



**CITIZENS ADVISORY PANEL
March 8, 2016
Meeting Summary**

Attended	Excused	Absent
	Marcy Andrade	
Christopher Ashcraft		
	Evelyn Brown	
Rachel Cywinski		
	Roxane Faz	
Michael Ferguson		
Yongli Gao		
Ayda Gonzalez		
Javier Garcia		
	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	
	Rene Gonzales	
	Brandon Payne	

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Kutchins at 6:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairwoman Kutchins asked if there were any questions, changes, or motions to the February minutes. Ms. Kutchins requested approval of the minutes.

Ms. Cywinski motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kauffman.

Water Resources Report (Darren Thompson):

The J-17 index well is at 662.6'. The monthly March average is 668.3', this is 5.7' 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. SAWS has not had its Edward's production permit cutback so far this year due to Edward's Aquifer levels above the drought triggers.

The previous record for the ASR was 96,565 acre-feet in 2011. ASR storage was 97,153 acre-feet as of March 7th. SAWS continues to recharge water at a rate of 40MGD however, production generally increases after the switch to daylight saving time which is Sunday March 13th. SAWS staff expects a possible recharge reduction into ASR to 30MGD. Staff expects to have stored over 100,000 acre-feet into the ASR during the last week of March or the first week in April

San Antonio received 2.94 inches of rain year to date through March 7th. Normal year to date precipitation total is 3.96". San Antonio's year to date rainfall is 0.96" below normal. 1-2 inches of rain is in the forecast over the next 36 hours.

Brandon distributed the 2015 Production Report. SAWS total potable water delivery in 2015 was 233,929 acre-feet. The pie chart displays SAWS water supply diversity for 2015. We will be increasing this diversification with the addition of SAWS brackish groundwater desalination program when that comes on line later this year.

Spring Bloom is Saturday, March 12th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in SAWS front parking lot. There is an opportunity to learn about gardening, landscape care and so much more. This year's focus is all about the Monarch butterfly. How to draw them to your landscape and most of all, help them along their migration journey. The free event also features food trucks. The first 1,000 guests receive a complimentary xeriscape plant, i.e. Fanick Phlox, Black Foot Daisy, and Blue Mealy Sage. Stop by and see René and Steven inside the tent at the Water Resources table.

Mr. Siebert mentioned last month that Water Saver landscape coupons are back! Reminder deadline to apply is April 30th.

The next CAP meeting will be Tuesday, April 19th, 2016.

Chairwoman Kutchins discussed the American Membrane Technology Association (AMTA) Solutions comprehensive article featuring SAWS brackish groundwater desalination plant. Ms. Kutchins distributed copies of the article to all CAP members present.

Presentation: Vista Ridge Project Update

Presentation Provided

Comments & Responses:

Ms. Cywinski asked if the Request for Proposal is something that SAWS has done over the years to see if SAWS can get more water projects or is SAWS going to see if they can get another project at this time? Mr. Skogland stated that this was the first time SAWS has considered a project by this method.

Ms. Cywinski asked if this is the only point that water could be withdrawn. Mr. Skogland stated, yes, this project was based on a source and a concept. It is a combination of the company that put it together and also the water source that forms a strong foundation for this project.

Mr. Stroud asked if there was anyone is going to be pumping that same water. Mr. Skogland said that as far as he knew there will not be anyone else pumping within a 20 mile radius.

Presentation: Climate of San Antonio

Presentation Provided

Comments & Responses:

Chairwoman's Report:

Chairwoman Kutchins discussed an article in Sunday's San Antonio Express-News that included a poll done by Associated Press regarding tap water in the U.S. is worrisome. One of those questions in the polls was the confidence individuals had in the safety of their tap water.

Citizens to be Heard:

Mr. Jack Finger

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, the Citizens Advisory Panel Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.