducks Unlimited, Texas State University Alumni Association, National Federation of Independent Business, National Rifle

SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP

Nomination for Interest Group (check one):

☐ Agriculture, ☐ Counties, ☐ Electric Generating Utilities,
☐ Environmental, ☐ Industries, ☐ Municipalities, ☐ River Authority, ☒ Water Districts

NOMINATOR

NAME: Luana Buckner, Chair

ADDRESS: 1615 N. St. Mary's, San Antonio, TX 78215

PHONE: 830.741.3162

FAX: 830 741.3540

EMAIL: h2olu@sbcglobal.net

OCCUPATION: Groundwater Management and Conservation

NOMINEE

NAME: Karl J. Dreher

ADDRESS: 1615 N. St. Mary's, San Antonio, TX 78215

PHONE: 210.222.2204

FAX: 210.222.9748

EMAIL: kdreher@edwardsaquifer.org

INTEREST AREA: Water supply/management; issues that affect groundwater; conjunctive use; Endangered Species Act

COUNTY: All of Bexar, Medina & Uvalde and portions of Atascosa, Comal, Guadalupe, Hays counties

OCCUPATION: Water resource management and conservation

PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE NOMINEE'S EXPERIENCE THAT WOULD QUALIFY HIM/HER FOR THE POSITION:

30 + years in water resource management issues in several states, General Manager of the Edwards Aquifer Authority, experience in resolving complicated water disputes involving several parties

PLEASE LIST ANY PERTINENT AFFILIATIONS:

TWCA, Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts, Western States Water Council, American Society of Civil Engineers

U S Society on Dams and American Society of Water Resource Engineers

DATE SUBMITTED: November 18, 2010

PLEASE ATTACH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IF DESIRED

Nominations must be received by **5:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 28, 2010** addressed to Con Mims, Chair, South Central Texas RWPG, c/o San Antonio River Authority, Attn: Erin Newberry, P.O. 839980, San Antonio, Texas 78283-9980: Faxed to (210) 302-3692 or email to enewberry@sara-tx.org



EDWARDS AQUIFER
A U T H O R I T Y

Karl J. Dreher, General Manager

Karl J. Dreher was appointed general manager of the Edwards Aquifer Authority in March 2010. As general manager, Dreher leads the Authority in carrying out its mission of managing, enhancing and protecting south-central Texas' primary water resource, the Edwards Aquifer.

Dreher, a licensed professional engineer and a former director of Water Resources for the State of Idaho, has more than 30 years experience in water resources management. Prior to his service with the State of Idaho, Dreher served as the head of Engineering Services for the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District. Immediately prior to assuming the Authority's general manager position, he served as the managing member of Dreher Consulting, LLC., an independent consulting firm specializing in environmental and water resources management issues. As an independent consultant, Dreher arbitrated a series of disputes between the states of Colorado, Kansas, and Nebraska arising from groundwater used in the Republican River Basin.



**Executive Committee
Meeting Report
December 6, 2010**

Executive Committee members present at this meeting were Luana Buckner, Susan Hughes, Jerry James, Mark Taylor, and Enrique Valdivia. Chairman Buckner called the meeting to order at 12:19 p.m.

1. Public Comment.

There were no citizens who requested to address the committee.

2. Receive report from the General Manager concerning recent activities.

- **Recent Activities/Events (reports on conferences attended, meetings held, etc.)**
- **Upcoming Activities/Events (conferences, meetings, etc.)**
- **Operational Announcements (schedule changes, program updates, etc.)**
- **Aquifer Conditions**

(Related to Item E on the December 14, 2010, Regular Board Meeting Agenda).

Mr. Karl Dreher, General Manager, briefed the committee regarding the following:

- Attended a meeting with Chairman Buckner and Representative Ritter and Representative Calagari in response to the Farm Bill legislation.
- Spoke at the local chapter of the Waterworks Association regarding groundwater and lessons learned.
- The next EARIP meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 9, 2010.
- The aquifer is stable and not dropping yet.

3. Consider and take action on recommendation from Authority staff to approve the 2010 status report on the Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program (EARIP) and authorize the General Manager to submit the report to the governor, lieutenant governor and speaker of the Texas House of Representatives as required by the Edwards Aquifer Authority Act. (Related to Item V on the December 14, 2010, Regular Board Meeting Agenda).

Dr. Robert Gulley, Program Manager - EARIP, briefed the committee on the possible management structure for HCP implementation.

Mr. Rick Illgner, Governmental Affairs Officer, briefed the committee on the EARIP report.

Vice-Chairman Hughes moved, and Treasurer Taylor seconded, the Executive Committee recommend the board approve the Authority's 2010 status report on the Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program (RIP) as presented, and authorize the General Manager to submit the report to the governor, lieutenant governor and speaker of the Texas House of

Representatives as required by the Edwards Aquifer Authority Act. The motion passed *viva voce*.

4. **Consider and take action on Authority staff recommendation to nominate Edwards Aquifer Authority General Manager Karl J. Dreher to fill an unexpired term as a Water Districts representative on the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (Region L). (Related to Item O on the December 14, 2010, Regular Board Meeting Agenda).**

Treasurer Taylor moved, and Vice-Chairman Hughes seconded, the Executive Committee recommend the board nominate Edwards Aquifer Authority General Manager Karl J. Dreher to fill an unexpired term as a Water Districts representative on the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (Region L). The motion passed *viva voce*.

5. **Consider and take action on Authority staff recommendation to approve payment to Kemp Smith for legal services for October 2010. (Related to Item P on the December 14, 2010, Regular Board Meeting Agenda).**

Vice-Chairman Hughes moved, and Secretary Valdivia seconded, the Executive Committee recommend the board approve payment to Kemp Smith in the amount of \$80,946.96 for legal services for October 2010. The motion passed *viva voce*.

6. **Consider and take action on Authority staff recommendation to approve contract No. 10-496-CEA between the Edwards Aquifer Authority and Albert Ramirez Jr. for representation and portrayal of the Authority's Doc Edwards™ fictional character in an amount not to exceed \$35,300 for the period January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2011, with the option to renew the agreement for three additional one-year periods. (Related to Item Q on the December 14, 2010, Regular Board Meeting Agenda).**

Treasurer Taylor moved, and Secretary Valdivia seconded, the Executive Committee recommend the board approve contract N0. 10-496-CEA between the Edwards Aquifer Authority and Albert Ramirez Jr. for representation and portrayal of the Authority's Doc Edwards™ fictional character in an amount not to exceed \$35,300 for the period January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2011, with the option to renew the agreement for three additional one-year periods. The motion passed *viva voce*.

7. **Consider and take action on Authority staff recommendation to approve a one-year renewal of contract 09-411-CEA between the Edwards Aquifer Authority and You Name It Specialties for the purchase of certain Authority promotional items in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for the period January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2011, and authorize the General Manager to execute the contract. (Related to Item R on the December 14, 2010, Regular Board Meeting Agenda).**

Vice-Chairman Hughes moved, and Secretary Valdivia seconded, the Executive Committee recommend the board approve a one-year renewal of contract 09-411-CEA between the Edwards Aquifer Authority and You Name It Specialties for the purchase of certain Authority promotional items in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for the period January

1, 2011, through December 31, 2011, and authorize the General Manager to execute the contract. The motion passed *viva voce*.

8. **Receive report from Authority staff and take possible action to approve a concept memorandum for possible changes to Edwards Aquifer Authority regulations relating to exempt wells and the criteria used for exempt well determinations, and authorize staff and general counsel to prepare proposed rules accordingly. (Related to Item X on the December 14, 2010, Regular Board Meeting Agenda).**

Mr. Dreher briefed the committee on the concept memorandum.

9. **Receive report from Authority staff regarding proposed rules amending the following chapter of the EDWARDS AQUIFER AUTHORITY RULES as they relate to a capped well inspection fee option:**

- **ch. 713 (Water Quality), Subchapter D (Well Closures)**

(Related to Item W on the December 14, 2010, Regular Board Meeting Agenda).

Mr. Marc Friberg, Public Policy Officer, briefed the committee on the proposed amendments.

10. **Receive report from Authority staff and consider possible action to approve concepts for the Authority's legislative program for the 82nd session of the Texas Legislature. (Related to Item Y on the December 14, 2010, Regular Board Meeting Agenda).**

The committee discussed this item in closed session.

11. **Closed Session.**

Chairman Buckner closed the meeting to the public at 1:13 p.m.

Chairman Buckner reopened the meeting to the public at 1:41 p.m.

12. **Consider recommendation regarding matters deliberated in closed session.**

Vice-Chairman Hughes moved, and Secretary Valdivia seconded, to direct General Counsel to develop a draft concept memorandum for concepts for the Authority's legislative program. The motion passed *viva voce*.

13. **Consider and take action on Authority staff recommendation to approve the agenda for the December 14, 2010, regular meeting of the Edwards Aquifer Authority Board of Directors.**

Vice-Chairman Hughes moved, and Secretary Valdivia seconded, the Executive Committee approve the December 14, 2010, board agenda, as amended. The motion passed *viva voce*.

14. Consider future meeting agendas.

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Executive Committee will be at 12:00 p.m., on **Monday, January 3, 2011.**

Items tentatively scheduled for this meeting are:

- Consider approval of the January 11, 2010, technical briefing agenda and regular board meeting agenda.
- Receive monthly report concerning the Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program (EARIP).

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

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MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
EDWARDS AQUIFER AUTHORITY
DECEMBER 14, 2010

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Edwards Aquifer Authority was held in accordance with the notice dated December 9, 2010. The meeting was held in the Conference Center of the Authority's office, 1615 N. St. Mary's, San Antonio, Texas.

A. Call to Order – Roll Call – Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Luana Buckner called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. Roll call was taken and Ms. Jennifer Wong-Esparza, Assistant to Board Secretary, reported a quorum of the voting members of the board was present. The following directors were present for the meeting or portions thereof:

Luana Buckner
Mario Cruz
Ron Ellis
Susan Hughes
Jerry James
Peggy Jones
John Lovett
Byron Miller

Joe Parker
Carol Patterson
George Rice
Pat Stroka
Enrique Valdivia
Ron Walton
Adam Yablonski
Ben Youngblood

Directors, staff and guests then recited the pledge of allegiance.

B. Public comment.

There were no citizens who requested to address the board.

C. Election of officers for the board of directors.

Director Lovett moved, and Director Cruz seconded, to nominate Director Luana Buckner for the position of Chairman of the board of directors. The motion passed *viva voce*.

Director Yablonski moved, and Director Lovett seconded, to nominate Director Susan Hughes for the position of Vice-Chairman of the board of directors. The motion passed *viva voce*.

Director Ellis moved, and Director Cruz seconded, to nominate Director Enrique Valdivia for the position of Secretary of the board of directors. The motion passed *viva voce*.

Director Stroka moved, and Director Ellis seconded, to nominate Director John Lovett for the position of Treasurer of the board of directors. The motion passed *viva voce*.

D. Election of additional member to the Executive Committee.

Director Stroka moved, and Director Cruz seconded, to nominate Director Jerry James for the At-Large member of the board of directors. The motion passed *viva voce*.

E. General Manager's announcements and report.

- Staffing Items of Interest (anniversaries, resignations, new hires)
- Recent Activities/Events (reports on conferences attended, meetings held, etc.)
- Upcoming Activities/Events (conferences, meetings, etc.)
- Operational Announcements (schedule changes, program updates, etc.)
- Aquifer Conditions

Mr. Karl J. Dreher, General Manager, made the following announcements:

- Ms. Gizelle Luevano, Environmental Science Technician, and Ms. Susan Rodriguez, MWBE Coordinator, completed 10 years of service with the Authority, and Mr. Joe Gonzales, Environmental Field Representative, Mr. Ben Urbanczyk, Environmental Coordinator, and Mr. Roger Andrade, Environmental Supervisor, completed five years of service with the Authority.
- Met with Senator Glenn Hegar on matters related to potential legislative concepts for the Authority. Prior to that, Chairman Buckner and I had similar meetings with Representative Allan Ritter, who is chair of the House Natural Resources Committee, and Representative Bill Callegari, who is vice chair of the same committee. In each of these meetings, legislators were generally receptive and supportive of the Authority's legislative concepts.
- No committees of the board would meet in December due to the holidays. The normal committee meeting schedule would resume after January 1, with the Executive Committee scheduled to meet on January 3. The Ad Hoc Building Committee would meet at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 22, 2010.
- The EAA offices would be closed on Christmas Eve and again on New Year's Eve.
- Directors were reminded to leave their laptops for routine maintenance.
- The 2009 hydrologic data report has been finalized and an electronic version of the report would be placed in the January R&T Committee packet and then on the Authority's website. Staff would give a presentation on the data report at the January R&T meeting.
- On December 10, staff submitted a comment letter to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regarding an industrial wastewater discharge permit amendment being proposed by U.S. Department of the Army – Camp Stanley Storage Activity. Staff's comment was that additional groundwater monitoring should be conducted to show that discharges would not impact groundwater or that discharge limits for volatile organic compounds should be significantly reduced. The comments were due by December 11.

- The 2011-2013 Strategic Plan was on the Authority's website and hard copies were available upon request.
- The Monthly Hydrologic Data Brief was included in the "Other Information" folder with the board packet, and the board was briefed on current aquifer conditions by Mr. Geary Schindel, Chief Technical Officer.

CONSENT ITEMS

- F. Receive report on recent activities of the Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program (RIP) from Program Manager Dr. Robert Gulley.

Dr. Robert Gulley briefed the board on the public meetings, the strategy for financing the HCP, governance of the program, and a recommendation for adding more species.

- G. Receive report from Authority staff regarding the 2010 status report on the Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program (EARIP).

Mr. Rick Illgner, Governmental Affairs Coordinator, provided background information on the EARIP and briefed the board on the status report.

- H. Receive report from Mr. Frank Santos, J.D., Legislative Consultant, on recent legislative activities.

Mr. Luis Gonzales, Santos Alliances, briefed the board on recent legislative activities.

CONSENT ITEMS

Vice-Chairman Hughes moved, and Director Patterson seconded, to approve items I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, and S on the consent agenda. The motion passed *viva voce*.

- I. Approval of previous board meeting minutes.

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- J. Consider recommendation from the Aquifer Management Planning Committee to accept the 2011 South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (Region L) budget of \$58,000, and approve the Authority's contribution for Region L administrative expenses in an amount not to exceed \$16,240 for calendar year 2011, and authorize the General Manager to execute the required documents.

- K. Consider recommendation from the Aquifer Management Planning Committee to authorize the General Manager to submit a letter on behalf of the Edwards Aquifer Authority to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in support of a land acquisition grant application being prepared by Trust for Public Lands to preserve 590 acres of recharge zone property in Hays County.

L. Consider recommendation from the Aquifer Management Planning Committee to approve a comment letter regarding the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Edwards Aquifer Protection Program and authorize the General Manager to submit the letter as part of the TCEQ public comment process.

M. Consider recommendation from the Permits/Enforcement Committee to adopt Final Orders Granting Applications to Convert Base Irrigation Groundwater based on the installation of conservation equipment for the amount stated in the “Permits/Enforcement Committee Recommended Groundwater Withdrawal Conversion Amount” column within the table below:

Permit #	Owner Name	Initial Regular Permit Groundwater Withdrawal Amount (acre-feet)	Base Irrigation Groundwater Withdrawal Rights (acre-feet)	Applicant Requested Groundwater Withdrawal Conversion Amount (acre-feet)	Permits/ Enforcement Committee Recommended Groundwater Withdrawal Conversion Amount (acre-feet)
P101-207 (ME00437)	Tierra D'Hani's LLC	848.120	424.060	57.405	57.405
P101-469 (ME00529)	Wilton C. & Mary M. Schott	690.000	345.000	114.596	114.596

N. Consider recommendation from the Permits/Enforcement Committee to authorize the General Manager to enter into a Compromise and Settlement Agreement regarding the pending enforcement matter with Reynaldo Lafuente.

O. Consider recommendation from the Executive Committee to nominate Edwards Aquifer Authority General Manager Karl J. Dreher to fill an unexpired term as a Water Districts representative on the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (Region L).

P. Consider recommendation from the Executive Committee to approve payment to Kemp Smith for legal services for October 2010.

Q. Consider recommendation from the Executive Committee to approve contract No. 10-496-CEA between the Edwards Aquifer Authority and Albert Ramirez Jr. for representation and portrayal of the Authority's Doc Edwards™ fictional character in an amount not to exceed \$35,300 for the period January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2011, with the option to renew the agreement for three additional one-year periods.

R. Consider recommendation from the Executive Committee to approve a one-year renewal of contract 09-411-CEA between the Edwards Aquifer Authority and You Name It Specialties for the purchase of certain Authority promotional items in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for the period January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2011, and authorize the General Manager to execute the contract.

- S. Consider report and recommendation from Treasurer Mark Taylor to accept the unaudited financial statement for the month of November 2010.

[A copy of the letter of support for item K as approved by the board are attached to and made a part of these minutes.]

[A copy of the comment letter for item L as approved by the board are attached to and made a part of these minutes.]

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[A copy of contract 09-411-CEA for item R as approved by the board is attached to and made a part of these minutes.]

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- T. Receive report from Mr. Tom Brown, Naismith Engineering, Inc., regarding the South Central Texas Water Advisory Committee (SCTWAC) 2010 Biennial Report on the Effectiveness of the Edwards Aquifer Authority.

Mr. Tom Brown, Naismith Engineering, Inc., briefed the board on the highlights of the 2010 EAA Effectiveness Report.

- U. Consider recommendation from the Aquifer Management Planning Committee to amend that certain Order of the Edwards Aquifer Authority Issuing a Temporary Moratorium on the Filing and Processing of Approvals of Major Modifications to Aboveground Storage Tanks and Underground Storage Tanks Under Subchapter G of Chapter 713 of the Authority's Rules.

Director Ellis moved, and Director Patterson seconded, the board amend that certain Order of the Edwards Aquifer Authority Issuing a Temporary Moratorium on the Filing and Processing of Approvals of Major Modifications to Aboveground Storage Tanks and Underground Storage Tanks Under Subchapter G of Chapter 713 of the Authority's Rules. The motion passed *viva voce*.

[A copy of the Temporary Moratorium as approved by the board is attached to and made a part of these minutes.]

- V. Consider recommendation from the Executive Committee to approve the 2010 status report on the Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program (EARIP) and authorize the General Manager to submit the report to the governor, lieutenant governor and speaker of the Texas House of Representatives as required by the Edwards Aquifer Authority Act.

Director Stroka moved, and Director ?? seconded, the board approve the Authority's 2010 status report on the Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program (RIP) as presented, and authorize the General Manager to submit the report to the governor, lieutenant governor and speaker of the Texas House of Representatives as required by the Edwards Aquifer Authority Act. The motion passed *viva voce*.

[A copy of the status report as approved by the board is attached to and made a part of these minutes.]

- W. Receive report from Authority staff regarding proposed rules amending the following chapter of the Edwards Aquifer Authority Rules as they relate to a capped well inspection fee option:

- ch. 713 (Water Quality), Subchapter D (Well Closures)

Mr. Marc Friberg, Public Policy Officer, briefed the board on the amendments to the proposed rules and answered questions from the board.

- X. Consider recommendation from Authority staff to approve a concept memorandum for possible changes to Edwards Aquifer Authority regulations relating to exempt wells and the criteria used for exempt well determinations, and authorize staff and general counsel to prepare proposed rules accordingly.

Mr. Friberg briefed the board on the revisions.

Vice-Chairman Hughes moved, and Director Patterson seconded, the Board approve the concept memorandum for changes to Edwards Aquifer Authority regulations relating to exempt wells and the criteria used for exempt well determinations and direct staff and general counsel to take appropriate responsive actions including drafting proposed rules subsequent to the 82nd Legislative Session. The motion passed *viva voce*. Director Jones voted in opposition to the motion.

Chairman Buckner recessed the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

Chairman Buckner reconvened the meeting at 4:46 p.m.

- Y. Consider recommendation from the Executive Committee to approve concepts for the Authority's legislative program for the 82nd session of the Texas Legislature, and authorize staff and General Counsel to take all actions necessary to seek amendments to the Edwards Aquifer Authority Act accordingly.

Director Stroka moved, and Director Ellis seconded, the board approve concepts, as presented, for the Authority's legislative program for the 82nd session of the Texas Legislature, and authorize staff and general counsel to take all actions necessary to seek amendments to the Edwards Aquifer Authority Act accordingly. The motion passed *viva voce*.

Z. Closed Session.

Chairman Buckner closed the meeting to the public at 4:54 p.m.

Chairman Buckner reopened the meeting to the public at 5:27 p.m.

AA. Consider recommendation(s) regarding matters discussed in closed session.

The board did not consider any recommendations.

BB. Consider recommendation from Authority staff and General Counsel to authorize the General Manager and General Counsel to engage condemnation counsel for the Edwards Aquifer Authority Main Office Facility Expansion and Renovation Project and to take any and all actions appropriate or necessary for the implementation and completion of the project.

Director Ellis moved, and Director Lovett seconded, the board authorize the General Manager and general counsel to engage Mr. Paul D. Barkhurst as condemnation counsel for the Edwards Aquifer Authority main office facility expansion and renovation project and to take any and all actions appropriate or necessary for the implementation and completion of the project. The motion passed *viva voce*.

Director Stroka moved, and Director Yablonski seconded,
The motion passed *viva voce*.

CC. Discuss items for future board meeting agendas.

The board did not discuss any future board meeting agendas.

DD. Adjournment.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Jennifer Wong-Esparza
Assistant to Board Secretary

Enrique P. Valdivia
Secretary, Board of Directors



January 12, 2011

Con Mims, Chair
South Central Texas RWPG
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Attn: Erin Newberry
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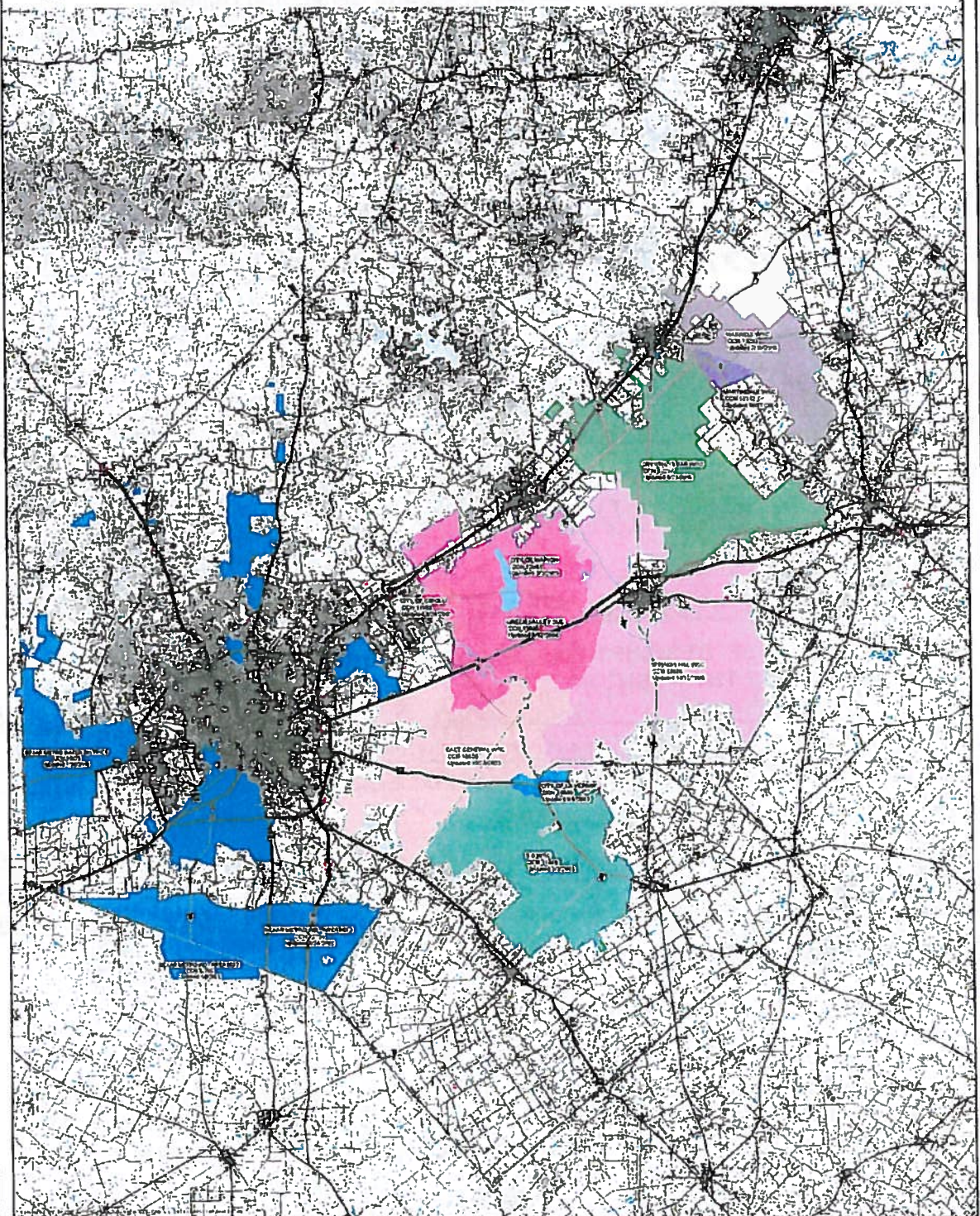
Yours truly,

A blue ink signature of David J. Davenport, written in a cursive style.

David J. Davenport
General Manager



Canyon Regional Water Authority



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Project: 1-10-2007
City of Cibola, 100% (100%) maps, aerial photos, County Cultural
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SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP

Nomination for Interest Group (check one):

- ☐ Agriculture, ☐ Counties, ☐ Electric Generating Utilities,
☐ Environmental, ☐ Industries, ☐ Municipalities, ☐ River Authority, ☒ Water Districts

NOMINATOR

NAME: Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 562 Goliad TX 77963
PHONE: 361-645-1716 FAX: 361-645-1772 EMAIL: gcgcd@goliadcgcd.org
OCCUPATION: Groundwater District Board of Directors

NOMINEE

NAME: Raulie L. Irwin, Jr.
ADDRESS: 3148 W. FM 884 Yorktown, TX 78164
PHONE: 361-645-5060 FAX: 361-645-2118 EMAIL: RaulieIrwin@yahoo.com
INTEREST AREA: Water Districts
COUNTY: Goliad
OCCUPATION: Real Estate Appraiser

PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE NOMINEE'S EXPERIENCE THAT WOULD QUALIFY HIM/HER FOR THE POSITION:

4 yrs Director of Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District
Attended and participated in Region 1 meetings for 3 years
Owner of Coastal Bend Real Estate Services

PLEASE LIST ANY PERTINENT AFFILIATIONS:

Graduate Texas A+M College of Architecture - College Station
Master Studies in Business Finance - Texas A+M - Corpus Christi
Certified Environmental Inspector + Professional Property Inspector

DATE SUBMITTED: 12-17-10

PLEASE ATTACH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IF DESIRED

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Erin Newberry

From: Tim Andruss <Tim.Andruss@vcgcd.org>
Sent: Friday, December 17, 2010 2:20 PM
To: Erin Newberry
Cc: 'Greg Sengelmann'; 'Barbara Smith'; 'barbara Dietzel'
Subject: Region L Nomination
Attachments: 8.1 - Region L Nomination - Greg Sengelmann.pdf

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Vote Record

Precinct 1: Mr. Jerry Hroch, Vice President **Aye**

Precinct 2: Mr. Thurman Clements, Jr., Director **Aye**

Precinct 3: Mrs. Barbara Dietzel, Secretary **Absent**

Precinct 4: Mr. Mark Meek, President **Aye**

At-Large: Mr. Kenneth Eller, Director **Aye**

With four (4) ayes and zero (0) nays, the motion passed.

Tim Andruss
General Manager
Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District
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Victoria, Tx 77901
Office: (361)579-6863
Email: Tim.Andruss@vcgcd.org

SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP

Nomination for Interest Group (check one):

- ☐ Agriculture, ☐ Counties, ☐ Electric Generating Utilities,
☐ Environmental, ☐ Industries, ☐ Municipalities, ☐ River Authority, ☒ Water Districts

NOMINATOR

NAME: Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District

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PHONE: (361)579-6863

FAX: (361)579-0041

EMAIL: admin@vcgcd.org

OCCUPATION _____

NOMINEE

NAME: Mr. Greg Sengelmann

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 1919 Gonzales, TX 78629

PHONE: 830-672-1047

FAX: 830-672-1387

EMAIL: gcuwcd@gvec.net

INTEREST AREA: groundwater resources

COUNTY: Gonzales / Caldwell Counties

OCCUPATION: Groundwater District General Manager

PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE NOMINEE'S EXPERIENCE THAT WOULD QUALIFY HIM/HER FOR THE POSITION:

- 1) Participant in the Region L Gonzales County Groundwater Projects Workgroup which successfully forged a compromise solution accounting for Gonzales County groundwater use in the 2011 plan.
- 2) General Manager of the Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District for 2.5 years.

PLEASE LIST ANY PERTINENT AFFILIATIONS:

Professional Geoscientist in Texas - #1762.

Member of Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts.

Member of Texas Water Conservation Association.

DATE SUBMITTED: _____

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January 12, 2011

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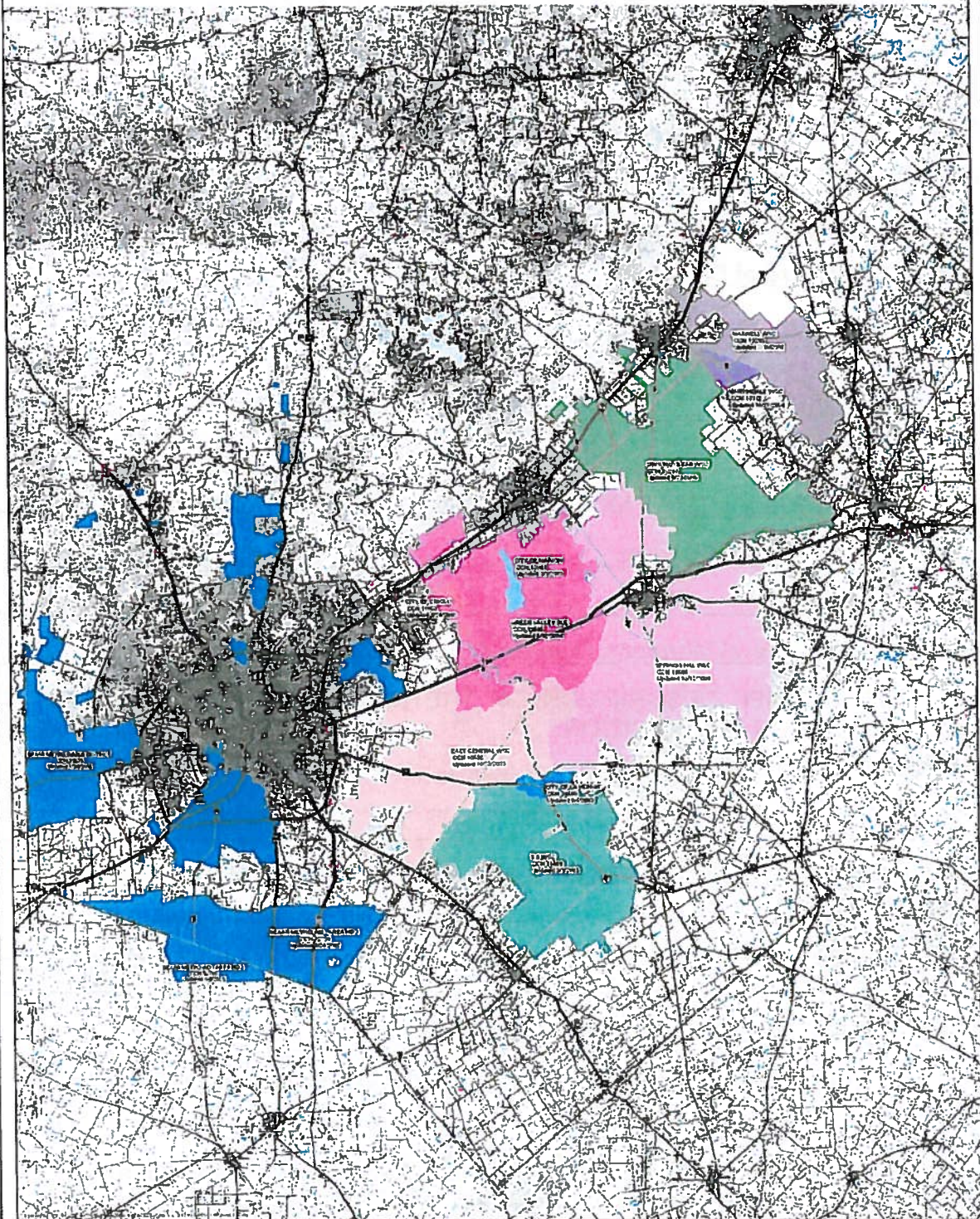
Yours truly,



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NOMINATOR

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OCCUPATION Board of Directors

NOMINEE

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PHONE: 830-816-2504 **FAX:** 830-816-2607 **EMAIL:** manager@ccgcd.org
INTEREST AREA: Water Districts
COUNTY: Kendall
OCCUPATION: General Manager, Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District

PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE NOMINEE'S EXPERIENCE THAT WOULD QUALIFY HIM/HER FOR THE POSITION:

See attached resume.

PLEASE LIST ANY PERTINENT AFFILIATIONS:

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DATE SUBMITTED: December 15, 2010

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Micah Voulgaris is the General Manager of the Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District in Kendall County. Since 2003 Micah has directed the day-to-day operations of the District, working in every position from well inspector to Elections Administrator. Voulgaris provides general leadership to the staff, directs implementation of Board policies, and represents the District in dealing with the public and other government entities.

Mr. Voulgaris serves as a designated representative of the Cow Creek GCD at Groundwater Management Area 9 committee meetings and is also on the technical committee of the GMA.

Voulgaris was born and raised in Wharton, Texas. He graduated from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos with a B.S. degree in Resource and Environmental Studies and a double minor in Geology and Business Administration. Micah lives in Kendall County with his wife Rhonda and their two daughters.

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AGENDA ITEM 7

**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)**

AGENDA ITEM 8

Texas Water Development Board Communications

AGENDA ITEM 9

Discussion and Appropriate Action to Authorize Administrator to Provide
Public Notice and Submit a Grant Application for Regional Planning Grant
Funding to TWDB for the Fourth Cycle of Regional Water Planning

Erin Newberry

From: Matt Nelson <Matt.Nelson@twdb.state.tx.us>
Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2011 1:25 PM
To: Con Mims; Erin Newberry; Steve Raabe
Subject: Request for Regional Water Planning Grant Applications
Attachments: RWP Public Notification Quick Reference (July 09).pdf; brd13.pdf

Everyone,

This morning our Board approved our request (see attached memo) to post a Request for Regional Water Planning Applications (RFA) which we anticipate will be posted February 4th in the Texas Register with an April 8, 2011 submission deadline.

Based on the schedule approved by our Board, here are some key things to be aware of:

1) RWPGs will need to hold at least one meeting probably no later than the week (Mar 28-Apr 1) prior to the week of the April 8th deadline in order to allow sufficient time for:

- RWPG to authorize the Pol Sub to apply for the funding and post the associated 30-day public notice (at least 30 days prior to TWDB Board action on the application), which will likely be May 19th.
- the Pol Sub to post the public notice of intent to apply for TWDB regional water planning funds under TAC 355.97 (notice Quick-Reference attached)
- the Pol Sub to prepare the application
- the Pol Sub to include proof of that posted public notice, as required, within the Region's application that is submitted to TWDB by 5pm on April 8th.

That is just a hypothetical time-line.

Regions and their political subdivisions need to allow for their own schedules. Strictly speaking, RWPGs could cut things closer than this but that is up to each RWPG and Pol Sub to decide.

3) Regions do not have to procure technical consultants prior to any of this.

4) The funding is predetermined, formula funding and the scope of work is outlined by TWDB for all regions for the initial planning activities (see the table in the attached memo).

- The funding allocations are shown in Table 1 of the attached Board memo.
- Regions will only need to post notice and submit an application based on the TWDB application guidance, application documentation requirements, and general scope of work provided by TWDB as part of the application documents.
- There is no 'scope development' budget.
- Please note that Tasks 4D and 10 are only partially funded based on dollars that are currently available. In its current Legislative Appropriations Request, the TWDB has requested \$6.3 million in additional funding for regional water planning that would go towards rounding out the funding of those two tasks and the 'TBD' tasks.

5) In the event that TWDB's cursory review of the notice materials submitted as part of a Region's application reveals an error, the April 8th submission deadline allows sufficient time for the Region to quickly re-post

their public notice and resubmit proof of notice (this has been necessary in the past) in time for consideration of the applications at the May 19th TWDB Board meeting.

6) As has been done in the past rounds, Regions must post notice of a public meeting to receive input from the public on the scope of work for regional water planning (per TAC 355.97(a), 357.6(1)).

- The two notices must be separate notices but may be posted alongside each other to save costs.
- The associated public scoping meeting does not have to occur prior to Board action on the grant application (Regions are not developing a scope of work for their applications); however, TWDB will not reimburse for any activities that occur prior to the scoping meeting under the TWDB contract.
- Even though TWDB is providing the scope of work for the applications, Regions must hold a public scoping meeting to receive public input on regional planning activities for the entire planning cycle. The public's input on scoping for the plans may be used by the RWPGs to guide its planning activities and to direct, to the extent practicable under the contract, how any TWDB funds will be spent within the Region's budget during the 4th cycle of planning. Region's may use the scoping input to clarify or refine the Technical Consultant scopes of work throughout the 4th cycle.

7) Board staff anticipates requesting permission from our Board to allow reimbursement of Political Subdivisions (under the new contracts) for allowable, direct (non-labor) costs associated with posting the notices. Staff does not anticipate our Board authorizing payment for any other activity that occurs prior to execution of the contract. TWDB staff anticipates executing all contracts no later than August 31, 2011.

More detailed RFA documentation will be posted on the TWDB regional water planning web page by February 4, 2011.

Thanks

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TO: Board Members

THROUGH: Carolyn L. Brittin, Deputy Executive Administrator
Water Resources Planning and Information *CYP*
Dan Hardin, Director, Water Resources Planning Division *DH*
Melanie Callahan, Chief Financial Officer *me*

FROM: Matt Nelson, Manager, Regional Water Planning *fan*

DATE: January 12, 2011

SUBJECT: Consider authorizing the Executive Administrator to publish a request for Regional Water Planning Grant Applications for up to \$3,320,492 to commence funding the fourth cycle (2011-2015) of regional water planning

ACTION REQUESTED

Authorize the Executive Administrator to publish a request for Regional Water Planning Grant Applications for up to \$3,320,492 to commence funding the fourth cycle (2011-2015) of regional water planning. Requests for this currently available funding will be due April 8, 2011.

BACKGROUND

Section 16.051 of the Texas Water Code (TWC) requires the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to develop and adopt a comprehensive state water plan every five years that incorporates the regional water plans developed under TWC Section 16.053. The state water plans are prepared by TWDB based on the regional water plans that are developed every five years by the 16 regional water planning groups.

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Texas has now completed the third cycle (2006-2010) of the regional water planning process that was created in 1997 by Senate Bill 1, 75th Texas Legislature. These sixteen 2011 Regional Water Plans that the Board approved at its October, November, and December meetings will be the basis for the 2012 State Water Plan. Regional water planning groups (RWPGs) must now begin preparation of the 2016 Regional Water Plans that, once approved, will become the basis for the 2017 State Water Plan.

The 2011 regional water plans were prepared as updates to the 2006 regional water plans, focused primarily on changed conditions, as U.S. Census data to develop wholesale revisions to projected population was not available. For the fourth cycle of regional water planning, the 2010 U.S. Census data will become available in the summer of 2011, to be used as the basis for conducting a full-scale revision of regional water plans including the associated population and municipal water demand projections for these 2016 regional water plans, including the extension of the planning horizon and projection period out to the year 2070.

Population and water demand projections are to be formally adopted by the TWDB after receiving input from the planning groups and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Available Funding

Funding to commence planning activities is proposed to be provided to all planning groups in an amount not to exceed \$3,320,492. This funding is comprised of:

- FY11 funds less Legislative Budget Board budget reductions
- \$182,251 in remaining reserved funds from FY10.

If any action taken by the 82nd Texas Legislature results in an amount less than \$3,320,492 being available during FY11, the proposed funding amounts for each region and for each task will be reduced proportionally.

Staff proposes allocating the \$3,320,492 in funds to regions as an initial funding amount, possibly to be augmented by lapsed funds from the 2011 regional water planning grants, and potential future appropriations, if made available by the legislature.

TWDB included approximately \$6.3 million in its Legislative Appropriations Request to the 82nd Texas Legislature for FY 12-13.

PROPOSED REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

Scope of Initial Planning Activities

Work to be performed under this proposed Request for Applications (Attachment A) are to support RWPG efforts to:

- evaluate and provide input on population and population-related water demand projections through 2070;

- evaluate and provide input on non-population related water demand projections including for irrigation, livestock, mining, steam electric, and manufacturing through 2070;
- evaluate existing water supplies for water user groups and wholesalers including the impacts of recently established Managed Available Groundwater numbers;
- identify water needs of water user groups and wholesaler suppliers;
- identify potentially feasible water management strategies for evaluation;
- prepare and submit a Technical Memorandum summarizing activities and data; and
- subject to the findings in the Technical Memorandum and available funding, begin evaluating potential water management strategies to meet identified water needs.

Based on the proposed allocations of currently available funds in Table 1 (Attachment B), regional water planning groups would need additional legislatively appropriated funding to:

- complete evaluations of and make recommendations of water management strategies;
- evaluate the potential impacts of the regional water plans;
- develop policy and other recommendations;
- approve and submit their draft plans;
- hold hearings and take public input on the draft plans; and
- adopt and submit their final 2016 regional water plans.

Funding Allocations

The initial proposed funding allocations shown in Table 1 (Attachment B) are estimates of the amount of money planning groups will need to perform technical work in accordance with statute and rule requirements including: providing public notice; holding meetings; preparing associated plan documents; and populating the online planning database. These initial funds are proposed to be fully allocated to the following tasks as follows:

- Task 2A: non-population-related water demand projections (manufacturing, mining, irrigation, steam electric power, livestock) – *Allocation between regions based on regions' relative share of non-population-related water user groups.*
- Task 2B: population and population-related demand projections - *Allocation between regions based on both the region's relative share of the anticipated state population growth and the regions' relative share of the population-related water user groups and wholesale water providers.*
- Task 3: evaluation of existing water supplies - *Allocation between regions based on regions' relative share of all water user groups and wholesale water providers.*
- Task 4B: identification of feasible strategies - *Allocation between regions based on regions' relative share of all water user groups that had identified water needs in the 2011 Regional Water Plans.*

- Task 4C: Technical Memorandum submission - *Allocation between regions based on regions' relative share of all water user groups and wholesale water providers.*
- Initial portion of Task 10: administration and public participation - *Allocation between regions based on regions' relative share of all water user groups and wholesale water providers.*
- Task 4D: evaluation of potentially feasible water management strategies - *Allocation between regions based on regions' relative share of all water user groups that had identified water needs in the 2011 plans.* After further scoping by the region, submission of the Technical Memorandum (Task 4C), and contingent on a notice-to-proceed, a portion of Task 4D may be funded. If a proposed work scope cannot support the associated funding request, final, contracted funding amounts presented under Task 4D in Table 1 may be less than the amounts shown.

The proposed allocations do not include funding to evaluate the implementation of previously recommended water management strategies as recommended by the Sunset Commission.

Simplified Regional Water Planning

Based on the TWDB water needs analysis performed under Task 4A and Technical Memorandums submitted by Regions under Task 4C, TWDB staff may determine that some regions shall enter into a simplified regional planning process under TWC 16.053(g)¹. This alternative planning process will be more clearly defined once TWDB planning rules are adopted under the rule revision process planned to occur beginning in 2011. In the event that a region is designated to follow simplified planning, the region's contract budget may be modified to reflect the decreased work effort required.

KEY ISSUES

Funding recommendations for this cycle of regional water planning recognize that not all regions would require an equal amount of effort to complete the fundamental planning tasks as defined in statute and rule.

These initial funding amounts are not guaranteed funds and must be requested in grant applications submitted to TWDB by the deadline. All proposed work activities and associated dollars must be fully justified.

TWDB Online Planning Database

¹ "The board shall provide technical and financial assistance to the regional water planning groups in the development of their plans. The board shall simplify, as much as possible, planning requirements in regions with abundant water resources. The board, if requested, may facilitate resolution of conflicts within regions."

The TWDB online planning database will become more integral to this upcoming regional planning cycle by synthesizing regions' data and providing summary reports that will be required to be incorporated within each regional water plan. This approach will:

- reduce the overall cost to the State of producing and approving regional water plans, for example, by reducing the efforts required to identify and present water needs under Task 4A (Table 1, Attachment B);
- ensure that regions populate and rely on the online planning database at an early stage in the planning cycle;
- improve the accuracy of the information entered into the database to ensure that it accurately reflects the regional water plans;
- save significant TWDB staff resources during the reviews of the draft and adopted regional water plans;
- facilitate simplified planning for those regions that have abundant water resources and few projected water needs by allowing TWDB to update significant portions of their regional plans; and,
- accelerate the regional water plan approval process.

Schedule

- Post Request for Regional Water Planning Grant Applications February 4, 2011
- Deadline for Regional Water Planning Grant Applications April 8, 2011
- TWDB staff request for Board authorization to negotiate and execute 16 regional planning contracts in May 2011.

Allocation of Additional Regional Water Planning Funds

If additional funding for this cycle of regional water planning is made available by the 82nd Texas Legislature, regions will be required to apply for these additional funds under a Request for Application process approved by the Board at a future date. Future funding, if appropriated, would be allocated to complete Tasks 4D and 10, and to perform Tasks 1, and 5-9 (Table 1). A scope of work for the remainder of the planning tasks would be prepared by regional planning groups (based on the region's Technical Memorandum) as part of any further requests for additional regional water planning funds, subject to availability.

Absence of Additional Regional Water Planning Funding

In the event that the Texas Legislature does not appropriate any additional funding for activities to develop the 2016 regional water plans, TWDB staff recommends that the total funding allocations for each region shown in Table 1 be reallocated across each region's planning tasks to facilitate completion of regional water plans that meet minimum rule requirements. This would retain the total funding allocation to each region but reassign the region's total funding across Tasks 1-10, as appropriate, to balance work efforts required to produce adopted regional water plans that meet statute and rules.

Final staff funding recommendations for regional water planning contracts will be presented at the May 19, 2010 meeting for Board consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Administrator to publish a request for Regional Water Planning Grant Applications for up to \$3,320,492 to commence funding the fourth cycle (2011-2015) of regional water planning.

This recommendation has been reviewed by legal counsel and is in compliance with applicable statutes and Board rules.



Ken Petersen
General Counsel

Attachment A: Draft Request for Applications

Attachment B: Table 1: Summary of Recommended Funding Allocations for the Fourth Cycle of Regional Water Planning

Attachment A

Texas Water Development Board

Request for Applications

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) requests, pursuant to 31 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §355.92, the submission of regional water planning applications leading to the possible award of contracts to revise or update regional water plans as described in 31 TAC Chapter 357. In order to receive a grant, the applicant must be a political subdivision of the state and must have been designated an eligible applicant by a regional water planning group as defined in 31 TAC §355.91. 31 TAC Chapter 355, Subchapter C provides guidance for regional water planning grants.

Description of Funding Consideration.

Total funding for activities related to the development or revision of a regional water plan shall not exceed 100 percent of the total cost of the planning for that regional water planning area as defined in 31 TAC §355.91. Funds awarded for grants under this request for applications may total up to the remaining amount of funds appropriated for such activities for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 biennium.

Funding is provided on a not-to-exceed basis for certain planning tasks as outlined in the Guidance for Preparation of the Application for Regional Water Planning Funding. As further outlined in this Guidance, provisions exist for additional funding, if made available, for the tasks not addressed in this application. In the event that acceptable applications are not submitted or that insufficient funds are available to fund proposed activities, the TWDB retains the right to not award contract funds.

Deadline, Review Criteria, and Contact Person for Additional Information.

Five double sided copies and an electronic version of a complete regional water planning grant application must be filed with the Board prior to 5:00 p.m., April 8, 2011. All applications should be prepared using the TWDB's application instruction sheet for Regional Water Planning Grants, and the Guidance for Preparation of the Application for Regional Water Planning Funding. Applications will be evaluated according to the criteria listed in 31 TAC §355.94. All potential applicants may contact the Board to obtain the application checklist and guidance documents or they may be obtained from the Texas Water Development Board's webpage at: <http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/wrpi/rwp/rwp.asp>

Applications must be directed either in person to David Carter, Texas Water Development Board, Stephen F. Austin Building, 1700 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas, or by mail to David Carter, Texas Water Development Board, P.O. Box 13231, Austin, Texas, 78711-3231. Requests for information, the Board's rules, and instruction sheet covering the research and planning fund may be directed to Temple McKinnon at the preceding address or by calling (512) 475-2057, or by e-mail at temple.mckinnon@twdb.state.tx.us.

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Table 1: Summary of Recommended Funding Allocations for the Fourth Cycle of Regional Planning

Task/Chapter Allocations									
1	2A*	2B*	3*	4A**	4B	4C*	4D	5 - 9	10
Planning Area Description (Update)	Non-Population Related Water Demand Projections (new projections)	Population & Population-Related Water Demand Projections (new projections)	Evaluation of Existing Water Supply	Identification of Water Needs	Identification of Potentially Feasible Water Management Strategies	Technical Memorandum (Summary of Tasks 1-4B) of Regional Water Plan	Evaluation and Selection of Water Management Strategies	Impacts of WMSs on Water Quality & Moving Water from Ag and Rural Areas; Conservation and Drought Management; Consistency with Long-term Protection of Natural Resources; Unique Reservoir/Stream Segments & Legislative Recommendations; Water Infrastructure Funding	Adoption of Plan (administration & public participation for Tasks 1-4C)
Total Initial Funding	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount**	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
A	\$124,228	\$17,800	\$35,874	\$0	\$2,921	\$11,210	\$14,613	TBD	\$35,874
B	\$65,185	\$9,181	\$19,699	\$0	\$1,252	\$6,156	\$6,263	TBD	\$19,699
C	\$542,297	\$18,175	\$101,814	\$0	\$36,405	\$31,817	\$182,143	TBD	\$101,814
D	\$228,181	\$20,236	\$69,466	\$0	\$5,007	\$21,708	\$25,051	TBD	\$69,466
E	\$43,554	\$4,497	\$10,783	\$0	\$1,252	\$3,370	\$6,263	TBD	\$10,783
F	\$187,268	\$25,670	\$49,974	\$0	\$6,467	\$15,617	\$32,358	TBD	\$49,974
G	\$392,646	\$35,038	\$106,584	\$0	\$13,352	\$33,307	\$66,803	TBD	\$106,584
H	\$527,018	\$24,358	\$101,814	\$0	\$34,423	\$31,817	\$172,227	TBD	\$101,814
I	\$229,659	\$20,236	\$63,453	\$0	\$7,928	\$19,829	\$39,664	TBD	\$63,453
J	\$36,635	\$5,996	\$11,820	\$0	\$209	\$3,694	\$1,044	TBD	\$11,820
K	\$206,750	\$19,112	\$48,315	\$0	\$9,597	\$15,098	\$48,015	TBD	\$48,315
L	\$306,120	\$27,169	\$75,480	\$0	\$12,935	\$23,587	\$64,716	TBD	\$75,480
M	\$158,086	\$8,806	\$32,763	\$0	\$8,345	\$10,238	\$41,752	TBD	\$32,763
N	\$85,332	\$10,305	\$24,261	\$0	\$2,191	\$7,582	\$10,960	TBD	\$24,261
O	\$161,650	\$19,112	\$39,813	\$0	\$7,406	\$12,442	\$37,055	TBD	\$39,813
P	\$25,884	\$4,310	\$8,087	\$0	\$313	\$2,527	\$1,566	TBD	\$8,087
Total	\$3,320,492	\$270,000	\$800,000	\$0	\$150,000	\$250,000	\$ 750,492	TBD	\$800,000

*Related data results to be provided as TWDB-generated reports based on the online planning database (DB17).

TWDB-generated reports will be required to be incorporated into Technical Memoranda and the Draft and Adopted regional water plan documents.

**Analysis and reporting to be performed by TWDB staff using the information provided by Regions in the online planning database. TWDB to provide customizable online reports.



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FROM: South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group
(Region L)

DATE: February 18, 2011

SUBJECT: Notice of Application for Regional Water Planning Grant Funding
for the Fourth Cycle of Regional Water Planning

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC REGIONAL WATER PLANNING

Notice is hereby given that the San Antonio River Authority (SARA) will submit on or before April 8, 2011, a grant application for financial assistance to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) on behalf of Region L, to carry out planning activities to develop the 2016 Region L Regional Water Plan as part of the state's Fourth Cycle (2012 – 2016) of Regional Water Planning. It is anticipated that the application will be considered by the Texas Water Development Board at its May 19, 2011 meeting.

The South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (Region L) includes the following counties: Uvalde, Zavala, Dimmit, Frio, La Salle, Medina, Atascosa, Bexar, Wilson, Karnes, Goliad, Refugio, Calhoun, Victoria, DeWitt, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Caldwell, Comal, Kendall and the southern half of Hays County.

Copies of the grant application may be obtained from SARA when it becomes available or online at www.RegionLTexas.org. Written comments from the public regarding the grant application must be submitted to SARA and TWDB prior to TWDB Board action on this application (dated stated above). Comments can be submitted to SARA and the TWDB as follows:

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For additional information, please contact Erin Newberry, San Antonio River Authority, c/o Region L, P.O. Box 839980, San Antonio, Texas 78283-9980 or (210) 302-3293, enewberry@sara-tx.org.

AGENDA ITEM 10

**Discussion and Appropriate Action to Authorize Administrator to Provide
Public Notice and Hold a Public Meeting to Take Input for the Scope of
Work for Region L for the Fourth Cycle of Regional Water Planning**



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FROM: South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group
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DATE: February 18, 2011

SUBJECT: Notice of Public Meeting to Receive Input on Issues that Should be Addressed or Provisions that Should be Included in the Regional or State Water Plan for the Fourth Cycle of Regional Water Planning

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING REGIONAL WATER PLANNING

Notice is hereby given that the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (Region L) is seeking input from the public on the scope of planning activities to be considered during the Fourth Cycle of Regional Water Planning.

The Public Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Region L Planning Group Meeting, to be held at San Antonio Water System (SAWS), Customer Service Building, Room CR-145, 2800 US Highway 281 North, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas at **10:00 am on Thursday, May 5, 2011**. Written and oral comments (not to exceed five (5) minutes per speaker) regarding the scope of activities to be considered during the Fourth Cycle of Regional Water Planning will be accepted at this meeting.

The South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (Region L) includes the following counties: Uvalde, Zavala, Dimmit, Frio, La Salle, Medina, Atascosa, Bexar, Wilson, Karnes, Goliad, Refugio, Calhoun, Victoria, DeWitt, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Caldwell, Comal, Kendall and the southern half of Hays County.

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AGENDA ITEM 11

**Discussion and Appropriate Action Authorizing Administrator to Solicit
Requests for Proposal for Regional Water Planning Consultant Services**

SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY

Evaluation criteria:

- A) Responsiveness to the Request for Proposal
 - a. Requested information included & thoroughness of response.
 - b. Understanding and acceptance of the scope of services.
 - c. Acceptance of the RFP and ¹Contract terms.
 - d. Clarity and conciseness of the response.
- B) CONSULTANT's background & capability to provide services required (Attachment___).
 - a. CONSULTANT's area of expertise.
 - b. CONSULTANT's support personnel's professional qualifications and experience.
 - c. CONSULTANT's relevant experience.
 - d. CONSULTANT's experience with public entity clients.
 - e. CONSULTANT's availability of resources to support the project.
- C) Evaluation of References.
- D) Small, Minority, Women-Owned and HUB Business Enterprise status.

Preference will be given to proposals that are otherwise equal to a certified Small, Minority, Woman-Owned or HUB (*HUB is only to be added to RFP's for Randolph projects*) Business Enterprise.

E) Local Presence

Unless there is a desire to select a consultant outside the local area to ensure impartiality, preference will be given to proposals that are otherwise equal to individuals and/or firms whose principal place of business is located within the RIVER AUTHORITY's jurisdictional boundary (Bexar, Wilson, Karnes and Goliad Counties).

¹ Delete "and Contract" if no contract is attached.

AGENDA ITEM 12

**Discussion Regarding Proposed Legislation Affecting Groundwater
Ownership**



PRESS RELEASE

State Senator Troy Fraser
The Capitol, Room 1E.15
Austin Texas, 78701

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 12, 2011

Contact: Janice McCoy
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FRASER FILES WATER RIGHTS MEASURE

State Senator Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay, authored legislation on Wednesday, January 12 which would clarify groundwater ownership. Senate Bill 332 would clearly state that landowners have a vested ownership interest in the groundwater beneath their property.

The legislation has been filed because some entities are challenging the Rule of Capture in court. The Rule of Capture was established in 1904 by the Texas Supreme Court. The court ruled that groundwater was the private property of a landowner and that a landowner could be held liable for harming a neighbor's well by exercising their right to capture the groundwater.

"For over 100 years, landowners have believed that the Rule of Capture gives them a vested private property right in the groundwater beneath their land," said Fraser. "And, that the property right gives the ability to drill a well and produce groundwater for their use."

The legislation is intended to work in conjunction with local groundwater conservation district regulation. Under the legislation, groundwater conservation districts could still require a landowner to get a permit and limit the amount of groundwater that can be produced. However, the legislation would prevent a district from "taking" a landowner's right to capture the water beneath the land.

"Landowners recognize that locally elected groundwater conservation districts play an important role in helping manage water to ensure it is available for future generations," said Fraser. "But there is a big difference between managing how much water is pumped and denying property owners the right to access the water beneath their land."

A vested ownership interest is a property right that a landowner can legally protect. The right to produce groundwater is a property right that is exclusively the landowner's. No one else can come onto private property, drill a well, and start pumping groundwater. If someone were to attempt it, the landowner could legally stop them.

"As Chairman of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, I believe the issue of groundwater rights needs to be debated by the Legislature," Fraser said. "The management of this important asset is key to developing the State Water Plan and ensuring that water is available for the future."

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Senator Fraser represents a 21-county region in the geographic center of the state. He is the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources. He also sits on the following standing Senate Committees: Business and Commerce, Nominations, State Affairs, and International Relations and Trade.

By: FRASER

S.B. No. 332

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the vested ownership interest in groundwater beneath the surface and the right to produce that groundwater.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 36.002, Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 36.002. OWNERSHIP OF GROUNDWATER. (a) A landowner, or the landowner's lessee or assign, has a vested [The] ownership interest [and rights of the owners of the land and their lessees and assigns] in and right to produce groundwater below the surface of the landowner's real property [are hereby recognized], and nothing in this code may [shall] be construed as granting the authority to deprive [depriving] or divest a landowner or the landowner's lessee or assign [divesting the owners or their lessees and assigns] of the ownership interest in the groundwater or the right to produce groundwater [rights], except as those rights and interests may be reasonably limited [or altered] by rules promulgated by a district.

(b) A rule promulgated by a district may not discriminate between an owner [owners] of land, or the owner's lessee or assign, whose land [that] is irrigated for production and an owner [owners] of land, or the owner's lessee or assign, [their lessees and assigns] whose land [that] was previously irrigated for production and is now enrolled or participating in a federal conservation program.

1 SECTION 2. Section 36.101, Water Code, is amended by
2 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as
3 follows:

4 (a) A district may make and enforce rules, including rules
5 limiting groundwater production based on tract size or the spacing
6 of wells, to provide for conserving, preserving, protecting, and
7 recharging of the groundwater or of a groundwater reservoir or its
8 subdivisions in order to control subsidence, prevent degradation of
9 water quality, or prevent waste of groundwater and to carry out the
10 powers and duties provided by this chapter. During the rulemaking
11 process the board shall:

12 (1) consider all groundwater uses and needs;

13 (2) consider the rights and interests under Section
14 36.002; and

15 (3) [shall] develop rules which are fair and impartial
16 and that do not discriminate between land that is irrigated for
17 production and land that was irrigated for production and enrolled
18 or participating in a federal conservation program.

19 (a-1) Any rule of a district that discriminates between land
20 that is irrigated for production and land that was irrigated for
21 production and enrolled or participating in a federal conservation
22 program is void.

23 SECTION 3. Section 36.108(c), Water Code, is amended to
24 read as follows:

25 (c) The presiding officer, or the presiding officer's
26 designee, of each district located in whole or in part in the
27 management area shall meet at least annually to conduct joint

1 planning with the other districts in the management area and to
2 review the management plans and accomplishments for the management
3 area. In reviewing the management plans, the districts shall
4 consider:

5 (1) the goals of each management plan and its impact on
6 planning throughout the management area;

7 (2) the effectiveness of the measures established by
8 each management plan for conserving and protecting groundwater,
9 ~~and~~ preventing waste, and protecting the rights and interests
10 under Section 36.002, and the effectiveness of these measures in
11 the management area generally;

12 (3) any other matters that the boards consider
13 relevant to the protection and conservation of groundwater and the
14 prevention of waste in the management area; and

15 (4) the degree to which each management plan achieves
16 the desired future conditions established during the joint planning
17 process.

18 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
19 a rule adopted by a groundwater conservation district on or after
20 the effective date of this Act or to a permit issued or application
21 filed pursuant to a rule adopted on or after the effective date of
22 this Act.

23 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
25 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
26 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
27 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

AGENDA ITEM 13

Possible Agenda Items for the Next South Central Texas Regional Water
Planning Group Meeting

AGENDA ITEM 14

Public Comment