

MINUTES OF THE  
TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
WORK SESSION  
October 9, 2013

Chairman Rubinstein called the Work Session of the Texas Water Development Board to order at 8:32 a.m. in Room 170 of the Stephen F. Austin Building, Austin, Texas. All Board members were present and a quorum was met.

Members of Texas Water Development Board staff attending included: Jim Bateman, Joyce Bourenane, Patricia Blanton, Kelly Burton, David Carter, Mark Ellison, Scot Foltz, Lisa Glenn, Lauren Graber, Dan Hardin, Ruben Hernandez, Merry Klonower, Kevin Kluge, Randy Lara, Ryan Long, Robert Mace, Jeremy Mazur, Dave Mitamura, Matt Nelson, Piper Montemayor, Darrell Nichols, Kevin Patteson, Ken Petersen, Laura Rodriguez, Curtis Seaton, Ruben Solis, Connie Townsend, Nelda Trevino, Rebecca Trevino, and Jeff Walker.

The following individuals were present:

Tom Beard, Far West Texas Water Planning Group  
Scot Bledsoe, Region N  
Steve Bresner, North Harris County Regional Water Authority  
Curtis Campbell, Region B  
Carmen Cernusek, Lt. Governor's Office  
Heather Cooke, City of Austin  
Stephen Cortes, Averitt & Associates  
Andrew Connelly, Region O  
Mark Evans, Region H  
Perry Fowler, Fowler Group  
Buddy Garcia  
John Grant, Region F  
Kelley Holcomb, Region I  
Mary Kelly, Parula, LLC  
Jonathan Letz, Region J  
Chloe Lieberknecht, The Nature Conservancy  
Bret McCoy, Region D

Con Mims, Region L  
Bill Mullican  
Jim Parks, Region C  
Steven Raabe, Region L  
Tomas Rodriguez, Region M  
William Sarni, Deloitte Consulting LLP  
Suzanne Schwartz, U.T. Center for Public Policy Dispute Resolution  
Carola Serrato, Region N  
Tony Smith, Region D  
Aubrey Spear, Region O  
Jonathan Stinson, Governor Perry's Office  
Rob Thomas, Deloitte Consulting, LLP  
Houston Tower, Rep. Lucio's Office  
Jennifer Walker, Sierra Club  
Lynlie Wallace, Rep. Larson's Office  
Hope Wells, San Antonio Water System  
C.E. Williams, Region A  
Wayne Wilson, Region G

1. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PRIORITIZATION OF APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FUND.  
Darrell Nichols, Project Oversight, presented this item.

Director Bruun moved to approve the prioritization of applications from the Water Infrastructure Fund; Director Williamson seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

2. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS, NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000, FROM THE WATER ASSISTANCE FUND TO THE RESEARCH AND PLANNING FUND, FOR A CONTRACT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY DISPUTE RESOLUTION FOR FACILITATION SERVICES TO ASSIST A STAKEHOLDERS COMMITTEE OF REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP CHAIRS IN ESTABLISHING UNIFORM CRITERIA FOR PRIORITIZING REGIONAL WATER PLAN PROJECTS. Matt Nelson, Regional Water Planning, presented this item.

Director Williamson introduced Suzanne Schwartz with The University of Texas Center for Public Policy Dispute Resolution, who addressed the Board.

Director Williamson moved to approve the transfer of funds from the Water Assistance Fund to the Research and Planning Fund; Director Bruun seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

3. DISCUSSION OF REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP CONSIDERATIONS FOR REGIONAL WATER PLAN PROJECT PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA.

The Board members introduced themselves and expressed their views on the importance of developing criteria for prioritizing regional projects.

Dan Hardin, Water Resources Planning & Information, presented the key issues of the task and a summary of the previous day's meeting of the regional water planning group stakeholder committee.

Chairman Rubinstein then asked the representatives of the stakeholder committee to introduce themselves, indicate the region they represent and state the key issues in their region. The stakeholders addressing the Board were as follows:

Tomas Rodriguez, Region M;  
Jonathan Letz, Region J;  
John Grant, Region F;  
Jim Parks, Region C;  
Curtis Campbell, Region B;  
Mark Evans, Region H;  
Kelley Holcomb, Region I;  
Scott Bledsoe, Region N;

Carola Serrato, Region N;  
Jennifer Walker, Region K;  
C.E. Williams, Region A;  
Aubrey Spear, Region O;  
Bret McCoy; Region D;  
Wayne Wilson, Region G;  
Tom Beard, Region E;  
Con Mimms, Region L.

There was discussion on the task to develop standards for prioritizing regional water plan projects by stakeholders and board members. Staff members, Dan Hardin and Robert Mace, addressed questions during the discussion.

No action was taken on this item.

4. THE BOARD WILL RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.

No public comments were received.

5. THE BOARD MAY RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING ANY POSTED MATTER TO SEEK THE ADVICE OF ITS ATTORNEYS UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE §551.071 AND WILL RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION FOR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ANY MATTER CONSIDERED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Board did not recess into Executive Session.

No other items were discussed.

The Chairman recognized the following legislative staff members in attendance at the meeting:

Jonathan Stinson, Governor Perry's Office  
Carmen Cernusek, Lt. Governor's Office  
Lynlie Wallace, Rep. Lyle Larson's Office  
Houston Tower, Rep. Lucio's Office  
Jerry Needham, Sen. Uresti's Office.

The meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

APPROVED and ordered of record this, the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2013.

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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Carlos Rubinstein, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Kevin Patteson  
Executive Administrator