

Minutes of the August 24, 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. Judge Miller called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

Voting members of the Coastal Bend RWPG in attendance included Judge Josephine Miller, 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, Mr. Scott Bledsoe, Ms. Carola Serrato, and Mr. Bernard Paulson.

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

Also in attendance were Mr. Kelly Payne and Mr. Ken Choffel of HDR Engineering.

Judge Josephine Miller asked for a roll call. A visual attendance was noted.

Minutes from the July 20, 2000 meeting of the Regional Water Planning Group for the Senate Bill 1 Regional Water Planning Program for Region "N" were reviewed. There were no requested additions or modifications to the minutes. Mr. Fausto Yturria made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Prouty and Mr. Nedbalek seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Kelly Payne introduced Agenda Item IV: Adopting the "Initially Prepared" Regional Water Management Plan. Mr. Payne began discussion on the layout of the report. He stated that Volume I discusses the plan and provides the appendices. The second volume contains the 17 strategies discussed by the Coastal Bend RWPG. Mr. Payne also recognized the HDR Engineering staff and consultants for their work on the plan as well as TAMU-CC for the development and analysis of the groundwater model of the Gulf Coast Aquifer.

Mr. Payne discussed aspects of water shortages in various parts of the region. He also mentioned the existence of 25 water supply strategies to increase supply in the region. A question was asked concerning how economic impact data was obtained. Mr. Payne replied by noting that pages 5 and 6 of Appendix D provided an explanation of how economic data was obtained.

Regarding adopting the "Initially Prepared" Regional Water Management Plan, Judge Miller requested the inclusion of concerns with Railroad Commission permits and regulations. Mr. Dodson requested the inclusion of concerns with Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) rules and regulations regarding the remediation of contaminated groundwater.

Dr. McNichols made a motion to adopt the "Initially Prepared" Regional Water Management Plan. Mr. Yturria seconded the motion. The adoption of the Coastal Bend RWPG's "Initially Prepared" Regional Water Management Plan was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Judge Miller next introduced Agenda Item V: Setting a Time and Location for the Public Hearing on the Draft Regional Water Management Plan and Approving Publication of "Notice of Public Hearing". Mr. Dodson stated that the date of the public hearing, September 28, 2000, was approved at the last meeting. Mr. Dodson requested that the time be set at 6:00pm and the hearing

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take place at the TAMU Research and Extension Center. Mr. Dodson stated that the "Notice of Public Hearing" would be in the *Corpus Christi Caller Times* and in mailouts to various interested parties. Mr. Yturria made a motion to set the Public Hearing on the Draft Regional Water Management Plan for September 28, 2000 at 6:00pm and to approve publication of "Notice of Public Hearing". Mr. Dick and Dr. Hubert seconded the motion. The time, date, and approval of "Notice of Public Hearing" were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Dodson next introduced Agenda Item VI: Scope of Work and Budgets for "Interim" Planning and Administrative Activities. Mr. Dodson discussed the Administrative Budget for the "Interim" period. He referred to an allocation table from which resolutions may be made during the next meeting concerning support of the process.

Mr. Dodson next discussed the Scope of Work and Budgets for "Interim" Planning Activities. Mr. Dodson stated that the Texas Water Development Board monies could not be rolled over from one year to the next, therefore he suggested that related projects could spend surplus monies before the end of the year. Mr. Carter made a motion to adopt the Interim Budget. Mr. Bledsoe seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Dodson next introduced Agenda Item VII: Reports. Mr. Flores stated that Region "L" and Region "M" are having a joint meeting on September 1, 2000. Mr. Flores also mentioned that region "M" will be holding their public hearing on Sept. 27, 2000.

Dr. Hubert made a motion to assign the job of doing the re-funding application to the Executive Committee. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Judge Miller asked for General Public comment. There was none.

No meeting date was set.

The meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Mr. Sam Sugarek and Mr. James Dodson

Minutes Submitted by:

Dr. Patrick Hubert, Secretary
Coastal Bend RWPG

Date