



**CITIZENS ADVISORY PANEL
January 19, 2016
Meeting Summary**

Attended	Excused	Absent
Marcy Andrade		
Christopher Ashcraft		
Evelyn Brown		
Rachel Cywinski		
	Roxane Faz	
Michael Ferguson		
Yongli Gao		
	Ayda Gonzalez	
Javier Gonzalez		
	TJ Haygood	
Sonia Imperial		
Olga Garza Kauffman		
Kay Kutchins		
	Briana Lyssy	
	Bianca Maldonado	
Gloria S. Martinez		
Yulanee McKnight		
Eddie Meza		
Brice Moczygemba		
Denise Ojeda		
Robert Sheldon		
Bradley Stroud		
Lisa Tatum		
Guest	Staff	Staff
Jack Finger	Donovan Burton	
	Darren Thompson	
	Tim Skoglund	
	Adam Conner	
	Steven Siebert	
	Brandon Payne	

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Kutchins at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Schroeder asked if there were any questions, changes, or motions to the November minutes.

Mr. Schroeder requested approval of the minutes.

Mr. Sheldon motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Martinez.

Water Resources Report (Steven Siebert):

J-17 index well is at 667.1'. The monthly January average is 668.9', this is 1.8' feet below the historical average. SAWS customers are in year round water restrictions. Landscape watering with an irrigation system or sprinkler is permitted any day of the week before 11am or after 7pm.

Twin Oaks had stored 91,000 acre-feet as of January 19th. SAWS is recharging at a rate of 40 mgd.

The SAWS Board of Trustees and San Antonio City Council approved changes to SAWS' water and sewer rate structure for 2016 and 2017. Rate adjustment will average 7.5 percent in 2016, or about \$3.90 on the average residential bill. In 2017, the maximum adjustment will be 7.9 percent, which is approximately \$4.37 for the average residential customer. Customers who are low water users, under 2,992 gallons, will actually see a total price decrease in their bill of 9.2 percent of \$1.32, thanks to the approved rate structure change. This is the lifeline rate. Rate adjustments will help pay for new water supply projects, sewer system improvements and other capital projects.

Abengoa, SA initiated pre-insolvency protections late November 2015
Reorganizing with creditors that has taken several months. They have closed the Austin office and relocated several employees to the San Antonio office showing focus and support of Vista Ridge Project. Abengoa Vista Ridge is legally separate from the holding company in Spain. Abengoa has already invested about \$30 million into developing this project, providing a strong incentive to ensure its continued viability. Financial Close was targeted for May 2016, but a more recent estimate is August 2016. Contractually, Abengoa has until May 2017 to complete financial close.

The next Board meeting will be Tuesday, February 9, 2016, in which retiring CAP and CCC members will be acknowledged during the Ceremonial item. Please meet in the lobby of Tower I by 8:45 a.m.

Comments & Responses:

Ms. Brown asked why the Vista Ridge project was not being run by a US company. It was explained by SAWS staff that the project that was chosen was submitted by Abengoa through a request for competitive sealed proposals (RFCSP) process.

Ms. Imperial commented that there needs to be more information available to explain the Abengoa Vista Ridge project and how is it affecting SAWS customer bills. Mr. Siebert

explained that SAWS has not expended any funds on the project so right now all the funds and expenditures are on Abengoa Vista Ridge and not on SAWS or the SAWS customers.

Mr. Burton explained the process in detail.

Ms. Imperial commented on the inability of some customers to pay their water bill. Affordability programs were explained by Mr. Siebert and Mr. Thompson. It was also explained by Mr. Thompson that the lowest water use tier is actually less expensive than what it had been.

Mr. Moczygemba commented that the population of San Antonio will double by 2040 and that SAWS is doing what they can to secure water for our future. Mr. Moczygemba encouraged other members to be patient and to watch future presentations to the CAP.

CAP Member and Staff introductions

Nominate Vice-Chair

Ms. Cywinski nominated Mr. Moczygemba – Mr. Moczygemba declined
Ms. Martinez nominated Ms. Andrade, Ms. Cywinski seconded – motion approved
Ms. Andrade was elected Vice-Chair by the CAP membership.

Presentation: Management of SAWS Water Supplies

Presentation Provided

Comments & Responses:

Ms. Cywinski asked about watering hours and indicated that there was confusion as to when and how. Mr. Siebert explained that anyone can water with a hose at any time and that if you were using an irrigation system the watering could take place before 11 a.m. or after 7 p.m.

Ms. Cywinski asked if there was a recharge zone for the Trinity Aquifer like there was for the Edwards Aquifer. Mr. Conner stated that there was. Mr. Thompson went on to further explain more on the location of the recharge zone.

Mr. Mezza commented that he noticed that there were not any wells on the map on Camp Bullis. It was explained that the map only showed wells that supply SAWS with water. Mr. Mezza then asked if SAWS received any water from Camp Bullis. Mr. Thompson replied no.

Chairwoman's Report:

Ms. Kutchins encouraged the CAP membership to complete the questionnaire. Please complete the questionnaire and return it to Steven.

Citizens to be Heard:

Jack M. Finger

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, the Citizens Advisory Panel Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.