

RGWAC
July 08, 2013
TCEQ/RGWM Office-Harlingen, TX.
1:30 pm – 2:15 pm

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

- I. Chair, Wayne Halbert called the meeting to Order. A quorum was not present.
- II. Rio Grande Watermaster, Erasmo Yarrito Jr. (Moe) introduced his staff as well as TCEQ-Austin personnel. Self introductions were made of all in attendance. Sign-in sheet is attached for the Record. Orville Ballard attended via conference call.
- III. Moe discussed the WAC membership nomination. Moe will poll the current Committee members to see if they are interested in continuing to serve. All appointments expire August 31.
- IV. Secretary, Sonny Hinojosa presented the Minutes of the July 9, 2012, meeting. Being no quorum, no action was taken.
- V. Moe provided Rio Grande Watermaster Program update:
 - U.S. share of ownership at Amistad/Falcon Reservoir system is 32.98%
As of this week, Mexico has a deficit of 463,000 AF in the current cycle.
 - The FY14 RGWM budget reflects the municipal rate at \$0.3686 per acre foot. Irrigation at \$0.295 per acre foot.
This increase from last year's municipal rate of \$0.3445 will generate an additional \$44,944.09 to bring the proposed budget to \$809,142.75 compared to \$764,198.66 for FY13.
Adoption of the proposed budget will be recommended to the TCEQ Executive Director.
 - Amy Settemeyer, Section Manager – Watermaster Program, discussed a proposed rule change of extending irrigation and mining water contracts expiration dates not to exceed 2 years. Currently, water contracts for irrigation and mining expire 1 year after execution.
Amy also handed out the TCEQ Enforcement Initiation Criteria (EIC).
- VI. Legislative – Wayne reported that nothing affected water rights last legislative session.
- VII. El Morillo Drain – Sonny had nothing new to report.
- VIII. There were no public comments or concerns.
- IX. Future Meetings – none scheduled at this time.