

RIO GRANDE WATERMASTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
JULY 02, 2019  
TCEQ/RGWM OFFICE, HARLINGEN, TX  
1:30 P.M.- 2:49 P.M.

*MINUTES*

**I. Chair, Sonny Hinojosa called the meeting to Order.** Six Committee members were present and 2 were on the phone.

**II. Self-introductions were made.**

**III. Minutes of May 8, 2018, Meeting:**

The minutes of December 13, 2018 were presented. A motion was made by Tom McLemore, seconded by Sonia Lambert, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the minutes of July 12, 2018 and December 13, 2018. Motion carried.

**IV. Watermaster Program Updates and Reports: Laurie Gharis**

**A) Quarterly Financial Reports:**

Laurie Gharis presented the Financial Report. The fund balance as of 09/1/2018 was \$579,328.28. The current fund balance was not available.

**B) Watermaster Report: Jose (Lupe) Luna**

Lupe Luna reported that as of June 22, 2019, the US storage in both reservoirs was 61.38%, amounting to 2,081,903 acre-feet. Amistad is storing 1,510,353 acre-feet and Falcon is storing 571,550 acre-feet. Mexico storage in both reservoirs was 16.12%, amounting to 407,487 acre-feet. Amistad is storing 190,217 acre-feet and Falcon is storing 217,270 acre-feet. The current TDS is 750 ppm.

Sonny inquired about the rating curves from IBWC on Anzalduas. Although there was no update, Kim Nygren stated that TCEQ Commissioner Emily Lindley would be assuming the role of working with IBWC and that the rating curves is one of the things being discussed.

**V. FY19 Proposed Assessment Rate and Budget:**

Laurie Gharis reported that the fund balance is expected to be less than the 09/01/2018 balance of \$579,328.28 due to collections being at 97% instead of the projected 100%. The FY19 expected expenditures were discussed for some of the budget line items however, were not provided for salaries and associated expenses. Sonia inquired about the revenue for this same period in order to compare actual revenue with expenses. Laurie will provide additional information next week. No action was taken.

**VI. Report on Mexico water deliveries: Laurie Gharis**

Laurie Gharis reported that as of June 22, 2019, Mexico has delivered 1,210,928 acre feet for this cycle and is approximately 40,000 acre feet behind in their deliveries.

**VII. El Morillo Drain update: Lupe Luna**

Lupe Luna reported that El Morillo is currently reading 750 ppm; the U.S. is releasing 14 meters from Falcon; Mexico is releasing 8 meters from Falcon and; El Morillo is spilling .29 of a meter into the river.

**VII. Public Comments and Concerns:**

None

**VIII. Future Meetings:**

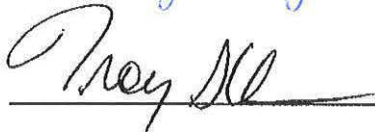
Laurie Gharis will provide additional budget information by email next week, to use in proposing the assessment rate for FY20. A phone conference/meeting will be set up at that time.

**IX. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE READ AND APPROVED ON THIS, THE 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF January, 2020

, CHAIR

, SECRETARY