

MINUTES OF THE  
TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
WORK SESSION  
April 18, 2012

Chairman Vaughan called the Work Session of the Texas Water Development Board to order at 2:30 p.m. in Room 170 of the Stephen F. Austin Building, Austin, Texas. He announced that all the Board Members were present:

Thomas Weir Labatt III  
Lewis H. McMahan  
Joe M. Crutcher  
Billy Bradford, Jr.  
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Members of Texas Water Development Board staff attending included: Chris Adams, Jorge Arroyo, Stacy Barna, Joyce Bourenane, Carolyn Brittin, Kelly Burton, Melanie Callahan, Chris Caran, David Carter, Wendy Foster, Lisa Glenn, Rene Gonzalez, Mark Hall, Dan Hardin, Ruben Hernandez, Francia Harutunian, Amanda Jenami, Sandy Kaiser, Merry Klonower, Darryl Lindgens, Ryan Long, Robert Mace, Temple McKinnon, Dave Mitamura, Ben Munguia, John Muras, Piper Montemayor, Matt Nelson, Darrell Nichols, Brenda O'Neill, Jonathan Pi, Ken Petersen, Lisa Petoskey, Samantha Pollard, Debbie Ramirez, Steve Rodriguez, Jim Scott, Joel Smith, John Steib, John Sutton, Phyllis Thomas, Connie Townsend, Comer Tuck, Jeff Walker, and David Yager.

The following individuals were present:

Steven Adams, Specialized Public Finance, Inc.  
Jason Afinowicz, Freese & Nichols, Inc.  
Wayne G. Ahrens, West Harris County Regional Water Authority  
Joe B. Allen, West Harris County Regional Water Authority  
John Baldwin, Coastal Water Authority  
Kathryn A. Bechtoes, City of Houston  
Stephen Berckenhoff, AECOM  
Robin S. Bobbitt, North Harris County Regional Water Authority  
Steve Bresnen, North Harris County Regional Water Authority  
Augustus Campbell, City of Houston  
Trey Cash, Coastal Water Authority  
Jun Chang, City of Houston  
Robby Cook  
Tony L. Council, Coastal Water Authority  
Ruth Haberman, Upper Brushy Creek Water Control & Improvement District  
Cliff Johnson, City of Houston  
Keith Kindle, CMT

Alexa Knight, Walton Development & Management  
Ken Kramer, Sierra Club  
Dan Krueger, City of Houston  
Michael Lenards, Texas General Land Office  
Mark Loethen, City of Houston  
James Lee Murphy, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority  
David Parkhill, AECOM  
Clay Pope, City of Houston  
Larry Quick, Upper Brushy Creek Water Control & Improvement District  
Wyatt Ringgold, Brazosport Water Authority  
Donald Ripley, Coastal Water Authority  
Tom Rolen, North Harris County Regional Water Authority  
Alvin Schuerg, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority  
Charles Shumate, North Fort Bend Water Authority  
Kevin Shunk, City of Austin  
LaMarriol Smith, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority  
Tim Terrill, Walton Development  
Alan Thompson  
Sam Vaughn, HDR Engineering, Inc.  
Todd Votteler, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority  
Paul Wallick, Central Harris County Regional Water Authority  
W. E. West, Jr., Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority  
Ronald Woodruff, Brazosport Water Authority  
Giti Zarinkelk, Coastal Water Authority

1. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY, 2012 WORK SESSION MINUTES.

Mr. Labatt moved to approve the minutes as submitted; Mr. McMahan seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

2. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION ON GUADALUPE BLANCO RIVER AUTHORITY'S LONG TERM FINANCING NEEDS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MID-BASIN WATER SUPPLY PROJECT.

Darrell Nichols, Project Oversight, introduced William West, Jr., General Manager, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, who introduced James Murphy, Executive Manager of Water Resources for Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, who addressed the Board. Alvin Schuerg, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, also addressed the Board.

No action was taken on this item.

3. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION ON COASTAL WATER AUTHORITY'S AND THE CITY OF HOUSTON'S LONG TERM FINANCING NEEDS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE LUCE BAYOU INTERBASIN TRANSFER PROJECT.

Darrell Nichols, Project Oversight, introduced Donald Ripley, P.E., Executive Director, Coastal Water Authority, who addressed the Board. Daniel Kruger, P.E., Director, Dept. of Public Works & Engineering, City of Houston, also addressed the Board.

No action was taken on this item.

4. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED PROGRAMMATIC CHANGES TO THE CLEAN WATER AND DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROGRAMS FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2013. Stacy Barna, Program Development, presented this item. She stated that Doug Holcomb, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, was in attendance and could answer questions if necessary.

No action was taken on this item.

Chairman Vaughan announced that Item No. 11 would now be presented to the Board.

11. DISCUSSION ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES REPORT FOR THE 83RD SESSION OF THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE. Wendy Foster, Governmental Relations, presented this item. Robert Mace, Deputy Executive Administrator, Water Science & Conservation, also addressed the Board.

No action was taken on this item.

Chairman Vaughan announced that the Board would consider the rest of the Items on the agenda beginning with Item No. 5.

5. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION ON THE 2012 TEXAS FLOODPLAIN MAPPING PLAN PREPARED FOR SUBMISSION TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY. Jim Scott, Texas Natural Resources Information System, presented this item. He recognized persons in attendance at the meeting from Upper Brushy Creek Water Control & Improvement District and the City of Austin.

No action was taken on this item.

6. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION ON STRATEGIC PLANNING GOAL: IMPLEMENTATION OF GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION OFFICER ROLE ESTABLISHED BY THE 82<sup>nd</sup> LEGISLATURE. Jim Scott, Texas Natural Resources Information System, presented this item.

No action was taken on this item.

7. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION ON STRATEGIC PLANNING GOAL: IMPLEMENTATION OF 2012 STATE WATER PLAN. Carolyn Brittin, Deputy Executive Administrator, Water Resources Planning & Information, presented this item.

No action was taken on this item.

8. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION ON WATER LOSS WITH RESPECT TO THE REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS. John Sutton, Municipal Water Conservation, presented this item. Robert Mace, Deputy Executive Administrator, Water Science & Conservation, also addressed the Board.

No action was taken on this item.

9. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION ON THE USES AND STATUS OF THE AGRICULTURAL WATER CONSERVATION FUND. Jeff Walker, Project Development, presented this item. Robert Mace, Deputy Executive Administrator, Water Science & Conservation, also addressed the Board.

No action was taken on this item.

10. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION ON SEAWATER DESALINATION ACTIVITIES AND PREPARATION OF THE 2012 BIENNIAL REPORT ON SEAWATER DESALINATION. Jorge Arroyo, Innovative Water Technologies, presented this item.

No action was taken on this item.

12. THE BOARD MAY DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ITEMS FROM THE AUDIT COMMITTEE, FINANCE COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEETINGS OF APRIL 19, 2012.

No action was taken on this item.

13. THE BOARD MAY RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONSULT WITH ITS ATTORNEYS REGARDING PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION, OR SETTLEMENT OFFERS, ON ANY POSTED MATTER ON WHICH THE BOARD SEEKS ADVICE OF ITS ATTORNEYS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE §551.071, AND WILL RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION FOR ANY NECESSARY ACTION ON ANY SUCH MATTER CONSIDERED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Board did not recess into executive session under this posting.

No other items were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

APPROVED and ordered of record this, the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2012.

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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Billy R. Bradford, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

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Melanie Callahan  
Executive Administrator