

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY
JUNE 18, 2008

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY was called to order by the Chairman, Thomas G. Weaver, at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 18, 2008, at the General Offices of the San Antonio River Authority, 100 East Guenther Street, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.

Mr. Weaver called on Adair Sutherland, Vice Chair, to call the roll in the absence of the Secretary, Sally Buchanan, and Ms. Sutherland certified a quorum present as follows:

BEXAR COUNTY:

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

GOLIAD COUNTY:

Terry E. Baiamonte	Present
Adair R. Sutherland	Present

KARNES COUNTY:

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

WILSON COUNTY:

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

Staff members present were:

Suzanne Scott, General Manager
Steve Graham, Assistant General Manager
Steve Raabe, Director of Technical Services
Susan Eason, Director of Internal Resources
John Chisholm, Director of Operations
Claude Harding, Real Estate Manager
Dale Bransford, Manager of Park Services
Al Astran, Utilities Manager
Rudy Farias, Manager of Water Resources and Community Development
Steven Schauer, Manager of External Communications

Nefi Garza, Manager of Watershed Management
Jim Boenig, Manager of Engineering
Jim Blair, Flood Control Infrastructure Manager
Ken Englehart, Information Technology Manager
Phil Weynand, Internal Resources Administrator
Tom Pardue, Engineer
Melissa Bryant, Engineer

Other individuals present were:

David Ross, Legal Counsel
Lupe Moreno, Executive Assistant
Robert Ramirez, Attorney, Co-Chair of Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee
Olga Lizcano, Co-Chair of Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee

Mr. Weaver called for INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS: Ms. Moreno stated that Dr. Robert Ramirez and Ms. Olga Lizcano, both Co-Chairs of the Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee, were present.

Mr. Weaver called for CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: Ms. Moreno reported that there were none.

Mr. Weaver moved on to EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS: Ms. Scott called Mr. Robert “Bob” Perez to the front for recognition of five years service to the San Antonio River Authority. According to Ms. Scott, Bob joined the River Authority on June 2, 2003, as a Project Administrator in the Water Resources & Community Development Department. For the last two and a half years he has been the Project Administrator for the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (Region L) and the Regional Water Resource Development Group (RWRDG). His willingness to support and learn from co-workers, as well as to share knowledge, is a great asset to SARA. Bob was recently promoted to Project Manager for SARA’s San Antonio River Improvements Program, Mission Reach Project, on May 19, 2008. Ms. Scott presented Mr. Perez with a service pin.

Mr. Weaver called for Agenda Item 8: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE FOLLOWING: THE AMENDED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON MARCH 19, 2008 AND THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON MAY 21. Mr. Weaver first called for a motion to approve the Amended Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 19, 2008. Mr. Oehlke so moved and seconded by Mr. Morales, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Weaver then called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on May 21 and noted Ms. Baiamonte’s request to correct a misspelling found on page 2. Mr. Ruckman so moved and seconded by Mr. Neathery, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Weaver moved to Agenda Item 9: SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXECUTIVE, COMMUNICATIONS, FISCAL AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEMBER CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE REPORTS:

- Executive Committee: Committee Chairman Weaver indicated there was nothing new to report.
- Fiscal Committee: Committee Chairman Oehlke indicated there was nothing new to report.
- Communications Committee: Committee Chairman Rodríguez gave a briefing of the last meeting held on May 29, 2008 as follows:

Staff presented the River Authority's Sponsorships and Community and Media activities for the January – April Period as well as introduced Christine Green, Community Relations Coordinator, who started work in February and who is providing media and community relations assistance to the River Authority.

Staff also introduced Thompson Marketing, which provided a Basin Survey PowerPoint.

Staff also provided an overview of the River Authority's Environmental Education and Outreach Initiative, which is currently focusing on the reduction of plastic shopping bags and the use of reusable ones. Thompson Marketing is the contracted consultant on the project's external components. Mr. Rodríguez commended their efforts.

Staff presented the 2008 draft Basin Summary Report and requested Communications Committee input through June 13th. The draft report has undergone TCEQ and EAC review and input. The final version is due to TCEQ on June 29, 2008. The final report will be presented to the full Board at the August meeting.

The Committee approved implementation of the Communications Plan related to the Parks Services Repositioning Plan. As part of the plan, a new logo and images are being developed for the parks, and new media and outreach tactics are being developed.

Staff provided an update on the Westside Creeks initiative. In May, staff issued a Request for Proposal for conceptual design work. Staff is also working to assemble a group of stakeholder organizations that will form the Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee. Mr. Rodríguez thanked Dr. Ramirez and Ms. Lizcano for their work and good job so far.

Staff reported on the progress of the 1st phase of the flash animation project.

General Manager reported that the Bexar Regional Watershed Management (BRWM) partnership received the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) Bronze Quill Award for Communication Management in the field of Economic, Social and Environmental Development.

Next Meeting Date to be determined in August or September.

- Operations Committee: Committee Chairman Ruckman reported events from the last meeting held on June 9, 2008, that included the following:

The committee supported the SARA contract for the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan of the Southton Road Disposal Site of the Mission Reach of the San Antonio River Improvements Project (SARIP).

The committee tabled an item concerning the Elmira Street parking lot.

The Woodlake ERA on re-use water was also tabled.

The committee supported an agreement with TCEQ to perform work associated with the Leon Creek Total Maximum Daily Load Program.

The committee also approved a contract amendment between SARA and Bio-West Inc. to continue instream flow assessments of the San Antonio River and cleaning project.

Staff gave the Operations Committee updates on the following: Graytown Road Wastewater System Project; Water Resources Development and Planning Activities; and the San Antonio River Improvements Project.

The next Operations Committee meeting will be held on Monday, August 11th.

- Board Member Conference Reports: There was nothing new to report.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (10-11):

Mr. Weaver called for approval of the Consent Agenda Items 10 – 11.

Agenda Item 10: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO MR. MICHAEL J. MOCEK, DEPUTY DISTRICT ENGINEER AND CHIEF, PROGRAMS AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT DIVISION FOR THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, FORT WORTH DISTRICT, FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING AND RESTORING THE NATURAL STATE OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AND ITS TRIBUTARIES

Mr. Michael J. Mocek is retiring from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers after a long and distinguished career. Through Resolution R-1343, the Board of Directors of the San Antonio River Authority expresses the River Authority's appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Mocek for his commitment and dedication to water resource issues throughout the San Antonio River Basin.

Mr. Weaver called on Steven Schauer for Agenda Item 11: MOTION APPROVING THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS' APPOINTMENTS OF FIVE DIRECTORS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER FOUNDATION

The San Antonio River Foundation was established by the San Antonio River Authority in 2003 as a non-profit 501.c.3 organization. It is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, five of whom are appointed by the River Authority. The intent of this arrangement was to ensure that the River Authority and the River Foundation would remain connected and compatible into the

future. The River Foundation conducts its fundraising in the private sector, and all contributions are used to enhance the beauty and viability of the San Antonio River.

On May 21, 2008, the Board of Directors of the San Antonio River Authority was informed that the five River Authority appointments to the River Foundation would require approval in June 2008. The five River Authority appointees to the River Foundation include the reappointment of:

- Adair Sutherland, reappointed for a term through 2011
- Edward “Sonny” Collins, reappointed for a term through 2011
- Clifton McNeel, reappointed for a term through 2011
- Sally Buchanan will remain with a term set to expire in 2010
- H.B. “Trip” Ruckman, III, will remain with a term set to expire in 2009

The staff recommendation was a motion approving the five San Antonio River Authority appointees to the Board of Directors of the San Antonio River Foundation.

Mr. Weaver asked for any questions, comments or discussion regarding the items on consent. None were made. Mr. Weaver called for a motion of approval. Mr. Ruckman so moved and seconded by Mr. Oehlke, motion carried unanimously.

INDIVIDUAL AGENDA ITEMS (12 - 20):

Mr. Weaver moved on to INDIVIDUAL AGENDA ITEMS 12-20 and called on Suzanne B. Scott for Agenda Item 12: PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2008/2009 BUDGET AND FIVE YEAR SERVICE AND FINANCIAL PLAN

Ms. Scott presented a 30-page PowerPoint presentation and went over the highlights of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2008/09 that reflected instruction received from the Board during the May 21, 2008, Regular and June 4, 2008, Special meetings.

Mr. Oehlke asked for clarification of the 7.3% property tax rate increase and the difference between the 10.6% increase in appraised values. Ms. Scott explained that the current 7.3% is based on the property tax rate and the 10.06% increase is based on the revenue from the appraised values.

Mr. Rodríguez asked what the increase would be for a home on the West Side appraised at \$50,000. Mr. Kollodziej answered \$.60 and Ms. Scott concurred.

Ms. Scott pointed out that the Park Services budget has not changed. Mr. Weaver stated that the approach that staff has outlined is the right way to go in relation to CPS Energy as it demonstrates an effort of working together to solve the issues that are arising.

Also presented to the Board of Directors during those meetings was the draft Five-Year Service and Financial Plan for Fiscal Years 2009-2013. Board member direction is reflected in the plan, which is consistent with the fiscal year 2008/09 budget.

In relation to the tax rate calculation upon which the budget and plan are based, below is the schedule of upcoming meetings in which the tax rate will be discussed and/or acted upon:

- August 11, 2008: Fiscal Committee Meeting to Discuss Tax Rate
- August 20, 2008: Regular Board Meeting
- September 2: Special Board Meeting: Public Hearing and Adopt Tax Rate

Mr. Rodríguez referenced the Watershed Modeling and Data Development slide and asked about the accuracy of the Woodlawn Lake Study. Ms. Scott assured Mr. Rodríguez that, although it is not indicated, the work will still continue and is currently being done by SARA staff. Ms. Scott also pointed out that SARA staff will no longer be a part of Bexar County Capital Improvement Project – Chimenea Project Management phase until actual construction administration and operations and maintenance are required, so the cost and the expense will be eliminated. Mr. Weaver asked for an explanation as to why SARA would not be a part of the initial phase as in the other projects. Ms. Scott explained that this Regional Stormwater Facility is the last remaining detention facility from the project that was a part of the Leon Creek Watershed Master Plan.

Mr. Ruckman referenced the River Access Development Program and asked for an explanation of how the \$60,000 cost for the Wilson County Paddling Trail would be spent. Ms. Scott pointed out that it would model the paddling trail and access points that were constructed in Goliad County. Mr. Graham reiterated that the concentration would be on paddling designation. Mr. Bransford briefed the board on the paddling trail project efforts in Karnes and Wilson counties which will be similar to the Goliad Paddling Trail in Goliad County. Ms. Sutherland recalled that SARA staff had provided the Board with a detailed document of the cost breakdown. Ms. Scott offered to provide a similar document for Karnes and Wilson counties, if need be. Mr. Kollodziej asked if the public was informed as to whether or not the river meets standards for contact sports. Mr. Bradford replied they had been, and Ms. Scott also informed the Board about a web-site (www.riverrec.org) that has been established to inform the public of the river quality. Ms. Baiamonte pointed out that there was significant improvement in the quality of water and more specifically referred to her experience at the Flotilla event in Goliad.

Staff recommended a motion that the fiscal year 2008/09 Budget be adopted as presented; that the Five-Year Service and Financial Plan for the fiscal years 2009-2013 be accepted; and that approval of the above-listed schedule of meetings associated with setting the 2008 tax rate be granted. Mr. Weaver called for a motion for approval. Mr. Oehlke so moved and seconded by Mr. Rodríguez, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Weaver asked for discussion on 2008/09 Personnel Costs. Ms. Scott elaborated the needs and expectations for each position listed. Mr. Weaver asked why Support Services Director is not listed and if the Budget has already been funded for that position. Ms. Scott replied yes.

Mr. Rodríguez asked for the location of the Stream Restoration Program and Westside Creeks Restoration Program. Ms. Scott explained that this year's efforts will be concentrated on the development of the program and increasing staff's knowledge and expertise in order to help with other future projects such as the Westside Creeks, then taking it to the Operations Committee and the Board. Jim Boenig will take the lead on the project. Mr. Graham assured the Board that a more thorough explanation will be given at the Operations and/or Communications meeting.

Ms. Baiamonte requested that a footnote be added to the budget in regards to a request that was made by Art Dohmann on May 21st to participate in the USGS study on Groundwater in northern Goliad County and for the board to take it up for consideration at a later time. This would be in keeping with the results of the survey taken by Thompson Marketing with regards to the public's interest on water quality, preventing pollution and contamination. Steve Raabe referenced the Five-Year Service & Financial Plan and assured the Board of staff's commitment to the consideration of Mr. Dohmann's request to fund the Goliad County GWCD Project. He explained SARA's two-year contribution costs. At the request of Ms. Scott, Mr. Raabe gave the Board a detailed description of the project's process. Ms. Scott offered to discuss the revenue more thoroughly at the next Fiscal Committee Meeting at which time a recommendation can be made when staff is more certain on what the tax rate and assessed/appraised values are going to be. The Board accepted and agreed.

Mr. Weaver stated that unless there were any objections by the Board, he would like to move forward to Agenda Item 15 due to the presence of two chairpersons of the Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee, Robert Ramirez, Ph.D., J.D., and Olga Lizcano. **Mr. Weaver called on Rudy Farias for Agenda Item 15: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO SERVE ON THE WESTSIDE CREEKS RESTORATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Mr. Farias reported that the San Antonio River Authority Board of Directors approved the creation of the Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee and appointed Robert Ramirez, Ph.D., J.D., and Olga Lizcano, President of Donaldson Terrance Neighborhood Association, as the committee's co-chairs.

The two co-chairs and River Authority staff worked together to identify twenty community organizations to participate on the oversight committee. Organizations were invited to attend an orientation meeting in May, and of the groups that attended, all committed to serving on the committee. Following the orientation meeting, the co-chairs and staff worked on receiving commitments from the organizations which were not in attendance at the orientation meeting and also identified alternate organizations.

The following list shows organizations that have been identified to serve on the committee. The first twenty have been contacted and have either committed or may commit following the next Committee meeting in July. Organizations listed as 21 – 23 have been identified as alternates and will be contacted should an identified organization decline. The committee, at the request of a student, is considering participation by a student on the committee to represent the youth. The committee will not exceed twenty organizations and the listed alternates will only be invited to serve on the committee should an organization decline.

1. Woodlawn Lake Neighborhood Association	Committed
2. Prospect Hill Neighborhood Association	Committed
3. San Antonio Conservation Society	Committed
4. Los Bexarenos Genealogical Society	Committed
5. Our Lady of the Lake University	Committed
6. San Antonio Wheelman	Committed
7. Little Flower Basilica Hispanic Chamber of Commerce*	Committed
8. Mid-Town Neighborhood Association	Committed

9. Westside Chamber of Commerce	Committed
10. San Antonio Alternative Housing	Committed
11. Bexar Audubon Society	Pending
12. Avenida Guadalupe Neighborhood Association	Pending
13. Beacon Hill Neighborhood Association	Pending
14. Downtown Residents Association	Pending
15. University of Texas at San Antonio	Pending
16. St. Mary's University Revitalization Committee	Pending
17. San Antonio Independent School District	Pending
18. Sacred Heart Reunion Club	Pending
19. United San Antonio Pow Wow, Inc.	Pending
20. TexasTejano.com	Pending
21. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	Alternate
22. Westside Development Corp.	Alternate
23. Five Points Neighborhood Association	Alternate
24. Student Representative	Alternate

*Mr. Farias referenced # 7 in the chart above and informed the Board that because Little Flower Basilica is a representative of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce he would like to reflect that change.

The twenty members and the two co-chairs will serve as the stakeholder committee to ensure that the concept design development is inclusive and reflects the ideas and input of the residents and businesses in the vicinity of the creeks as well as those community-wide stakeholder groups with interest in the restoration and enhancement of the creeks. The program will be a long-term effort and will involve many phases of development.

The composition of the committee is similar to the San Antonio River Oversight Committee in that it is comprised of representatives from identified, established organizations with interest in the history, preservation, restoration, improvement, enjoyment, development and integration of the use of these creeks within community projects. The committee will also have subcommittees for each of the creeks, which will involve other organizations.

Staff recommended a motion approving the stakeholder organizations and other community-based representatives to serve on the Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee. Mr. Rodríguez motioned, Mr. Morales seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Weaver asked for any questions or comments and Mr. Ramirez took the opportunity to thank Mr. Farias and other SARA staff for all their efforts in staffing the committee.

Mr. Morales asked to whom the letter to UTSA was addressed. Mr. Ramirez stated that the letter was addressed to the President of the University, Mr. Romo, and response has not yet been received.

Mr. Rodríguez interjected that Ms. Harriet, wife of Mr. Romo, had initially submitted a proposal for restoration of the Elison Creek but it was not funded. Mr. Romo will most likely appoint his wife or an engineer to this project.

Mr. Weaver returned to the posted order of business and called on Jim Boenig for Agenda Item 13: PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE AWARD OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE ELMIRA PARKING LOT PROJECT

Mr. Boenig reported that the Board of Directors approved a budget amendment for a project improvement budget of \$260,000 for Elmira Parking Lot Improvements on November 14, 2007. The building demolition cost \$6,710 and the cost for landscape architect services is \$1,000. Future security costs are estimated to be \$6,700 which will be performed by SARA Information Technology staff resulting in a remaining project budget of \$245,590. The Board of Directors was presented with a project status design briefing outlining environmental design options for the parking lot on February 20, 2008. Options for environmental enhancements were presented including a bio-retention swale to slow and filter stormwater runoff. A section of permeable pavements was discussed as a possible pilot project study. The briefing noted these items could increase the cost of the project.

SARA staff has developed the construction documents internally with assistance on landscaping from Land Design Partners. Staff has received verbal approval from representatives of the adjoining neighborhood associations. Staff also met with the City of San Antonio Development Services staff to ensure compliance with City requirements and regulations. As a result, the site plan was modified and now contains 56 parking spaces instead of 57. The River Authority staff has included efforts to demonstrate good environmental stewardship as Bid Alternates in the contractor's bid form for the Board's consideration.

The scope of work includes: Native xeriscape planting in the landscape islands at the entrance, along the east side of the property, and both streets; Area lighting, perimeter fencing, vehicular and pedestrian security gates, security cameras and a crosswalk with a new sidewalk to the Environmental Center for employee safety. Vehicular and pedestrian gates will be controlled by a card reader. Bid Alternate #1 includes a bio-retention swale to reduce peak stormwater runoff and improve water quality exiting the site. Bid Alternate #2 includes installing three types of permeable pavement with an underdrain system to measure water quantity and quality through the pavement.

Solicitations for bids were advertised as required by statute, and were received until June 3, 2008. Eight bids were received. The lowest responsive base bid was received from American Asphalt in the amount of \$260,000. Staff is negotiating with the contractor to reduce costs of the base bid portion of the contract and provide project contingency to not exceed the budget amount of \$245,590.

Bids were received for the additive alternates of the bio-retention swale for \$29,000 and permeable pavements pilot project for \$36,000. Inclusion of the additive alternates is voluntary and exceeds current code requirements but demonstrates good environmental stewardship. These environmental items exceed the available budget.

On June 9, 2008, the Operations Committee was briefed on these results and was informed that negotiations with the apparent low bidder would be conducted in attempts to reduce project costs to meet the existing project budget.

At the concern of Mr. Kollodziej, Mr. Boenig clarified the specifics of the elimination of the center island, the \$1,000.00 cost for the Geo Tech study and the efforts being made not to exceed the \$260,000 amount budgeted for this project.

At the request of Ms. Sutherland, Mr. Boenig explained why a permeable base is not recommended, gave a detailed definition of a Bioretention swale, and explained why additional trees would not be planted.

Mr. Kollodziej asked if staff time would be counted and wanted to make sure that staff understood the need to account for all project costs with regards to staff utilization. Mr. Graham assured the Board that costs would be captured when applicable.

Mr. Ruckman thanked Mr. Boenig for including the information regarding the difference between asphalt and concrete. Staff recommended hot mix asphalt, feeling it would be most economically valuable.

Mr. Rodríguez asked if there were any environmental concerns and if they have been addressed. Mr. Boenig assured that they have been addressed. Mr. Rodríguez expressed his concern for the parking space issues and asked if there could be future recommendations to expand the parking lot. Ms. Scott explained that SARA is looking at leasing the spaces to generate revenue. The building currently has between 35 to 40 EAA staff and SARA feels confident that nothing more should have to be done in the future. Mr. Kollodziej asked for the cost of the land and what it is leasing for. Ms. McCoy answered \$310,000 and the spaces are leasing for \$50 per month.

Staff recommended a motion authorizing the General Manager to negotiate and execute a construction contract with American Asphalt for the amount of the base bid not to exceed the available budget of \$245,590 including contingencies for the Elmira Parking Lot Project.

Mr. Weaver called for a motion. Mr. Oehlke so moved, John Flier seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Weaver called on Jim Boenig for Agenda Item 14: PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR ELECTRICAL DEMOLITION OF THE SOUTHTON ROAD DISPOSAL SITE FOR THE MISSION REACH ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION AND RECREATION PROJECT - PHASE 1 OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

As local sponsor to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) on the Mission Reach of the San Antonio River Improvements Project, the San Antonio River Authority is responsible for obtaining, designing and operating the project disposal site which will receive the excavated soil and other materials generated by the Mission Reach project. Per the terms of the project interlocal agreement with Bexar County and the City of San Antonio, Bexar County is funding all costs associated with the disposal site. Per the Project Cooperation Agreement with the USACE, these local costs are eligible to be cost shared with the federal government but are dependent upon the amount of federal funding received.

The scope of this project is the removal and disposal of electrical-related materials throughout the 244-acre Southton Road property owned by the River Authority. The removal and proper disposal of these materials is necessary for the safe and efficient operation of the site by trucks

and other pieces of equipment used in the disposal process. The recommended bid came in at \$38,000 for A&R Demolition.

The project schedule was revised to accommodate additional survey information to be obtained (original schedule in parentheses):

Advertisement began	-	March 31, 2008
Bids due	-	June 13, 2008 (April 18, 2008)
Operations Committee Briefing	-	April 7, 2008
Award Authorization	-	June 18, 2008 (April 24, 2008)
Notice To Proceed	-	June 25, 2008 (May 22, 2008)
Completion	-	July 18, 2008 (July 6, 2008)

Solicitations for bids were advertised as required by statute, and were received until June 13, 2008. The number of bidders, recommended bidder and bid amount were reported at the Board meeting. The bids are evaluated on the basis of lowest and best bid. The bid tabulation, summarizing all bids, was distributed to the Board members during the meeting. ■

During its April 7, 2008, meeting, the Operations Committee approved a motion supporting presentation to the San Antonio River Authority Board a recommendation for staff to proceed with the execution of a contract with the recommended contractor in the amount of the bid and contingency for the site demolition/preparation of the Southton Road disposal site in conjunction with the Mission Reach Ecosystem Restoration and Recreation Project, San Antonio River Improvements Project.

Mr. Weaver stated that, since the recommended bid had come in under \$50,000, no board action would be required, and he invited any questions or comments from the Board. Mr. Morales inquired as to whether or not the electrical boxes were currently on the property and if they would be removed. Mr. Boenig answered yes to both. Mr. Neathery asked if there would be any PCB testing, and Ms. Scott assured the Board that staff will make sure that the contractor initiates the proper testing and that it will be in the scope of the contract. Mr. Kollodziej expressed a concern as to whether or not the electrical boxes are still active and how long they had been disconnected. Mr. Morales wanted to know if staff has TCEQ's approval for all the work being done on the property. Mr. Boenig responded that TCEQ has given the green light.

Mr. Weaver called on Suzanne Scott for Agenda Item 16: BRIEFING ON WATER RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Ms. Scott corrected that Steve Raabe would be presenting. Mr. Raabe reported that the application for the next round of funding was submitted to the Water Development Board on June 13 and will receive the approved funding in August. The Water Development Board did not approve funding for the Brackish Groundwater Desalination Project. In regards to the Environmental Flows, the Bay and Basin Stakeholder group for the Guadalupe/San Antonio was scheduled to be in place by September 1, 2008. However, the appointment of the initial Bay and Basin group stakeholder committees has not occurred on schedule, so it is anticipated that the schedule for our basin will be delayed. The Irrigation Technology Center that was purposed to be sited on the Texas A&M campus has been put on hold and the process of forming an advisory council/committee is currently taking place and they are concentrating on needs that are not being taken care of anywhere else. Mr. Raabe also reported on the opposition in Atascosa

County with regards to the SAWS Brackish Groundwater Desalination Project and informed the Board that a committee has formed to take a look at all sides and issues. The first meeting was June 17th and the group should meet on a monthly basis. Mr. Raabe will make sure the Board is kept up to date and informed of all pertinent issues.

Mr. Weaver called on Suzanne Scott for Agenda Item 17: STATUS REPORT ON THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Ms. Scott reported on the lock and dam component of the Museum Reach. It is approximately 48% complete due to Zachary not having purchased the \$2 million gates. However, it is not a critical path item so the new completion date is set for late December and won't impact the May 2009 scheduled completion date. Ms. Scott informed the Board that the Mission Reach Groundbreaking occurred on June 2nd marking the commencement of Phase I. Ms. Scott announced two important meetings coming up that may have media coverage and asked the Board to attend. June 26th at 6:30 there will be a neighborhood meeting sponsored by Commissioner Rodriguez to discuss the future uses of the site that the County will own upon completion. On July 10th, there will be a pre-construction public meeting at 6:30 at the Roosevelt Park Community Center.

Mr. Boenig updated the Board regarding the transformers at the Southton site. Eight of them were owned by CPS and three were privately owned. The scope of work on the contract states that testing will be done to determine the PCB presence, the amount of the plume and to appropriately remove and dispose of that material. Mr. Boenig also reported on the ongoing design work on Phase II.

Ms. Scott announced the upcoming DC trip. The Greater San Antonio Chamber, the Hispanic Chamber, and a delegation from San Antonio will be advocating for the River Improvements Project, a request for \$14.7 million, and the language to allow for the visitor tax to cover the federal share and be reimbursed by the Corps of Engineers in the future. On June 24, the Appropriations Committee will be voting on the House Appropriations Bill for Energy and Water so we'll know how much is going to be in the House bill for the mission reach.

Mr. Weaver called on Suzanne Scott for Agenda Item 18: DISCUSSION REGARDING ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Ms. Scott stated that a discussion of the USGS study would need to be placed on the upcoming Fiscal Committee Agenda.

Mr. Weaver called on Suzanne Scott for Agenda Item 19: GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Scott distributed a calendar of future activities that included the following:

- Instream Flow tour with the consultants at Floresville City Park and Conquista Crossing on June 24th
- The Water Loss Conference in September

- New board member tours on July 2nd and August 1st

Ms. Scott announced the addition of Ms. Moreno to SARA staff. Mr. Rodríguez thanked the staff for the new chairs in the Board room. Ms. Scott informed the Board about the press release on the adopted budget which they may see in their local newspaper.

Among other report items, Ms. Scott announced the next Regular Board meeting as August 20, 2008, at 2:00 pm. August 11th will be a full day of meetings to include an Executive Committee meeting at 10 am to discuss Bylaw issues, the Fiscal Committee will meet at 12 noon, and the Operations Committee meeting is set for 2pm.

Ms. Sutherland expressed a concern about not receiving news releases. Ms. Scott assured her that the releases are currently being sent to the SARA e-mail addresses given to each board member.

Mr. Weaver called on Ms. Sutherland for Item 20, ADJOURN, and, with no further business, Ms. Sutherland moved to adjourn at 3:57 p.m.

PREPARED AND RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD APPROVAL BY THE MANAGER.

SUZANNE B. SCOTT, General Manager

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 20, 2008.

THOMAS G. WEAVER, Board Chairman

ATTEST:

SALLY BUCHANAN, Secretary