

**Minutes of the December 18, 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 at the Henrietta Memorial Center on 405 N. 6th Street, Kingsville, Texas 78363. Judge Miller called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Voting members of the Coastal Bend RWPG in attendance included Judge Josephine Miller, Dr. David McNichols, Mr. Billy Dick, Mr. John Day for 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, Mr. Mike Black for Mr. Dexter Svetlik, Mr. Jim Tolan and Mr. Robert Fulbright.

Also in attendance was Mr. Kelly Payne and Mark Graves of HDR Engineering.

Judge Josephine Miller asked for a roll call. A visual attendance was noted. Judge Miller presented members and non-voting members of the Coastal Bend RWPG with certificates of appreciation.

Minutes from the November 9, 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. David McNichols seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Judge Miller introduced Agenda Item IV: Approval of Response to Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Comments and Public Comments Received on the Initially Prepared Regional Water Management Plan. Mr. Dodson began the discussion by noting the comments on page 3 of the Initially Prepared Plan made by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). Mr. Dodson also noted some public interest to include environmental water demand as a specific category in the plan. Mr. Scott Bledsoe made a motion to approve response to TWDB comments and public comments on the Initially Prepared Plan. Mr. Fausto Yturria seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Judge Miller next introduced Agenda Item V: Approval of the Final Regional Water Management Plan and Authorization to Submit Plan to TWDB. Mr. Dodson began by discussing items which should be addressed before approval and submittal of the Final Regional Water Management Plan to the TWDB. Mr. Dodson listed the items to include recommendations to further investigate Desalination, Irrigation Water Demand, Return Flows to Bays and Estuaries, and TDS issues in the Callalen Pool of the Lower Nueces River. Mr. Kelly Payne of HDR Engineering then discussed aspects of Irrigation

