



**CITIZENS ADVISORY PANEL  
March 21, 2017  
Meeting Minutes**

Attended	Excused	Absent
Marcy Andrade		
Al Arreola, Jr.		
Adam Flores Boffa		
Charlotte Broussard		
Rachel Cywinski		
Jonathan Delmer		
Mary M. Dennis		
Michael Ferguson		
Javier Garcia		
Yongli Gao		
	Ayda Gonzalez	
	Olga Garza Kauffman	
Kay Kutchins		
Bianca Maldonado		
Gloria S. Martinez		
	Yulanee McKnight	
Eddie Meza		
Brice Moczygemba		
Denise Ojeda		
William Ramos II		
Garland Scott		
Robert Sheldon		
	Lisa Tatum	
Guest	Staff	Staff
Dr. Meredith McGuire	Adam Conner	
Cullen Jones	Steven Siebert	

**Call to Order:**

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

Chairwoman Andrade asked if there were any questions, changes, or motions to the February 2017 meeting minutes.

Ms. Kutchins motioned to approve the minutes.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Martinez.

**Water Resources Report (Steven Siebert):**

**Edwards Aquifer Level J-17 Index Well**

The J-17 index well is at 685.1’. The monthly March average is 668.3’, this is 16.8’ feet above the historical average. SAWS is not anticipating the EAA to declare drought stages this year based on current and forecasted National Weather Service climate conditions. 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 Edwards production permit cutback so far this year due to Edwards Aquifer levels above the drought triggers.

**Aquifer Storage and Recovery Facility – H2Oaks**

ASR storage was 120,900 acre-feet as of March 20, 2017. ASR is currently idle as staff transitions the plant to recharge mode during the week of March 27<sup>th</sup>.

**2017 Precipitation Totals**

- San Antonio received 1.22 inches of rain month to date through March 20th
- This is 0.28” below normal month-to-date
- San Antonio’s year to date rainfall is 7.55”
- San Antonio is 2.50” above normal year-to-date
- Average rainfall in San Antonio is 32.27 inches

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total Annual Precipitation (Inches)</b>
2016	43.92
2015	44.22

**2017 Production**

- 2017 production year to date is 34,395 acre-feet

**New CAP Members in April**

- The CAP will welcome two additional members in April
- Mr.Cullen Jones lives in San Antonio and represents Council District 2 and the Dignowity Hill Historic District
- Suzanne de Leon is Mayor of the City of Balcones Heights and was selected by the Greater Bexar County Council of Cities (GBCCC) to represent suburban cities on the Citizens Advisory Panel

### **Upcoming Events**

- Wednesday March 22, 2017, 3pm-5pm. Basics of Watering and Pruning Workshop, Laurel Heights United Methodist Church

### **Comments & Responses:**

There were no comments or questions.

### **Outreach Videos on Draft 2017 Water Management Plan**

There were no comments or questions.

### **Draft 2017 Water Management Plan Community Meetings**

- Thursday March 30, 2017 6:00-7:30pm  
SAWS Board Room
- April 4, 2017 District 4 Presidents Meeting  
Port San Antonio Board Room  
6:30pm Social  
7:00pm Water Management Plan Presentation  
907 Billy Mitchell Blvd.

### **Discussion: SAWS Draft 2017 Water Management Plan Development**

The Draft 2017 Water Management Plan subcommittee reviewed the following four questions with the CAP membership present:

#### **Question 2: What should SAWS population growth projections be in the draft 2017 WMP? Mr. Sheldon read the question and led the discussion.**

Ms. Cywinski commented on the use of full migration through 2040 and half migration from 2041 through 2070.

Mr. Connor explained full migration assumes the rate of growth in the future will mirror the previous ten years. Half migration assumes half that rate of growth.

Mayor Dennis asked if suburban cities population served by SAWS was taken into consideration with population and water demand forecasts.

Mr. Siebert replied those suburban communities served by SAWS are part of the SAWS' family and those populations are taken into account for water demand planning.

Consensus answer:

*The draft SAWS 2017 WMP should use the current service area population growth rates that are aligned with the City of San Antonio and subject that forecast to regular review against actual growth to optimize water supply planning.*

**Question 3: Should the SAWS' Draft 2017 WMP consider possible impacts resulting from climate change?**

Mr. Garcia read the question and led the discussion.

Ms. Ojeda commented on SAWS as a thought-leader and suggested language to be included in the consensus answer.

Ms. Maldonado discussed the wording of innovativeness. Ms. Maldonado stated lots can be said not just what you do but how SAWS invests in the future.

Ms. Martinez asked if SAWS had a climate change policy.

Mr. Siebert replied SAWS has the Water Management Plan as the guiding document for the organization. The water management plan is reviewed and updated every five years. The 2017 WMP will be the first water management plan with a section on climate change.

Mr. Sheldon followed up by expressing the CAP is stating climate change is happening but not stating why.

Consensus Answer:

*As a water utility recognized for its thought-leading innovation, SAWS' planning methods accommodate climate change on the supply side by incorporating a hybrid drought-of-record model that combines the drought of the 1950s with the drought of 2011-2014. As SAWS is primarily a groundwater based system, less climate change impact is expected on the supply side.*

**Question 4: How should the SAWS' draft 2017 WMP water supply contracts be considered?**

Ms. Cywinski read the question and led the discussion.

Consensus Answer:

*Since there is significant variability in the size and complexity of existing water contracts, SAWS should evaluate each contract on its individual merits. Small or complicated, multi-party contracts that SAWS cannot unilaterally extend may be left to expire rather than risk over estimating them as firm supplies.*

**Question 5: Should SAWS become a regional wholesale water provider?**

Mr. Ferguson read the question and led the discussion.

Consensus Answer:

*SAWS should remain open to becoming a more significant regional water wholesaler provided that the aggregate total not exceed 15,000 AF/Y and that wholesale customers enact water conservation plans that parallels SAWS'. Wholesale customers should agree to supply reductions in times of severe drought in cases where SAWS would be cut back from the source water.*

Ms. Ojeda asked what SAWS' position on providing wholesale water is.

Mr. Siebert replied SAWS staff believes the utility has up to 15,000 acre-feet per year available for regional wholesale.

Mr. Mezza said SAWS already has precedence on providing communities with wholesale water.

Mr. Siebert replied SAWS has contracts for slightly less than 1,200 acre-feet per year of wholesale water within Bexar County. Mr. Siebert continued what would potentially be new is for SAWS to provide wholesale water to communities outside of Bexar County.

Questions 1 and 6 will be discussed at a future subcommittee meeting and reviewed during the April CAP meeting.

**Citizens to be Heard:**

Dr. Meredith McGuire

**Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

**Adjournment:**

With no further business to discuss, the Citizens Advisory Panel Meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.