

RIO GRANDE WATERMASTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

March 2, 2021
Virtual Meeting
10:00 A.M.- 10:40 A.M.

MINUTES

- I. **Vice Chair, Sonia Lambert called the meeting to Order.** Committee members were present on Skype. TCEQ Officials and Staff were also on the call.
- II. **Self-introductions were made.**
- III. **Minutes of December 18, 2020, Meeting:**

The minutes of December 2020 were presented. A motion was made by Tom McLemore, seconded by Glenn Anizan, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.
- IV. **Watermaster Program Updates and Reports:**
 - A) **Quarterly Financial Reports: Jose Davila/Kim Nygren**

Jose Davila reported, the FY20 Q4 fund balance is \$658,721.12. The Revenue as of 03/01/2021 is \$887,540.36, which is a 98% collection rate. The Expenditures for the first quarter FY21 are \$98,164.28, this does not include salaries, longevity, salary enhancements, additional insurance, and retirement, SORM and SWCAP. The Capital fund shows a balance of \$32,974 that carried forward from FY20 for a vehicle purchase. Jose Davila explained the adjustments on the FY21 Budget.
 - B) **Watermaster Report: Jose (Lupe) Luna.**

Jose Luna reported that as of February 20, 2021, the US storage in both reservoirs was 45.23%, amounting to 1,534,047 acre-feet. Amistad is storing 1,115,000 acre-feet and Falcon is storing 419,036 acre-feet. Mexico storage in both reservoirs was 5.77% amounting to 145,987 acre-feet.
- V. **Report on Mexico water deliveries: Jose Davila**

As of February 20, 2021 Mexico has delivered 24,798 acre-feet of water since the start of the 5-year cycle. Based on a linear deficit, Mexico is behind on deliveries by 89,000 acre-feet for this year's deliveries. If Mexico deliveries are based on historical runoff, they are behind around 50,000 acre-feet for this year's deliveries.
- VI. **El Morillo Drain update: Lupe Luna**

The salinity level in the past few weeks has been in the high 800 ppm-mid 900 ppm range. The currently salinity level is below the 800 ppm.
- VIII. **Public Comments and Concerns:**

Sonia Lambert questioned the TCEQ staff on an inquiry for an individual water right holder she emailed them about recently. Sonia Lambert was told to get information on this account she needed to submit a request for public information. TCEQ estimated it would cost \$40 to complete the process. Sonia Lambert asked "under what circumstances can we request information without having to go through the request for public information process", TCEQ answered the water right holder should be able to request information about his account through the Water Master. TCEQ said there was a miscommunication on that request, they did not know Sonia Lambert was requesting the information for the individual water right holder.

IX. Future Meetings:

The next meet is scheduled for July 6, 2021 at 10 a.m.

X. Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE READ AND APPROVED ON THIS, THE 6 DAY OF July, 2021

, CHAIR

, SECRETARY