

Minutes of the July 20, 2000 Meeting of the  
Coastal Bend Regional Water Planning Group for the  
Senate Bill 1 Regional Water Planning Program for Region "N"

This meeting of the Coastal Bend Regional Water Planning Group (Coastal Bend RWPG) was held in the auditorium at the TAMU Research and Extension Center, 10345 Agnes Street, Corpus Christi, Texas 78406. Dr. Patrick Hubert called the meeting to order at 1:53 p.m.

Voting members of the Coastal Bend RWPG in attendance included Dr. David McNichols, Mr. Billy Dick, Mr. Robert Kunkel, Mr. Bobby Nedbalek, Mr. Fausto Yturria, Dr. Jennifer Prouty, Dr. Patrick Hubert, Mr. Bernie DeLaune, Mr. Greg Carter, and Ms. Carola Serrato.

Non-Voting members of the Coastal Bend RWPG in attendance included Mr. Robert Flores and Mr. Vincente Guerra.

Also in attendance was Mr. Kelly Payne and Mr. Ken Choffel of HDR Engineering and Mr. Glenn Bridges of Naismith Engineering.

Minutes from the June 22, 2000 meeting of the Coastal Bend Regional Water Planning Group for the Senate Bill 1 Regional Water Planning Program for Region "N" were reviewed. Dr. Patrick Hubert requested an amendment to the minutes to include Dr. Hubert as one of the volunteers for the subcommittee on Policy Recommendations. Dr. McNichols made a motion to approve the minutes with the included amendment. Mr. Fausto Yturria seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Kelly Payne introduced Agenda Item IV: Water Management Strategies. Mr. Payne discussed what needs to be done to complete the Draft Regional Water Management Plan before the public hearing in September.

Mr. Payne next introduced two water supply options to be discussed: Redistribution of Water Rights/Reallocation of Groundwater, and Potential Water System Interconnects to be discussed by Mr. Glenn Bridges. Mr. Payne stated that one of the water supply options for the redistribution of water rights calls for the use of some underutilized water in Robstown. Concerning reallocation of groundwater, Mr. Payne stated that changes would be made in accordance with demand.

Mr. Bridges began discussion on Potential Water System Interconnects in various counties as well as cost projections. He noted some implementation issues such as environmental impacts and blending groundwater and surface water.

Mr. Ken Choffel next introduced Agenda Item V: Water Management Strategies for Meeting Water Demands. Mr. Choffel stated that in order to help meet water demands, every water planning option must be in the Water Management Plan in order to receive Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) funding and Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) permits. Mr. Payne also discussed water supply shortages on a county by county basis. The Coastal Bend RWPG members, Mr. Payne, and Mr. Choffel then discussed options to include in the plan for each shortage.

Mr. Dodson introduced Agenda Item VI: Adopting Recommended Water Management Strategies for Meeting Water Demands. Topics of discussion centered around water rights and securing firm yield to the system. Ms. Serrato made a motion to adopt the recommended Water Management

