

AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY

September 7, 2010, 10:30 a.m.

**Estimated Presentation Time: 1.75 hours*



GENERAL AND CEREMONIAL ITEMS:

Estimated Presentation Time: 5 minutes

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

BEXAR COUNTY:

- Sally Buchanan
- Michael W. Lackey, P. E.
- Hector R. Morales
- Názirite Rubén Pérez
- Roberto G. Rodríguez
- Thomas G. Weaver

GOLIAD COUNTY:

- Terry E. Baiamonte
- Adair R. Sutherland

KARNES COUNTY:

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- H. B. Ruckman III

WILSON COUNTY:

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

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

4. **CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM BY THE SECRETARY**
5. **INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS**
6. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**
7. **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2010 PROPOSED AD VALOREM TAX RATE**
8. **DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE 2010 AD VALOREM TAX RATE**
9. **DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE ROLE OF THE NATURE-BASED PARK PROGRAM IN THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY'S MISSION**
10. **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**
11. **ADJOURN**

Estimated Presentation Time: 1.75 Hours

SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY
General Statements

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

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

Date: 09/07/2010

Public Hearing on the 2010 Tax Rate

Submitted By: Sharon McCoy-Huber, Support Services **Division:** Support Services
Department: Finance

Information

CAPTION

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2010 PROPOSED AD VALOREM TAX RATE

Presenter

Sharon McCoy-Huber

Estimated Presentation Time: 15 minutes

Under current state law the San Antonio River Authority (River Authority) is required to comply with the requirements of the Water Code regarding calculation of the effective tax rate and a public hearing associated with setting the River Authority’s tax rate.

The fiscal year 2010/11 budget tax revenue projections assumed a minimal increase in property values subject to taxation. The calculated budget tax revenue is \$17,192,556. The certified property tax rolls have been received from Bexar County, Goliad County, Karnes County and Wilson County Appraisal Districts.

The current tax rate of \$0.015951 will produce approximately \$16,173,793 in tax collection revenues based on the certified rolls. This represents a \$1,018,763 decrease in 2010 tax revenues from the tax revenues originally projected in the fiscal year 2010/11 Budget. The tax rate of \$0.016652 that was proposed at the June 16, 2010 Board of Directors meeting will produce approximately \$16,884,584 in tax collection revenues based on the certified rolls. This represents a \$307,972 decrease in 2010 tax revenues from the tax revenues originally projected in the fiscal year 2010/11 Budget. This decrease is due primarily to the current state of the economy. The following tables provide pertinent information regarding property valuations and tax revenues:

Comparison of Originally Projected and Tax Revenues:

Tax Revenues Calculated at Current Tax Rate (\$0.015951)	\$ 16,173,793
Tax Revenues Originally Projected in Fiscal Year 2010/11 Budget	\$ 17,192,556
Difference	\$ (1,018,763)
Tax Revenues Calculated at Rate Proposed 6/16/10 (\$0.016652)	\$ 16,884,584
Tax Revenues Originally Projected in Fiscal Year 2010/11 Budget	\$ 17,192,556
Difference	\$ (307,972)

Comparison of 2008, 2009 and 2010 Tax Years

Summary showing the taxable value changes since tax year 2008:

	Bexar Co	Goliad Co.	Karnes Co.	Wilson Co.	Total	Average % of Change
2008 Taxable Value*	100,670,868,535	1,270,834,800	510,352,855	1,834,560,555	104,286,616,745	
	13.89%	11.83%	21.70%	2.25%		13.68%
2009 Taxable Value*	101,866,833,699	1,054,439,233	536,727,090	1,990,680,359	105,448,680,381	
	1.19%	(17.03)%	5.17%	8.51%		1.11%
2010 Taxable Value*	100,723,023,576	1,067,157,440	587,032,481	2,155,499,988	104,532,713,485	
	(1.12)%	1.21%	9.37%	8.28%		(0.87)%

*Taxable Value = Certified Value less Exemptions

Summary showing the homestead value changes since tax year 2008:

	Bexar Co.	Goliad Co.	Karnes Co.	Wilson Co.	Total	Average Homestead
2008 Homestead Value	46,821,119,235	134,838,330	226,017,111	1,077,248,776	48,259,223,452	145,158
# homesteads	315,177	2,086	6,294	8,902	332,459	
2009 Homestead Value	46,109,025,408	137,866,470	257,091,719	1,351,561,530	47,855,545,127	144,029
# homesteads	314,304	2,070	6,319	9,570	332,263	
2010 Homestead Value	46,344,006,984	151,508,370	247,757,780	1,381,879,806	48,125,152,940	142,948
# homesteads	318,498	2,075	6,363	9,726	336,662	

(Another table to follow found on next page.)

Summary showing the tax rate calculations for the 2010 tax year:

	Tax Rate	Estimated Revenue	Revenue @ 97%	Revenue Over / (Under) Current Budget
current tax rate	\$ 0.015951	\$ 16,674,013	\$ 16,173,793	\$ (1,018,763)
tax rate presented at 6/16/10 Board mtg	\$0.016652	\$ 17,406,787	\$ 19,884,584	\$ (307,972)
tax rate to support adopted budget	\$ 0.016956	\$ 17,724,567	\$ 17,192,556	\$ 0.00
rollback tax rate*	\$ 0.017362	\$ 18,149,066	\$ 17,604,594	\$ 412,038
	* based on average homestead value			

Staff has also attached the tax rate rollback worksheet.

The publication notice that was published (attached) includes information for the preceding and current year: the tax rate, the difference in the tax rate, percentage increase or decrease in the tax rate, the average appraised value of a residence homestead, the taxes on that average homestead value, the difference in the taxes in that average homestead and the percentage increase or decrease in the taxes on that average homestead.

The 2010 tax rate that was proposed was at the rate of \$0.016652. This would represent a decrease in current budget tax revenues of approximately \$307,972.

Discussion

Attachments

Link: [Rollback Worksheet](#)

Link: [Public Hearing Notice](#)

**San Antonio River Authority
Tax Rate Rollback Worksheet**

Maintenance and Operations (M & O) Rate:

1.	2009 average appraised value of residence homestead		<u>\$ 144,029.11</u>	
2.	2009 general exemptions available for the average homestead (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	-	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>	
3.	2009 average taxable value of residence homestead		<u>\$ 139,029.11</u>	
4.	2009 adopted M&O tax rate (per \$100 of value	x	<u>\$0.015951</u>	/\$100
5.	2009 tax on average residence homestead		<u>\$ 22.18</u>	
6.	Percentage increase to the M&O taxes	x	1.08	
7.	Highest M&O tax on average residence homestead with increase			<u>\$ 23.95</u>
8.	2010 average appraised value of residence homestead		<u>\$ 142,947.98</u>	
9.	2010 general exemptions available for the average homestead (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	-	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>	
10.	2010 average taxable value of residence homestead		<u>\$ 137,947.98</u>	
11.	Highest 2010 M&O Tax Rate (line 7 divided by line 10, multiply by 100)			<u>\$ 0.017362</u> /\$100
12.	2010 Debt Tax Rate	+		<u>\$0.000000</u> /\$100
13.	2010 Contract Tax Rate	+		<u>\$0.000000</u> /\$100
14.	2010 Rollback Tax Rate*			<u>\$ 0.017362</u> /\$100

* This is the highest rate that the San Antonio River Authority may adopt without triggering the rollback provisions in Water Code Section 49.236.

San Antonio River Authority

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The San Antonio River Authority will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2010 on Tuesday, September 7, 2010, 10:30 a.m. at 100 East Guenther, San Antonio, Texas. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal:

Terry E. Baiamonte
A.D. Kollodziej, Jr.
Gaylon J. Oehlke
Adair R. Sutherland

Sally Buchanan
Michael W. Lackey, P. E.
Roberto G. Rodríguez
Thomas G. Weaver

John J. Flieller
Hector R. Morales
H. B. Ruckman III

AGAINST the proposal:

PRESENT and not voting:

Názirite Rubén Pérez

ABSENT:

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	<u>\$ 0.015951/\$100</u> Adopted	<u>\$ 0.016652/\$100</u> Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	<u>\$ 0.000701/\$100</u>	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)	<u>4.39%</u>	
Average appraised value	<u>\$ 144,029.11</u>	<u>\$ 142,947.98</u>
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
Average taxable value	<u>\$ 139,029.11</u>	<u>\$ 137,947.98</u>
Tax on average residence homestead	<u>\$ 22.18</u>	<u>\$ 22.97</u>
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)	<u>\$ 0.79</u> <u>3.56%</u>	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent (8%), the qualified voters of the San Antonio River Authority by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the maintenance and operation tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

Date: 09/07/2010

Tax Ordinance

Submitted By: Sharon McCoy-Huber, Support Services

Division: Support Services

Department: Finance

Information

CAPTION

DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE 2010 AD VALOREM TAX RATE

Presenter

Sharon McCoy-Huber

Estimated Presentation Time: 5 minutes

Per state law, the San Antonio River Authority has voted on a proposed tax rate, published notice of the proposed tax rate and held a public hearing on the proposed tax rate. Board approval on a 2010 tax rate is the next and final step in the process.

Recommendation

Motion that Ordinance No. O-1339 be passed and approved setting a tax rate of \$0.016652 per \$100 valuation.

Discussion

Roll Call Vote

BEXAR COUNTY:

- Sally Buchanan
- Michael W. Lackey
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- Thomas G. Weaver

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WILSON COUNTY:

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Attachments

Link: [O-1339](#)

ORDINANCE NO. O-1339

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY DECLARING THAT THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY DOES HEREBY LEVY FOR TAX YEAR 2010 THE AD VALOREM TAX ON TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE COUNTIES OF BEXAR, WILSON, KARNES AND GOLIAD, TEXAS, AUTHORIZED BY ARTICLE 8280-119, V.A.T.S., AND BY THE VOTERS OF SAID COUNTIES AT THE ELECTION HELD OCTOBER 17, 1961, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO TRANSMIT CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTORS OF SAID COUNTIES

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the voters of Bexar, Wilson, Karnes and Goliad Counties, Texas, at an election held October 17, 1961, pursuant to Section 15-a of Article 8280-119, V.A.T.S., authorized the AUTHORITY to annually levy and collect an ad valorem tax at a maximum rate of \$.02 per \$100 assessed valuation of taxable property within said counties; and

WHEREAS, the taxes thus levied and collected are required by law to be used only for the purposes of general administration, planning and related services; and

WHEREAS, the AUTHORITY has approved a budget for the fiscal year 2010/11 that will pay for general administration, planning and related services with the levying and collecting said ad valorem tax; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has found and determined that the levy of said tax for the 2010 calendar year is desirable and is in the public interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY THAT:

1. The AUTHORITY does intend to levy and hereby does levy for the 2010 calendar year the ad valorem tax authorized by the voters of Bexar, Wilson, Karnes and Goliad Counties, Texas, at the election held October 17, 1961; and
2. The debt service rate is \$0.00 per \$100 valuation, the maintenance and operation rate is \$0.016652 per \$100 valuation which will be assessed for the 2010 calendar year; and
3. The passage and approval hereof is not intended to limit or waive the duty and responsibility of the Board to determine in succeeding years whether or not such tax will be levied in such years; and

4. The GENERAL MANAGER is directed to transmit by certified mail a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Tax Assessor-Collectors of said counties not more than five (5) days after this Ordinance is passed and approved; and
5. A duplicate original hereof be duly filed and recorded in the real property records of Bexar, Wilson, Karnes and Goliad Counties, Texas.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 7th day of September, A.D., 2010.

GAYLON J. OEHLKE, Board Chairman

ATTEST:

ROBERTO G. RODRÍGUEZ, Board Secretary

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CHAIRMAN

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF BEXAR §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority on this day personally appeared GAYLON J. OEHLKE, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY, a political subdivision of the State of Texas known to me to be the person and officer whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, in the capacity therein stated, and as the act and deed of said political subdivision.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this 7th day of September 2010.

LUPE SANCHEZ, Notary Public
In and for the State of Texas
My commission expires: 11/14/2012

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY §
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SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS §

I hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a duplicate original of Ordinance No. O-1339 of the Board of Directors of the SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY as passed and approved by the members of said Board by _____ () affirmative votes, _____ () negative votes, and _____ () not voting at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of said AUTHORITY held on September 7, 2010 in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, at which a quorum was present, as shown by the Minutes of said meeting.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness my hand and the official seal of the SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY on this the 7th day of September A.D., 2010 in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.

ROBERTO G. RODRÍGUEZ, Board Secretary

Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

Individual Items 9.

Date: 09/07/2010

Park Program Workshop

Submitted By: Karen Bishop, Executive
Offices

Division: Operations

Submitted For: Dale Bransford

Department: Park Services

Information

CAPTION

DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE ROLE OF THE NATURE-BASED PARK PROGRAM IN THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY'S MISSION

Presenter

Dale Bransford

Estimated Presentation Time: 1 hour

Staff will conduct a Nature-based Park Program workshop with the Board. The workshop purpose is to discuss the planning, development, and operation of park sites currently owned and/or managed by the River Authority. Staff will present project and operational information outlined to the Executive Committee on August 11th, and seeks direction from the Board regarding funding strategies that will dictate the pace of accomplishing these projects and their subsequent operation.

Recommendation

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

Discussion

Vote

Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

Individual Items 10. - 11.

Date: 09/07/2010

GM's Report / Adjourn

Submitted By: Lupe Sanchez, Executive
Offices

Division: Executive Offices

Submitted For: Suzanne B. Scott

Department:

10.

Information

CAPTION

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

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Presenter

Suzanne B. Scott

Estimated Presentation Time: 10 minutes

Discussion

11.

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CAPTION

ADJOURN

Presenter

Board Chairman
