

AGENDA

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND/OR OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY

February 10, 2010, 2:00 p.m.

**Estimated Presentation Time: 2.25 hours*



GENERAL AND CEREMONIAL ITEMS:

Estimated Presentation Time: 5 minutes

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

- Terry E. Baiamonte
- Sally Buchanan
- A.D. Kollodziej, Jr.
- Hector R. Morales
- Roberto G. Rodríguez
- Gaylon J. Oehlke

4. **CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM BY THE SECRETARY**
5. **INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS**
6. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

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

7. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 13, 2010**
8. **PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**
9. **DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING AMENDMENT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS BYLAWS ARTICLE XV, REAL ESTATE, REGARDING WATER RIGHTS ACQUISITION**
10. **PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING BOARD OF DIRECTORS BYLAWS ARTICLE XVIII, DIRECTOR CONFERENCES, EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS, AND FEES**
11. **DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE RIVER AUTHORITY'S MISSION, VISION, AND POSITIONING STATEMENTS AND GOALS**
12. **BRIEFING ON THE NATIONAL ISSUE OF EMERGING CONTAMINANTS AND THE POTENTIAL IMPACT ON WATER RESOURCES**
13. **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE WATER RESOURCE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE GUADALUPE-SAN ANTONIO RIVER BASIN**
14. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:**
 - **UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR,**
 - **FUTURE BOARD AND/OR COMMITTEE MEETINGS, AND**
 - **MEETINGS INVOLVING THE ATTENDANCE OF ONE OR MORE BOARD MEMBERS**
15. **ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**
16. **NEXT MEETING DATE**
17. **ADJOURN**

Estimated Presentation Time: 2.25 Hours

SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY
General Statements

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

Date: 02/10/2010

Approval of the Minutes

Submitted By: Linda Whitaker, Technical Services

Division: Executive Offices

Submitted For: Suzanne B. Scott

Department:

Information

CAPTION

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 13, 2010

Presenter

Mr. Oehlke, Committee Chair

Estimated Presentation Time: 5 minutes

Recommendation

Motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on January 13, 2010, as presented.

Discussion

Vote

Attachments

Link: [January 13, 2010, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes](#)

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY

January 13, 2010, 2:00 p.m.



GENERAL AND CEREMONIAL ITEMS:

1. **CALL TO ORDER WAS MADE BY THE CHAIRMAN, MR. GAYLON J. OEHLKE, AT 2:01 P.M.**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS CONDUCTED**
3. **THE SECRETARY, MR. ROBERTO G. RODRÍGUEZ, CALLED THE ROLL AND NOTED THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**
 - Terry E. Baiamonte**
 - Sally Buchanan (2:04 p.m. arrival)**
 - A.D. Kollodziej, Jr.**
 - Hector R. Morales**
 - Roberto G. Rodríguez**
 - Gaylon J. Oehlke**
4. **CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE SECRETARY, MR. RODRÍGUEZ**
5. **INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS**

Ms. Sanchez announced the visitors present in the audience.
6. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Ms. Sanchez announced that there were no citizens signed up to speak.

7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 10, 2008

Staff recommended a motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on November 10, 2008, as presented.

Motion made by A.D. Kollodziej, Jr.
Seconded by Terry E. Baiamonte
Motion passed unanimously

8. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING SARA'S FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE 111th SESSION OF CONGRESS, 2nd SESSION, INCLUDING DISCUSSION OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES IN WASHINGTON, DC INVOLVING SARA BOARD MEMBERS

After staff's presentation on the 2007 Water Resources Development Act mandate for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (COE) update to the 1983 Principles and Guidelines (P&G) that dictate how the COE chooses and implements water resources projects, Mr. Rodriguez went on record to say that he is concerned as to whether the revisions are in line with SARA's vision for our ecosystem restoration projects, including the flood control benefits to the West Side Creeks. He stated that he would like there to be a vigilant eye on the progress of the updates and for SARA staff to monitor the P&G update process closely.

There being no action taken on this item, Mr. Oehlke called for Agenda Item 9.

9. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION ON THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE'S INTERIM CHARGES AND ISSUES

There being no action taken on this item, Mr. Oehlke called for Agenda Item 10.

10. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE CHARGE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BUSINESS ITEMS OF INTEREST TO AND FOR REVIEW BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There being no action taken on this item, Mr. Oehlke called for Agenda Item 11.

11. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STANDING MEETING DAY AND TIME FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

After discussion with the committee, Mr. Oehlke called for a motion that the Executive Committee meet every second Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m.

Motion made by Terry E. Baiamonte
Seconded by Roberto G. Rodríguez
Motion passed unanimously

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071 FOR CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY FOR A BRIEFING ON PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION UNDER THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT REGARDING AN ALLEGED TAKE OF WHOOPING CRANES

After appropriate disclosure in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the Open Meetings Act, Section 551.071, Mr. Oehlke then recessed to meet in Executive Session at 3:45 pm for a briefing on pending or contemplated litigation under the Endangered Species Act regarding an alleged take of whooping cranes. The Executive Session having concluded, the Executive Committee Meeting of the Board of Directors resumed into Open Session at 4:15 pm.

13. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND APPROPRIATE ACTION ON PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION UNDER THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT REGARDING AN ALLEGED TAKE OF WHOOPING CRANES

There being no action taken on this item, Mr. Oehlke called for Agenda Item 14.

14. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

- **UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR,**
- **FUTURE BOARD AND/OR COMMITTEE MEETINGS, AND**
- **MEETINGS INVOLVING THE ATTENDANCE OF ONE OR MORE BOARD MEMBERS.**

There being no action taken on this item, Mr. Oehlke called for Agenda Item 15.

15. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Mr. Rodríguez requested that staff create an item on a future Executive Committee Agenda regarding pharmaceutical companies illegally dumping into our drinking water, water ways and creeks. Mr. Rodríguez also wanted an item regarding the IGCR Department's media coordination activities, and it was determined that this particular item should go before the Communications Committee.

Ms. Baiamonte requested an item be placed on a future agenda related to San Antonio River Basin lands and the potential for SARA to create a conservation trust. Ms. Baiamonte noted that a family from Goliad had put about 6,200 acres along the San Antonio River into the GBRA Conservation Trust. Mr. Scott assured the Board that this issue will be discussed on a future Board agenda.

16. NEXT MEETING DATE

As previously discussed under Agenda Item 11, the next Executive Committee meeting will be held on February 10, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

17. ADJOURN

Mr. Oehlke called for a motion to adjourn the Executive Committee meeting.

Motion made by Sally Buchanan

Seconded by Roberto G. Rodríguez

Motion passed unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

PREPARED AND RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE GENERAL MANAGER.

SUZANNE B. SCOTT, General Manager

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 10, 2010.

GAYLON J. OEHLKE, Committee Chairman

ATTEST:

ROBERTO RODRÍGUEZ, Committee Secretary

DRAFT

Date: 02/10/2010

Parliamentary Procedures

Submitted By: David Ross, Executive
Offices

Division: Executive Offices

Department:

Information

CAPTION

PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Presenter

David Ross

Estimated Presentation Time: 20 minutes

Committee members have requested a briefing on what parliamentary procedures govern River Authority Board meetings and Committee meetings. The River Authority enabling statute establishes certain parliamentary procedures for Board meetings and the type of votes necessary for certain matters, and the River Authority Bylaws establish other parliamentary procedures. The River Authority Bylaws may be amended to include additional parliamentary procedures.

Some bodies adopt *Roberts Rules of Order* as the parliamentary procedures to govern their meetings; however, the Open Meetings Act limits the applicability of all of the provisions of *Roberts Rules of Order*. Any parliamentary procedures adopted for River Authority Board meetings and Committee meetings must comply with the River Authority enabling act, the Bylaws (unless amended) and the Open Meetings Act.

Once parliamentary procedures have been adopted, they will control future Board meetings and Committee meetings. Any parliamentary procedures adopted should allow sufficient flexibility for full and fair discussion of all matters presented to the Board and each Committee and participation by each Director and allow the Board and each Committee to conduct informal workshops as may be determined necessary.

Recommendation

Motion to be crafted after discussion, as necessary.

Discussion

Vote

Date: 02/10/2010

Water Rights Procedure Addition to Bylaws

Submitted By: Karen Bishop, Executive Offices

Division: Executive Offices

Department:

Information

CAPTION

DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING AMENDMENT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS BYLAWS ARTICLE XV, REAL ESTATE, REGARDING WATER RIGHTS ACQUISITION

Presenter

Karen Bishop

Estimated Presentation Time: 5 minutes

Currently, the Board of Directors Bylaws do not specifically address water rights acquisition procedure. Staff recommend that Article XV, Real Estate, be amended to extend land rights acquisition procedure to specifically include water rights acquisition. Article XV, Section 1, would be amended to read as follows (amendments noted in red):

Land **and Water** Rights Acquisitions. The General Manager, or designee, is specifically authorized to acquire such land **or water** rights as may be purchased or leased for \$50,000 or less per parcel, where the purchase or lease price is within the amount budgeted for the project or program, without Board action. However, the Board will be notified of the purchase or lease of land **or water** rights under these conditions. Acquisitions of land **or water** rights that have a purchase price or lease price exceeding \$50,000 per parcel require the Board's specific prior approval.

Staff will incorporate any amendments made to the Board's Bylaws into staff's corresponding Real Estate Policy.

Recommendation

Motion of the Executive Committee supporting presentation to the Board of Directors for approval resolution amending Article XV, Real Estate, of the Board of Directors Bylaws to add and extend to water rights acquisition the procedures currently under Article XV established for land rights acquisitions; and authorizing staff to amend its Real Estate Policy to reflect same.

Discussion

Vote

Date: 02/10/2010

Conferences, Expense Reimbursements, and Fees

Submitted By: Karen Bishop, Executive
Offices

Division: Executive Offices

Department:

Information

CAPTION

PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING BOARD OF DIRECTORS BYLAWS ARTICLE XVIII, DIRECTOR CONFERENCES, EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS, AND FEES

Presenter

Karen Bishop

Estimated Presentation Time: 20 minutes

The Executive Committee has requested to discuss and possibly amend Article XVIII of the Bylaws as it pertains to travel policy for Board members. During the meeting, staff will present various options, including research of other river authorities' and government agencies' travel policies, for Committee discussion.

Staff was asked to bring back for presentation to the Executive Committee the draft policy that was discussed but not adopted in 2006. Under Sections 2(B) and (C), the 2006 draft places limits on conference attendance and out-of-state travel for Board members. Section 4(B) prohibits payment of per diem director fees in excess of 150 days in any one fiscal year, exclusive of reimbursement for expenses.

Staff will also present information about the Runzheimer Travel Management system. For city-to-city and other types of travel, this system factors in cost of living and other variables and provides researched per diem, lodging, meal, land travel, and air travel prices for destination locations worldwide. It could assist with future travel budgeting across the agency as well as ensure an equitable distribution of travel funding to board members without involving rigid policy limitations.

Recommendation


Motion to be crafted after discussion, as necessary.

Discussion

Vote

Attachments

Link: [Draft 2006 Policy Text](#)

	SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY	POLICY & PROCEDURE	POLICY NUMBER: EO 0004
SUBJECT: DIRECTOR CONFERENCES, EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT AND FEES		BOARD OF DIRECTORS	REPLACING POLICY NUMBER: Board Policy 90-02-1
RESPONSIBLE MANAGER: GENERAL MANAGER		EFFECTIVE DATE: February 14, 1990	
		REVISED DATE: February 15, 2006	PAGE: 1 of 5

REFERENCE

- (1) Article 8280-119 – Revised Civil Statues of Texas
- (2) Article VII – Bylaws, San Antonio River Authority
- (3) IRS Publication 463 and 552

PURPOSE

To establish a policy for conference attendance, reimbursement for meals, lodging and travel expenses and director fee charges for Board members of the San Antonio River Authority (River Authority).

PROCEDURES

1. Definitions:

- A. Director: An elected or appointed member of the Board of Directors (Board) of the River Authority.
- B. District: The service area of the River Authority including Bexar, Wilson, Karnes and Goliad Counties.

2. Conferences:

Related to the business of the River Authority, Directors attend scheduled meetings, symposia, seminars, training courses, etc. (Conferences). Attendance is allowed if the activity deals with subjects of interest or benefit to the River Authority or where the activity has a beneficial effect on the general knowledge or ability of a Director.

- A. Registration: Directors interested in attending a conference shall notify administrative staff. Administrative staff will register the Director for the conference. Conferences should be generally beneficial to the District as described above and Directors registering for a conference are expected to attend.

- B. Attendance Limits: For any one conference up to six Directors may attend. Director attendance requests exceeding six members shall be referred to the Board Chairman for consideration. Any one Director is limited to two conferences per

year. Should a director desire to attend more than two conferences a year, the request shall be referred to the Board Chairman for consideration. The Board Chairman may authorize exceptions to the limit on six Directors in attendance or on two conferences per year.

- C. Location: Directors may attend conferences anywhere in the United States. Attendance at out-of-state conferences is usually limited to two Directors. A request for more than two directors to attend an out-of-state conference should be referred to the Board Chairman for consideration. The Board Chairman may authorize exceptions to the two director out-of-state conference limit.
- D. Cancellations: Directors registering for a conference are expected to attend. Without legitimate cause, any expense associated with registration cancellation, including the cost of registration, will be the responsibility of the Director.
- E. Reimbursable Expenses. Procedures and requirements regarding reimbursement of expenses are as outlined in subsequent sections of this policy.

3. Expense Reimbursement:

The following shall govern reimbursement for Director expenses:

- A. Meals: Reimbursement for meals shall be as follows:
 - (1) Away from home overnight. Directors who are required by the business of the River Authority to be away from their homes overnight shall be eligible for reimbursement of reasonable actual meal expenditures.
 - (2) Not away from home overnight. A director who is not away from home overnight but who is on River Authority business in or out of the District may be reimbursed for reasonable actual meal expenditures.
 - (3) Directors are not eligible for and shall not claim reimbursement for meals not eaten by them or meals furnished by others.
- B. Lodging: A Director, who, in the course of authorized business of the River Authority, is required to be away from home overnight, shall be eligible for reimbursement of reasonable actual personal lodging, including reasonable tips for services rendered in connection with lodging. Overnight stay for an activity close to home is discouraged.
- C. Spouse Expenses:

Reimbursement for spouse expense while attending conferences: In connection with the business of the River Authority and to further the River Authority's interest, a Director may be reimbursed for expenses of their spouse in attendance at any official function, such as luncheons, banquets, etc. Without legitimate

cause, any cancellation expense associated with spouse registration will be the responsibility of the Director.

Reimbursement shall not be allowed for strictly spouse functions, airline, meals or other travel expenses of the spouse.

Reimbursement for lodging shall be allowed if additional rooms are not required as a result of spouse attendance.

D. Business Relationship Expenses:

(1) Reimbursable Items: Directors may claim reimbursement for expenses incurred in maintaining or developing business relationships in the course of authorized business of the River Authority with respect to the following:

i. Meals

ii. Local transportation, i.e., cab, bus, subway

(2) Non-reimbursable Items: The River Authority will not reimburse Directors for expenses incurred in entertaining persons in the course of maintaining or developing business relationships with respect to the following items: Theater, movies, professional sporting events, or other similar entertainment.

E. Travel:

(1) Local: Local travel is defined as automobile travel incurred in the course of authorized business of the River Authority within the District in a Director's home county. Reimbursement for such travel shall be on an actual mileage basis. When actual mileage is not recorded then mileage figures as shown on the State of Texas highway map to the distant City plus actual official intercity travel may be used. Reimbursement shall be at the rate allowed by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for mileage allowance.

(2) Non-local: Reimbursement for travel incurred in the course of authorized business of the River Authority outside the District shall be computed as follows:

i. If airline travel at a coach rate is available to locations sufficiently distant as to make air travel the most economical and convenient mode of transportation, then reimbursement of the actual travel expenditure shall not exceed the cost of a coach airline ticket, regardless of the means of transportation used. Generally, automobile travel is more economical and convenient when traveling to locations less than 100 miles from a Director's home. Without legitimate cause, any expense

associated with cancellation of a posted airline flight, including the cost of the ticket, if not refundable, will be the responsibility of the Director.

- ii. If airline travel is not available, reimbursement shall be on an actual mileage basis. When actual mileage is not recorded, mileage may be determined from mileage figures as shown on the State of Texas highway map plus actual official intercity travel. Reimbursement shall be at the rate allowed by IRS mileage allowance.

4. Directors Fees.

Directors may receive a director fee for attendance at eligible River Authority meetings.

- A. Eligible Meetings: The Texas Water Code allows the River Authority to pay Directors a fee for service for activities attended. The following lists the types of meeting/activities eligible for Director fee claims:

- (1) Regular Board Meeting
- (2) Special Board Meeting
- (3) Budget Workshop
- (4) Directors Planning Workshop
- (5) Committee Meetings (Executive, Fiscal, Communications, Operations, Special, etc.)
- (6) Other Activity Attended at the Request of the Board Chairman or General Manager

To the extent possible, committee meetings or other eligible activities will be scheduled on the day of a regular or other Board meeting. If two or more of the eligible activities occur on one day, a Director will be eligible to claim only one day of service.

- B. Payment Amount: The per diem eligible payment amount is \$150. The per diem eligible payment amount may not exceed the amount defined in the Texas Water Code. No Director shall be paid per diem director fees in excess of one hundred fifty (150) days in any one fiscal year, exclusive of reimbursement for expenses.

5. Records and Documentation.

It is necessary to submit receipts for expenses in conjunction with the "Statement of Expense" form except in those rare instances where it is impractical to obtain a receipt. Examples of exceptions are tips to baggage handlers, taxi fares, and meals attended with

a group and the restaurant refuses to provide separate checks. However, these expenses must be itemized on the “Statement of Expense” form.

6. Reimbursement Procedure:

Directors who have incurred reimbursable expenses in connection with business meals, lodging and travel and/or Directors fees, should support their claim with documentation. Each reimbursable expense must be itemized. All reimbursement expenses must be submitted for payment within three (3) months after the expense is incurred. No reimbursement will be allowed for expenses older than three (3) months. In any event, a request for reimbursement of expenses must be made on June 30 of each year, which is the end of the River Authority’s fiscal year.

7. Payment:

Claims for reimbursement for expenses shall be processed in the same manner as invoices, bills and statements specified in the policy for Cash Disbursements.

Approved by the San Antonio River Authority Board of Directors at a regular meeting of the Board on _____, 20____.

DRAFT

Date: 02/10/2010

Mission, Positioning, and Purpose Statements and Goals

Submitted By: Karen Bishop, Executive
Offices

Division: Executive Offices

Submitted For: Suzanne B. Scott

Department:

Information

CAPTION

**DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE RIVER
AUTHORITY'S MISSION, VISION, AND POSITIONING STATEMENTS AND
GOALS**

Presenter

Suzanne B. Scott

Estimated Presentation Time: 30 minutes

On September 19, 2001, the Board of Directors adopted a mission statement, a positioning statement, a positioning of services statement, and a purpose statement, which are presented later in this item for the Board's review.

On June 18, 2008, in conjunction with the adoption of the 2009/10 budget and five year plan, the Board approved five SARA goals, which are also presented later in this item for the Board's review.

During the Executive Committee meeting, the General Manager will discuss the River Authority's current mission, positioning, positioning of services, and purpose statements and the potential need for updates to them given agency shifts since 2001. The General Manager will seek the Committee's input and direction to staff regarding these statements and SARA's five goals.

For purposes of fiscal year 2010/11 budget and service planning, the agency will continue to use the existing statements and goals. The discussion that will begin during the Executive Committee meeting and any changes made pursuant to it will affect resource allocation, projects and/or management strategies in preparation for the fiscal year 2011/12 budget year.

Mission Statement

The San Antonio River Authority is entrusted to protect and preserve our shared water resources and together with our partners, pursue innovative solutions that will serve generations to come.

Positioning Statement

Water brings us together

Positioning of Services Statement

Water brings us together to:

- Preserve the quality and quantity of water in the San Antonio River and its tributaries
- Protect our communities from flooding
- Nurture our parks and natural resources
- Ensure that adequate water resources exist to serve the needs of our district

Purpose Statement

The State of Texas has empowered the San Antonio River Authority (SARA) to preserve, protect and manage the resources and environment of the San Antonio River and its tributaries. Our district spans Bexar, Goliad, Karnes and Wilson counties, yet our concern for the quality and quantity of water extends our focus beyond these boundaries, as factors outside the district contribute to the health and well being of the river and our communities. Through the knowledge and skill of professional and technical staff, we continue to develop and sustain the expertise needed to fulfill our service mission.

Goals

1. Exemplify environmental leadership, stewardship, and expertise
2. Enhance community appreciation for the environmental resources of the San Antonio River and its tributaries
3. Deliver valued public service
4. Advance a sustainable environment
5. Develop successful employees

Recommendation

Motion to be crafted after discussion, as necessary.

Discussion

Vote

Date: 02/10/2010

National Issue of Emerging Contaminants

Submitted By: Steve Lusk, Technical Services

Division: Technical Services

Department: Environmental Sciences

Information

CAPTION

BRIEFING ON THE NATIONAL ISSUE OF EMERGING CONTAMINANTS AND THE POTENTIAL IMPACT ON WATER RESOURCES

Presenter

Steve Lusk

Estimated Presentation Time: 20 minutes

Emerging contaminants have been generating significant discussion in the regulatory, legislative and water quality communities, and with this discussion have come questions and concerns about water quality in our basin. This briefing will describe what emerging contaminants are and what is being done to address them in Texas and in the San Antonio River basin.

Discussion

Date: 02/10/2010

Guadalupe-San Antonio River Basin Information

Submitted By: Steve Raabe, Technical Services

Division: Technical Services

Department:

Information

CAPTION

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE WATER RESOURCE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE GUADALUPE-SAN ANTONIO RIVER BASIN

Presenter

Steven Raabe

Estimated Presentation Time: 20 minutes

At its January 13, 2010, meeting, the Executive Committee requested a series of briefings on environmental flow activities that affect the San Antonio River basin and the River Authority's involvement in those activities. Potential topics include:

- Water Resource Characteristics of the Guadalupe-San Antonio River System
- Texas Instream Flow Program – Lower San Antonio River Instream Flow Study
- Texas Environmental Flows Program – Guadalupe, San Antonio, Mission, and Aransas Rivers and Mission, Copano, Aransas, and San Antonio Bays Basin and Bay Stakeholder Committee and Expert Science Team
- Future of San Antonio Bay and Estuary Program
- Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program
- Southern Edwards Plateau Habitat Conservation Plan

The first briefing will focus on the water resources characteristics of the Guadalupe-San Antonio River system.

Discussion

Date: 02/10/2010

GM's Report / Items for Future Consideration / Next Meeting Date

Submitted By: Lupe Moreno, Executive
Offices

Division: Executive Offices

Submitted For: Suzanne B. Scott

Department:

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CAPTION

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

- **UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR,**
- **FUTURE BOARD AND/OR COMMITTEE MEETINGS, AND**
- **MEETINGS INVOLVING THE ATTENDANCE OF ONE OR MORE BOARD MEMBERS**

Presenter

Suzanne B. Scott

Estimated Presentation Time: 10 minutes

Discussion

15.

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CAPTION

ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Presenter

Suzanne B. Scott

Estimated Presentation Time: 5 minutes

Discussion

16.

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CAPTION

NEXT MEETING DATE

Presenter

Mr. Oehlke, Committee Chairman

Estimated Presentation Time: 5 minutes

Unless otherwise decided by the Committee, the next Executive Committee meeting will be Wednesday, March 10, at 2:00 p.m.

Discussion

Executive Committee

17.

Date: 02/10/2010

Adjourn

Submitted By: Linda Whitaker, Technical
Services

Division: Technical Services

Department:

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CAPTION

ADJOURN

Presenter

Mr. Oehlke, Committee Chair
