

**MINUTES**  
**BEXAR METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT**  
**2047 W. MALONE, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78225**  
**P. O. BOX 245994, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78224**  
**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**  
**MARCH 21, 2005**

In accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes, Section 31, the Board of Directors for the BEXAR METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT held a **Special Board of Directors Meeting at 4:00 p.m. on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2005**, in the Board Room of Bexar Metropolitan Water District, 2047 W. Malone, San Antonio, Texas.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Victor Villarreal; Lesley Wenger; Jim Clement; Jose Gallegos; Ysidro Solis; John Longoria; Herman Sanchez.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gil Olivares; Johnnie Terrazas; Mike Albach; Diane Pfeil; Aliane Piper; Nathan Riggs.

**CONSULTANTS PRESENT:** Marilyn Bradley, Interim General Counsel.

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Roberto Rodriguez, Jim Johnson, Hector Morales, Greg Rothe, and Steve Raabe of San Antonio River Authority (SARA); Ed Potts of Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA); Ed Berger (BMA); Bruce Wasinger (Bickerstaff Heath).

**PRESS PRESENT:** Jerry Needham, *SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS*

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The open session of this meeting was tape recorded. These minutes are a summary record of the Board's actions at the meeting. For a detailed record of discussions and statements made by persons speaking at the meeting, please consult the audio files at the District's office.

**Item 1:**

The President called the meeting to order 4:05 p.m.

**Item 2:**

[No citizens signed up to address the Board.]

**Item 4:**

Mike Albach introduced the representatives from San Antonio River Authority (SARA) who gave a presentation.

Mr. Raabe described the history and purpose of Senate Bill 1, Region Water Planning Process. He began by explaining that the Texas Water Development Board was charged with development of the State Water Plan since the early 1960s. In 1997, the State changed that process in response to the 1995-96 drought, with Senate Bill 1 being signed into law June 1997. Texas was one of three western states that did not have a drought contingency plan. Senate Bill 1 charged the Water Development Board with dividing the State into regional water planning areas. Region L is the South Central Texas regional water planning area. The law stated that the representation on the planning group had to come from 11 interest categories.

Mr. Clement inquired about the possibility for any new surface waters or reservoirs. Mr. Raabe commented the possibility is always there for special situations and options.

**Item 3:**

Robert Potts, of the Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA) provided an overview of BexarMet's involvement as a permittee in the EAA. The EAA is funded by charging permittees or municipal users. In 2004 BexarMet was charged about \$770,000. In 2005 it will be charged a little more than \$1 million. BexarMet has about 200,000 acre feet in permits. Mr. Potts described how the EAA caps the acre feet. BexarMet has had four violations with the EAA, with the largest one due to pumping during critical periods of drought in 2002 and was assessed a fine.

Mr. Villarreal thanked each of the speakers and expressed appreciation for the presentations.

Ms. Wenger moved to go into Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Mr. Clement.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Items 5 – 6:**

The Board convened in Executive Session at 5:15 p.m.

**Item 7:**

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:55 p.m.

Ms. Wenger moved to authorize the Acting General Manager and the Comal County Committee to continue discussions with representatives of GBRA as considered in executive session. Motion was seconded by Mr. Clement.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Wenger moved to authorize the General Manager to conduct an appraisal of BexarMet assets and connections in Comal County. Motion was seconded by Mr. Clement.

Motion carried, reflecting Mr. Longoria on record stating he doesn't think we need to do that.

Mr. Gallegos moved to authorize the Acting General Manager to conduct a new appraisal of the Cassin Lake property and the Berry Ranch property that are the subject of earnest money contracts for consideration. Motion was seconded by Mr. Clement.

Mr. Longoria inquired if the motion includes the RFQs and RFP process.

Mr. Gallegos amended his motion to authorize the Acting General Manager to conduct a new appraisal of the Cassin Lake property and the Berry Ranch property that are the subject of earnest money contracts for consideration, and further move to bring the RFQ appraisal on responses for properties mentioned for purposes of review and to put a good RFQ and RFP process together. Motion was seconded by Mr. Longoria.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 8:**

Ms. Wenger moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Mr. Clement.

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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Minutes approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

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**Victor V. Villarreal, President  
BexarMet Water District**

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**Jim Clement, Secretary  
BexarMet Water District**