

**Guadalupe, San Antonio, Mission, and Aransas Rivers and  
Mission, Copano, Aransas, and San Antonio Bays  
Basin and Bay Area Stakeholder Committee (BBASC)**

**Wednesday, March 2, 2011**

San Antonio Water System (SAWS) Customer Service Building, Room CR-145  
2800 US Highway 281 North  
San Antonio, TX

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Suzanne Scott, Chair; Dianne Wassenich, Vice Chair; Jennifer Youngblood; Garrett Engelking; James Lee Murphy; Tyson Broad; Chris Hale; Jerry James; Steve Fotiades; Jay Gray; Mike Mecke; Walter Womack; Thurman Clements; Brad Bredesen (for Mike Peters); West Warren; Roger Biggers (for Paula DiFonzo); James Dodson; Con Mims; Robert Puente; Kim Stoker; Everett Johnson; Jack Campbell; and Karl Dreher.

**Introductions and Public Comment:**

Roll call was taken and a quorum was reached. There was no public comment at this time. Mike Mecke introduced Jack Clark from the Kerr County Soil & Water Conservation Board who is considering the alternate position for Mr. Mecke.

**Discussion and Agreement on Agenda**

The draft meeting agenda was approved by consensus.

**Approval of meeting minutes for February 2, 2011**

The minutes from the February 2, 2011 were approved by consensus.

**Presentation of BBEST Environmental Flow Regime Recommendation**

BBEST Chair Sam Vaugh gave a presentation discussing the Guadalupe-San Antonio BBEST environmental flow regime recommendations report. The presentation included an overview of the report, the SB3 process, and the charge of the BBEST. He discussed the instream flow and estuary components of the recommendation, the methodology used, and how biology and the hydrologic system were integrated. He presented the general structure of the flow regime recommendation prior to key members of each subcommittee presented the methodology used to derive the recommendations in more detail. Chairman Vaugh presented an example of how the instream flow recommendations would be applied. He suggested that members review at least Chapters 1 and 6 of the report before the next meeting.

**Discussion and Agreement on Consultant Services**

Committee Chair Suzanne Scott gave a brief summary of the proposal process for Consultant Services. The evaluation committee's recommendation of HDR Engineering for technical assistance was approved by consensus. The recommendation of the Rozelle Group for facilitation assistance was approved with one dissenting vote.

Steve Raabe, SARA, discussed the scope of work for each service, how the scopes were

developed, and the cost estimates included in each. The cost of both services is \$130,000. Mr. Raabe had commitments of \$105,000 with several leads identified for additional funding to procure these services. Members unanimously approved the motion to contract HDR Engineering for the technical services. The motion to contract the Rozelle Group for facilitation services was approved with two dissenting votes.

Brian Perkins, HDR, asked members to identify specific sites for analysis and consider certain technical assumptions which would allow HDR to move forward. Members approved six locations under Task II of the scope of work for evaluation of a new diversion of up to 10,000 acre-feet under various environmental criteria including the base flow and subsistence flow criteria of the BBEST recommendations. The six locations chosen are:

- San Marcos River at Lulling
- Guadalupe River at Gonzales
- Guadalupe River at Victoria
- San Antonio River near Elmendorf
- Cibolo Creek near Falls City
- Mission River near Refugio

Regarding the technical assumptions to use in the modeling, members chose to use the TCEQ water availability model and to include the use of treated effluent in all modeling scenarios. Members did not reach a decision on what spring flow assumption to use. Mr. Perkins will provide members with the issues under consideration via email so that a decision can be made at the next meeting.

### **Set Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on March 15, 2011 at GBRA where members of the BBEST will be present to answer questions about the recommendations report. The following meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 6, 2011 in New Braunfels. Additional meetings are planned for April 19, 2011 and August 23, 2011.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment at this time.

### **Adjourn**