



**CITIZENS ADVISORY PANEL
May 19, 2015
Meeting Summary**

Attended	Excused	Absent
	Frank Almaraz	
	Marcy Andrade	
	Christopher Ashcraft	
Rachel Cywinski		
	Roxane Faz	
Michael Ferguson		
Yongli Gao		
Ayda Gonzalez		
	TJ Haygood	
Sonia Imperial		
Olga Garza Kauffman		
Bianca Maldonado		
Gloria S. Martinez		
Yulanee McKnight		
Eddie Meza		
Brice Moczygemba		
	Jesse Pacheco	
Todd Schroeder		
Robert Sheldon		
	Bradley Stroud	
	Lisa Tatum	
	Bill Tiller	
Guadalupe Torres		
Lavera Vincent		
Guest	Staff	
Kay Kutchins	Charles Ahrens	
	Darren Thompson	
	Tim Skoglund	
	Adam Connor	
	Steven Siebert	
	Kenneth Brooks	
	Brandon Payne	

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Schroeder at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Schroeder asked if there were any questions, changes, or motions to the April minutes. Mr. Schroeder requested approval of the minutes.

Ms. Martinez motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cywinski . The minutes were approved for the April 2015 meeting.

Water Resources Report (Steven Siebert):

The Public Hearing Dates for the 2016 Region L Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) have changed, they are as follows: 1) Monday June 8 - SAWS 6pm; 2) Wednesday, June 10th – San Marcos 6pm; 3) Thursday, June 11th – Victoria 6pm. Handouts have been provided with the dates and times.

- Chairman Schroeder asked how long they usually last. Mr. Siebert stated that the public hearings are scheduled for two hours.

Chairman Schroeder will present the CAP's findings, on the Expanded Carrizo Project Benchmarking to the SAWS Board of Trustees Tuesday June 2nd. Steven will send an email requesting RSVP's in order to reserve seats in the Board room for CAP members wishing to attend.

The State of Texas climatologist Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon has declared the drought that began in 2011 is over. As of May 12th, the U.S. Drought Monitor reported the following: 64.42 percent of the State – no drought; 35.58 percent of the State – some degree of drought.

J-17 index well is at 654.6' feet. One year ago J-17 index reading was 637.7'. The monthly May average is 665.6', this is 11.0' feet below the historical average.

SAWS permit has been reduced by 10.91 percent this year which equals 31,513 acre-feet. SAWS total Edwards permitted water rights 288,644 acre-feet.

ASR storage was 69,349 acre-feet as of May 12th. The ASR went into recovery mode January 6th. ASR is producing water at a rate of 20 MGD.

SAWS is storing 3,454 acre-feet, which is reduced by critical period reductions, on behalf of the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for the region. This benefits the region during extreme drought (10 year rolling average of recharge less than 500,000 acre-feet and J-17 levels below 630) periods, SAWS reduces its Edwards Aquifer production beyond that required of other users using the previously stored water from the ASR. The goal is for 16,667 acre-feet.

The 2015 customer demand YTD is 71,698 acre-feet which is down from the 2014 YTD at this time which was 79,109 acre-feet. This is a difference of 7,411 acre-feet. With additional rain in the forecast, demand is expected to continue to be reduced from last year.

The next CAP meeting will be Tuesday June 16th.

Questions resulting from Water Resources Report

Presentation: Desalination in a Tropical Paradise: St. Marteen

Presentation Provided

Presentation: Edwards Aquifer, Trinity Aquifer, and Canyon Lake:

Presentation Provided

Comments & Responses:

Chairman Schroeder asked what the difference was between the base line amount and the owned/leased amount. Mr. Payne explained that the originally permitted amount combined with other miscellaneous permits make up the baseline, purchases and leased amounts are separate from the baseline. Mr. Thompson also mentioned that there were some purchases in the 1990's that also assisted with the make-up of the baseline amount.

Ms. Martinez inquired about the EAA vs. Bragg case and does the EAA have the right to take the property. Mr. Thompson gave an overview of the case and what the ruling had been. Mr. Siebert mentioned that Mr. Kosub would be presenting at the next CAP meeting on Water Law and updates on pending water law cases.

Chairman Schroeder asked how long the leases last. Mr. Payne stated that currently SAWS only has a five year lease option.

Chairman Schroeder asked what happens if the current leases come up for renewal or are getting ready to expire. Mr. Payne responded that the lessor would have to submit a bid as is the current process.

Mr. Ferguson asked if the Vista Ridge Project would impact the leasing. Mr. Thompson stated that it could possibly impact the leasing. It depends on what decisions are made at the time that the water comes online.

Mr. Moczygamba asked what the current market price was to purchase Edwards water. Mr. Payne responded that it varies depending on where you are located and what the water was needed for. Mr. Payne did indicated that SAWS had spent \$5,000 on the last purchase.

Ms. Martinez asked about the high cost with the increase in elevation. Mr. Brooks responded that yes, if it is Edwards water pushing uphill to get the customers it would take more energy thus increasing cost.

Dr. Gao asked if the production wells are in the middle Trinity? Mr. Books replied that yes they are all considered middle Trinity wells, however most people will discuss the Cow Creek aquifer which is considered middle Trinity.

Mr. Sheldon asked about the quality of the Trinity Aquifer water versus Edwards Aquifer water. Mr. Brooks replied that the quality was close but that the Trinity Aquifer water was harder.

Citizens to be Heard:

None

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, June 16, 2015

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, the Citizens Advisory Panel Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.