

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY
DECEMBER 21, 2005

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY was called to order by the Vice Chairman, Adair R. Sutherland, at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 21, 2005, at the General Offices of the San Antonio River Authority, 100 East Guenther Street, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.

Jim Johnson, Secretary, called the roll and certified a quorum present as follows:

BEXAR COUNTY

Sally Buchanan	Present
Jim Johnson	Present
Hector Morales	Present
Roberto G. Rodríguez	Present
Louis E. Rowe	Present – Arrived After Roll Call
Thomas G. Weaver	Present

GOLIAD COUNTY

Terry E. Baiamonte	Absent
Adair R. Sutherland	Present

KARNES COUNTY

H. B. Ruckman III	Absent
Gaylon Oehlke	Present

WILSON COUNTY

JC Turner	Absent
A. D. Kollodziej Jr.	Present

Also present were:

Gregory E. Rothe, General Manager
David Ross, Legal Counsel
Steve Ramsey, Assistant General Manager
Steve Raabe, Director of Planning & Development
Suzanne Scott, Director of Community & Intergovernmental Relations
Susan Eason, Director of Human Relations
Sharon McCoy, Director of Finance and Administration
Steve Graham, Director of Watershed Management
Cindy Hernandez, Executive Assistant
Jim Boenig, Engineering Manager
Phil Weynand, Water Resources Manager

Margarita Maldonado, The Fields of the Missions, Neighborhood Association
Santiago Escobedo, The Fields of the Missions, Neighborhood Association
Mary Ozuna, The Fields of the Missions, Neighborhood Association
Chuck Ahrens, San Antonio Water Systems

Ms. Sutherland called for a MOTION for Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board of Directors held on November 2, 2005. Ms. Buchanan so moved and seconded by Mr. Johnson, MOTION carried unanimously.

Ms. Sutherland called for a MOTION for Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Held on November 16, 2005. Ms. Buchanan so moved and seconded by Mr. Johnson, MOTION carried unanimously.

Ms. Sutherland called on Sharon McCoy for Introduction of Visitors. Ms. McCoy introduced Margarita Maldonado, Santiago Escobedo and Mary Ozuna from The Fields of the Missions, Neighborhood Association.

Ms. Sutherland then asked if there were any citizens to be heard. Ms. Maldonado addressed the Board regarding concerns about the San Antonio River Authority's involvement in proposed development of the San Antonio River Eagleland segment. She indicated that neighborhood interests should be represented in the project.

Ms. Sutherland moved on to Recognitions:

- Mr. Rothe recognized Gregory Schwarz for completing 5 years of service and presented him with the appropriate service pin.
- Mr. Rothe recognized Gregory Mateo for completing 5 years of service and presented him with the appropriate service pin.
- Mr. Rothe recognized David Hernandez for completing 5 years of service and presented him with the appropriate service pin.
- Mr. Rothe recognized Susan Eason for completing 5 years of service and presented her with the appropriate service pin.
- Mr. Rothe recognized Brian Wright for completing 15 years of service and presented him with the appropriate service pin.
- Mr. Rothe recognized Michelle Garza for completing 15 years of service and presented her with the appropriate service pin.
- Mr. Rothe recognized RoseMarie Calderon for completing 20 years of service and presented her with the appropriate service pin.

Mr. Rowe then moved forward to Agenda Item 9 – San Antonio River Authority Board of Directors Executive, Communications, Fiscal and Operations Committee Reports.

- Executive Committee – There was no new report made regarding the Executive Committee.

- Fiscal Committee – There was no new report made regarding the Fiscal Committee.
- Communications Committee – Briefing by Committee Chairman Buchanan – Ms. Buchanan indicated the Communications Committee met on November 30, 2005 and gave a general review of the items discussed at that meeting. Approved minutes from the August 17, 2005 meeting were provided to the Board.
- Operations Committee – Briefing by Committee Chairman Weaver – Mr. Weaver indicated the Operations Committee met on December 12, 2005 and told the Board some of the items included in the Agenda for the Board meeting were reviewed at that meeting. Approved minutes from the November 7, 2005 meeting were provided to the Board.
- Board Member Conference Attendance Report – Nothing new to report.

Mr. Rowe moved forward to the Consent Agenda consisting of Agenda Items 10 through 13. Agenda Item 12 was pulled for discussion.

Agenda Item 10 – Budget Amendments

The following budget accounts were proposed to be amended as indicated:

<u>Budget Account Number</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Proposed Amendment</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>
<u>SACIP Land Sales Fund</u>			
Professional Services			
4911370-7320	30,000.00	60,000.00	90,000.00
4911501-7320	0	<u>100,000.00</u>	100,000.00
Net change to SACIP Land Sales Fund		160,000.00	

The San Antonio River Authority (SARA) has been asked to use the newly developed Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (dFIRM) flood models to analyze potential flood control projects that might be proposed in Bexar County’s November 2006 Flood Control Bond Election. The time for project technical analysis and costing is extremely tight. SARA has only from December 2005 through April 2006 to select capital improvement projects (CIP’s) that fit into the Bexar County Bond election schedule. The additional funds are required to secure consultant assistance in the CIP analysis effort.

As part of SARA’s support for the Bexar Regional Watershed Management (BRWM) communications programs, an additional \$60,000 is required for a two-phased public information and education campaign. The first phase will focus on informing and educating the local community on flood control issues, terminology and management strategies while also increasing awareness and recognition of the purpose, role, benefits and accomplishments of the BRWM program. The second phase of the campaign will be targeted to support education and information on the proposed Bexar County bond initiative being planned for November 2006 which coincides with the release of updated dFIRM maps for Bexar County scheduled for September 2006.

<u>Budget Account Number</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Proposed Amendment</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>
<u>General Fund</u>			
Intergovernmental Contracts			
1011501-7336	1,328,250.00	100,000.00	1,428,250.00
Water Resources Trans Out – LGWSP			
1011715-9123	894,609.00	<u>(100,000.00)</u>	794,609.00
Net change to SARA General Fund			0
<u>Lower Guadalupe Water Supply Project Fund (LGWSP) SARA</u>			
SARA Transfer In – General			
582-4911	(894,609.00)	100,000.00	(794,609.00)
Professional Services			
72582132-7320	400,000.00	<u>(100,000.00)</u>	300,000.00
Net change to SARA LGWSP Fund			0

SARA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) are jointly studying the Leon Creek Watershed. The study sponsor is SARA. SARA and the COE scoped the study to assure that the hydraulic and hydrology models being developed by the COE would be directly used in the dFIRM effort. The models developed will additionally be used by SARA to analyze potential flood control projects that might be proposed in Bexar County’s November 2006 Flood Control Bond Election. The original schedule agreed to between SARA and the COE in August 2005 did not anticipate the bond election and its timetable for CIP identification. The additional funds are required to accelerate the COE schedule to complete the models earlier to coincide with the Bexar County Bond election schedule.

A MOTION that the proposed budget amendments to the Fiscal Year 2005/06 Operating Budget be approved was included in the Agenda write-up.

Agenda Item 11 - Ordinance Declaring Surplus Property

Certain articles of personal property have been identified as being obsolete and unserviceable and are, therefore, surplus to the operational needs of the Authority.

The caption to Ordinance No. O-1264 read as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY DECLARING THAT SEVERAL ARTICLES OF PERSONAL PROPERTY LISTED IN "EXHIBIT A", ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF, OWNED BY THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY ARE NOT CONVENIENT TO THE BUSINESS OF THE AUTHORITY AND ARE SURPLUS; DECLARING THE APPRAISED VALUE OF EACH OF SAID ARTICLES TO BE LESS THAN FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000); AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO PROCEED TO DISPOSE OF SAID PROPERTIES UPON THE TERMS DEEMED APPROPRIATE AND TO EXECUTE ON

BEHALF OF THE AUTHORITY, SUCH INSTRUMENTS AS ARE
NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE SUCH DISPOSITION

A MOTION that Ordinance No. O-1264 be passed and approved was included in the Agenda write-up.

Agenda Item 13 - Presentation, Discussion and Action Regarding the Award of Contract Authorizing the General Manager to Accept Bids for Uniform Service for Various Departments.

The San Antonio River Authority currently uses a uniform service to provide, clean and repair uniforms for approximately 58 employees in the Utilities and Administrative Services Departments. Employees are provided with 11 sets of uniforms, either cotton or denim pants or either 100% cotton shirts or cotton poly blend shirts. This service also provides shop towels, cleans coats for lab usage and provides floor mats for the buildings. The service contract was bid through a competitive bid process to provide service for the next three years, with Unifirst and Cintas submitting bids to provide the service. A bid tabulation was included in the Agenda packet. Unifirst submitted the lowest bid for the specified services and it is recommended their bid be accepted.

A MOTION authorizing the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Unifirst to provide uniform services to the San Antonio River Authority was included in the Agenda write-up.

Mr. Rowe called for a MOTION to approve Consent Agenda Items 10, 11 and 13 as presented. Mr. Kollodziej so moved and seconded by Mr. Oehlke, MOTION carried unanimously.

Mr. Rowe called on Greg Rothe regarding Agenda Item 12 - Motion Ratifying the Certificate Presented to JC Turner as Tribute for His Twenty Years Meritorious Service as a San Antonio River Authority Director from Wilson County for Water Resources Conservation and Development in the San Antonio River Basin.

Mr. Rothe explained at a social gathering on December 16, 2005 a tribute was presented to JC Turner for twenty years meritorious service. A copy of the certificate presented to Mr. Turner was included in the Agenda packet.

Staff recommended a MOTION ratifying the certificate dated December 16, 2005 presented to JC Turner as tribute for twenty years' meritorious service as a San Antonio River Authority Director from Wilson County for water resources conservation and development in the San Antonio River Basin.

Mr. Rowe called for said MOTION. Ms. Buchanan so moved and seconded by Mr. Rodríguez, MOTION carried unanimously.

Mr. Rowe called on Jim Boenig regarding Agenda Item 14 - Status Report, Discussion, and Action on San Antonio River Improvements Project.

Mr. Boenig gave a status report on the San Antonio River Improvements Project.

Mr. Rowe called on Suzanne Scott for Agenda Item 15 - Presentation, Discussion and Action Regarding the Creation of the Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee to Provide

Citizen Input on the Westside Creeks Restoration Project Along Alazan Creek, Apache Creek, Martinez Creek And San Pedro Creek.

Ms. Scott explained the San Antonio River Authority (SARA) Fiscal Year 2005/06 Budget includes \$250,000 in the General Fund to support the initial phase of Conceptual Design for the restoration of Alazan, Apache, Martinez creeks within the previous limits of the San Antonio Channel Improvements Project and San Pedro Creek from Durango Street north to the tunnel inlet site. The total cost of the concept design development is estimated at \$650,000 with the project continuing through Fiscal Year 2007/08. Restoration in the conceptual planning phase includes attention to environmental, historical and cultural restoration as well as providing recreation and pedestrian linkages to neighborhoods.

The purpose of the stakeholder involvement program is 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 should keep the “end in mind” and recognize that the project is long term and may involve many phases of development. Generating interest, advocacy and synergy for a common “vision” through an inclusive public involvement process is an important first step and will give the project initial credibility and promote a better chance for long term success.

The Communications Committee of the SARA Board of Directors will identify and subsequently appoint the targeted organizations, with approval by the full board. Each of the targeted organizations will be requested to appoint individuals to serve on the committee. It will be recommended that each organization appoint a committee member and an alternate that can participate when the committee member is unable to attend meetings. Both the appointed committee member and the alternate will serve at the discretion of their respective organization.

The Communications Committee of the SARA Board of Directors will also recommend individuals to serve as the two co-chairs to lead the committee, for approval by the full board. The individuals selected for co-chairs should have demonstrated interest in the restoration of the creeks, name recognition in the community and have the ability to make a long-term commitment to the committee.

The committee should be no larger than 22 members, including the SARA appointed co-chairs. The committee, with guidance from the SARA, will form subcommittees for each of the creeks (Alazan, Apache, Martinez, and San Pedro) which will have overlap with the main committee and include organizations with creek-specific interests.

The Communications Committee has reviewed and approved the attached program design for a stakeholder process and is recommending that the program be approved by the Board of Directors. The Communications Committee has suggested the name of the committee be the Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee.

Staff recommended a MOTION that the Board of Directors approve the creation of the Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee, direct the Communications Committee to proceed with recruitment of co-chairs and organizations to serve on the Westside Creeks Restoration

Oversight Committee and present the recommended committee membership to the Board of Directors for approval.

Mr. Rowe called for said MOTION. Mr. Rodríguez so moved and seconded by Mr. Morales, MOTION carried unanimously.

Mr. Rowe called on Ylda Piñeyro for Agenda Item 16 - Presentation, Discussion and Action Regarding the Creation of San Antonio River Basin Environmental Oversight Committee.

Ms. Piñeyro explained the San Antonio River Authority (SARA) engages in several environmental studies and projects that require a public outreach component. Many of these studies and projects are identifying overlapping concerns and would benefit from a cross-sharing of the knowledge acquired. It is recommended an umbrella committee dedicated to understanding, identifying, and addressing the environmental strengths and weaknesses of the San Antonio River Basin be created. The committee would be known as the *San Antonio River Basin Environmental Oversight Committee*. The goal of the San Antonio River Basin Environmental Oversight Committee (Environmental Oversight Committee) would be to eliminate overlapping forums, engage the participation of more public/citizen input, and create a knowledgeable constituent base to help provide valuable insight to the SARA as it develops environmental policies and procedures. The environmental oversight committee would provide the opportunity to approach public participation and outreach with a consistent and well-informed base of participants.

The Environmental Oversight Committee would be a 20- to 25-member group of community stakeholders from throughout the basin who voluntarily serve as an oversight advisory group to the SARA Board of Directors regarding environmental issues affecting the San Antonio River Basin. Co-chairs and members of the committee would be appointed by the SARA Board of Directors. Each co-chair would represent an upstream and downstream basin interest and the core membership of the committee would be selected from a list of representative organizations identified by the Communications Committee. Such representative organizations would include, but are not limited to, environmental, agricultural, business and industry, municipalities, counties, recreational, academia, general citizens, fee payers, and water right holders. In order to address specific environmental issues and projects in the San Antonio River basin, the Environmental Oversight Committee would assemble subcommittees such as an Instream Flow Study or Clean Rivers Program. The subcommittees would serve as the public participation and outreach components that are required for these programs. Assisting the core committee would be a Technical Advisory Group consisting of knowledgeable experts from SARA, municipal public works directors, county infrastructure managers, and state and federal agency representatives, who serve to educate and inform the committee regarding active projects and studies in the basin.

SARA staff presented this idea at the Clean Rivers Program (CRP) Stakeholder meeting on August 25, 2005. The CRP stakeholders welcomed the idea of a basin-wide environmental oversight committee. At the meeting several suggestions were provided and SARA staff has incorporated those suggestions into the final proposal.

At the Board of Directors Communication Committee meeting on November 30, 2005, the committee supported the creation of the Environmental Oversight Committee and recommended presentation to the Board for approval.

Staff recommended a MOTION that the Board of Directors approve the creation of the Environmental Oversight Committee, direct the Communications Committee to proceed with recruitment of co-chairs and organizations to serve on the Environmental Oversight Committee and present the recommended committee membership to the Board of Directors for approval.

Mr. Rowe called for said MOTION. Mr. Weaver so moved and seconded by Ms. Buchanan, MOTION carried unanimously.

Mr. Rowe called on Steve Graham regarding Agenda Item 17 - Briefing and Discussion on an Environmental Monitoring Process at the San Antonio River Authority and the Creation of a New Environmental Investigations Coordinator Position.

Mr. Graham explained currently San Antonio River Authority (SARA) staff provides environmental monitoring, protection, and response as well as monitoring and management of SARA's property rights. In an effort to enhance and coordinate these functions, a new position has been created at SARA called the Environmental Investigations Coordinator. The job purpose is to proactively coordinate and orchestrate environmental compliance within the San Antonio River basin in order to protect public health, and natural resources and preserve SARA's property rights in accordance with the SARA's mission, enabling statute, ordinances, and the laws of the State of Texas. A description of the internal and external environmental process at SARA and how the Environmental Investigations Coordinator will facilitate this process was presented to the Board. Board member Johnson reviewed the events that ultimately led to inclusion of this position/program in the Fiscal Year 2005/06 Budget.

This item was presented to the SARA Operations Committee on December 12, 2005, and it was requested that staff repeat the presentation for the full Board.

Mr. Rowe called on Mike Gonzales for Agenda Item 18 - Presentation, Discussion and Action Regarding a Contract Between the San Antonio River Authority and the Texas Water Development Board to Conduct a Fish Population Inventory to Supplement Existing Biological Data for the Lower San Antonio River Segment 1901.

Mr. Gonzales explained in 2001, the 77th Session of the Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 2, which in part, amended the Texas Water Code to include the collection of instream flow data and to conduct studies. The legislation directed Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), and Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) (State Agencies), in cooperation with other appropriate governmental agencies, to "...jointly establish and continuously maintain an instream flow data collection and evaluation program..." In addition, the agencies were directed to "...conduct studies and analyses to determine appropriate methodologies for determining flow conditions in the state's rivers and streams necessary to support a sound ecological environment." The studies are to be completed no later than December 31, 2010.

In August of 2005 San Antonio River Authority (SARA) Environmental Services Department Staff in cooperation with the State Agencies completed a year long reconnaissance project to

identify and organize the existing historical information on the hydrology, biology, physical habitat, and water quality of the Lower San Antonio River in preparation for an instream flow study. Review and analysis of the collected information provides a summary of the state of knowledge and identifies areas that need further attention.

A preliminary evaluation of existing biological data in the Lower San Antonio River sub-basin indicates potential gaps in historical collections that should be supplemented. SARA had been requested by the TWDB to develop and submit a scope of work to conduct supplemental biological collections in the Lower San Antonio River. The goal of the proposed project would be to conduct new fish population abundance and occurrence collections, which would facilitate a better understanding of the fish assemblage dynamics within the San Antonio River. The collections are aimed at improving baseline data as part of scoping potential instream flow studies in the basin and allowing preparation of a conceptual model of fish assemblage dynamics in the study area.

A contract between SARA and TWDB to conduct a fish population inventory in the Lower San Antonio River has been finalized. The agreement documents have been reviewed and deemed acceptable by SARA staff and legal counsel. The project cost is not to exceed \$24,000 for completion of the tasks specified in the contract. In accordance with the negotiated contract, the TWDB will obligate funds not to exceed \$24,000. The agreement becomes effective when fully executed and shall remain in effect until August 31, 2006.

At their October 10, 2005 meeting, the San Antonio River Authority Board of Directors Operations Committee indicated its support for SARA's participation with TPWD in the Instream Flows Study and authorization for SARA staff to proceed with negotiations and finalization of an interlocal agreement to conduct fish community sampling in the Lower San Antonio River.

Staff recommended a MOTION authorizing the General Manager to execute a contract with the TWDB to collect supplemental fish population data in preparation for an instream flow study of the Lower San Antonio River.

Mr. Rowe called for said MOTION. Ms. Buchanan so moved and seconded by Mr. Kollodziej, MOTION carried unanimously.

Mr. Rowe called on Phil Weynand for Agenda Item 19 - Presentation, Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding Funding for the San Antonio Bay Environmental and Estuary Studies.

Mr. Weynand explained a funding strategy for the San Antonio Bay and Guadalupe Estuary Environmental Studies was approved by the San Antonio River Authority (SARA) Board of Directors at the November, 2005 meeting. As part of the approved funding strategy, state, federal and private sources of funding will be pursued. However, each of these potential funding sources have significant lead times involved between the application for funding and the actual receipt of funds. It is anticipated that funding from these sources would not be available until the last quarter of 2006 or 2007. Therefore, funds are needed from SARA and the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) to continue the studies during 2006 while alternative sources of funding for the remaining costs are secured.

Funds are available from the approved Lower Guadalupe Water Supply Project (LGWSP) general fund operating budget for Fiscal Year 2005/06 in the amount \$894,609. As of the end of October 2005, we have encumbrances and expenditures in the amount of \$7,587. Staff recommends approval of funds in the amount of \$268,133 for the San Antonio Bay and Guadalupe Estuary Environmental Studies for calendar year 2006. Should grant, private or other funding become available during calendar year 2006, this amount will be reduced.

At the December 12, 2005 meeting, the SARA Board of Directors Operations Committee supported presenting information on the approval of funding for the San Antonio Bay Environmental and Estuary Studies to the San Antonio River Authority Board of Directors.

Mr. Oehlke expressed that it appears the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority will be getting more benefit out of the study than SARA and suggested costs be distributed appropriately. Staff indicated they would keep this in mind if there are any subsequent authorizations to keep the study efforts going.

Staff recommended a MOTION to approve funding for the San Antonio Bay Environmental and Estuary Studies in the amount of \$268,133 for calendar year 2006.

Mr. Rowe called for said MOTION. Ms. Buchanan so moved and seconded by Mr. Weaver, MOTION carried unanimously.

Mr. Rowe called on Steve Raabe regarding Agenda Item 20 - Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Interlocal Agreements for Continued Funding of Senate Bill1 – South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group Region L Administrative Costs and Costs Incurred for Supplemental Evaluation of Potential Long-Term Changes in Freshwater Inflow to the Guadalupe Estuary.

Mr. Raabe explained the San Antonio River Authority (SARA), San Antonio Water System, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, Nueces River Authority, Edwards Aquifer Authority and Bexar Metropolitan Water District are proposing to enter into an interlocal agreement to continue funding of Senate Bill 1 (SB1) administrative costs incurred by SARA acting as the administrative agency for the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (SCTRWPG) for the interim phase of planning after January 1, 2006. The interlocal agreement expires on December 31, 2006. The cost budgets would then be authorized on a calendar year basis in order to more accurately estimate the cost of the administrative services for each coming year.

The administrative costs for the 2006 calendar year are projected to be \$60,000.00. The interlocal agreement includes an allocation of administrative costs as follows:

San Antonio Water System	35%
Edwards Aquifer Authority	28%
Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority	15%
Bexar Metropolitan Water District	10%
San Antonio River Authority	10%
Nueces River Authority	1%
Other Contributors	<u>1%</u>
Total	100%

SARA’s share of the administrative costs is \$6,000 and SARA will invoice the other funding entities for their respective share of the administrative costs. A budget amendment, as follows, is needed to establish the respective revenue and expenditure accounts.

<u>Budget Account Number</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Proposed Amendment</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>
<u>SB1 Regional Water Planning Expenditure Account</u>			
21461071	0	60,000	60,000
<u>Water Resources SCTRWPG Account #</u>			
101-1715-7337	11,045	6,000	17,045

SARA, on behalf of the SCTRWPG, and the National Wildlife Federation have entered into an agreement for supplemental evaluations of potential long-term changes in freshwater inflows to the Guadalupe River Estuary. The purpose of the scope of work is to supplement the assessment of potential cumulative effects of regional water plan implementation on the Guadalupe Estuary by adding two baselines for comparison and providing two ecologically-based assessments. Total cost for the scope of work titled “Supplemental Evaluations of Potential Long-Term Changes in Freshwater Inflows to the Guadalupe Estuary” is \$15,500. The results of the scope of work would be included as part of the South Central Texas Regional Water Plan.

SARA will invoice the National Wildlife Federation for the incurred costs. A budget amendment, as follows, is needed to establish the respective revenue and expenditure accounts.

<u>Budget Account Number</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Proposed Amendment</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>
<u>SB1 Regional Water Planning Expenditure Account</u>			
21461072	0	15,500	15,500
<u>SCTRWPG Participant Revenue Account #</u>			
21461070	0	(15,500)	(15,500)

At their December 12, 2005 meeting, the SARA Board of Directors Operations Committee indicated its support for presenting to the SARA Board a resolution to approve the SB1 administrative cost Interlocal Agreement, the agreement with the National Wildlife Federation for supplemental evaluations of potential long-term changes in freshwater inflow to the Guadalupe Estuary and the associated budget amendments.

Mr. Raabe read the caption to Resolution No. R-1267 as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF INTERLOCAL

AGREEMENTS FOR CONTINUED FUNDING OF SENATE BILL 1 – SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP (TWDB REGIONAL L) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND COSTS INCURRED FOR SUPPLEMENTAL EVALUATION OF POTENTIAL LONG-TERM CHANGES IN FRESHWATER INFLOW TO THE GUADALUPE ESTUARY

Staff recommended a MOTION that Resolution No. R-1267 be passed and approved and that the proposed amendments to the 2005/2006 budget be approved as indicated.

Mr. Rowe called for said MOTION. Mr. Johnson so moved and seconded by Ms. Buchanan, MOTION carried unanimously.

Mr. Rowe called on Phil Weynand for Agenda Item 21 - Briefing and Action Regarding the Lower Guadalupe Water Supply Project Draft Conveyance Agreement.

Mr. Weynand explained the San Antonio Water System (SAWS), San Antonio River Authority (SARA) and Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) entered into a Water Supply and Delivery Agreement dated May 10, 2001 (the “GBRA Agreement”). This agreement establishes SAWS’ and SARA’s rights and obligations to acquire water from GBRA as may be available for diversion from the Lower Guadalupe River near Tivoli, Texas. The GBRA Agreement also establishes SAWS’ and SARA’s rights and obligations to develop, construct, acquire and operate facilities to accept raw water supplied by GBRA and convey such water for treatment, distribution and use.

The SAWS Board of Trustees, on August 16, 2005, directed SAWS staff to exercise its rights to terminate its interest in the Water Supply and Delivery Agreement and to take steps to withdraw from the Lower Guadalupe Water Supply Project (LGWSP).

An agreement has been drafted that allows SAWS to assign and convey to SARA all of SAWS’ rights and obligations in and under the SAWS/SARA Water Supply Agreement and the GBRA LGWSP Agreement and for SARA to assume such rights and obligations. Execution of this agreement, substantially in the form as included in the Agenda packet, will give SARA sole decision-making authority as to the purchaser’s responsibilities under the GBRA agreement.

At the December 12, 2005 meeting, the SARA Board of Directors Operations Committee supported presenting information on the assignment and conveyance to SARA of all of SAWS’ LGWSP rights and obligations in and under the SAWS/SARA Water Supply Agreement and the GBRA LGWSP agreement to the SARA Board of Directors.

Staff recommended a MOTION authorizing the General Manager to negotiate and execute an assignment and conveyance agreement, substantially in the form as included in the Agenda Packet as Attachment “A”, to do and carry out all other acts necessary to complete such agreement and to document and accept the assignment and conveyance of SAWS’ rights and obligations.

Mr. Rowe called for said MOTION. Ms. Buchanan so moved and seconded by Mr. Weaver, MOTION carried unanimously.

Mr. Rowe called on Greg Rothe regarding Agenda Item 22 - Briefing and Discussion on Regional Water Resources Planning.

Mr. Rothe briefed the Board on Regional Water Resources Planning and the SB1 plan.

Mr. Rowe called on Susan Eason for Agenda Item 23 - Briefing and Discussion Regarding the Employee Survey.

Ms. Eason briefed the Board on the employee survey.

Mr. Rowe called on Sharon McCoy regarding Agenda Item 24 - Discussion on the San Antonio River Authority's Long Range Facilities Plan and Office Facilities Expansion Options.

Ms. McCoy stated that the management team met with the space planners and concluded that Watershed Management, which includes the Lab, Flood Control Infrastructure and Floodplain Management, and the Finance and Administration Division, which includes Information Technology, Administrative Services, and Finance, would relocate to the Euclid location. Planning Development, Intergovernmental and Community Relations, Executive Offices, and Operations would be housed in the main facility at 100 E. Guenther.

Mr. Rowe called on Suzanne Scott regarding Agenda Item 25 - Status Report and Discussion on Federal Congressional Appropriations Activity.

Ms. Scott distributed information and gave a status report on Federal Congressional Appropriations activity.

Mr. Rowe indicated Agenda Item 26 - Status Report and Discussion on State Legislative Activity would not be addressed.

Mr. Rowe called on Greg Rothe for Agenda Item 27 - Discussion Regarding Items for Future Consideration.

There were no requests regarding items for future consideration.

Mr. Rowe called on Greg Rothe regarding Agenda Item 28 - General Manager's Report.

Mr. Rothe addressed the following items:

- Mr. Rothe indicated he had previously informed Board members that he would be in and out of the office during the holidays and that a list of Staff and Board member phone numbers was being distributed to them in the event they needed to contact someone. Ms. Buchanan requested that both Ms. Sutherland's San Antonio and Goliad phone numbers be included on the list.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mr. Rowe, the Chairman, at 4:34 p.m.

PREPARED AND RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD APPROVAL BY THE MANAGER.

GREGORY E. ROTHE, General Manager

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
JANUARY 18, 2006.

LOUIS E. ROWE, Chairman

ATTEST:

JIM JOHNSON, Secretary