



**CITIZENS ADVISORY PANEL
June 18, 2019
Meeting Minutes**

Attended	Excused	Absent
	Carolyn Beverly	
Rachel Cywinski		
Steven Dean		
Suzanne de Leon		
Mary M. Dennis		
Yongli Gao		
Javier Garcia		
	Steven Garcia	
	Cullen Jones	
Melinda Lechuga		
	Anita Ledbetter	
Monika Maeckle		
Gloria S. Martinez		
Yulanee McKnight		
Denise Ojeda		
William Ramos II		
Garland Scott		
	Matthew Scott	
Mitchell Sowards		
Robert Sheldon		
	Carla Walker	
	Robert Werner	
Guest	Staff	Staff
Mr. Jack Finger	Kirstin Eller	Donovan Burton
		Darren Thompson
		Steven Siebert

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sheldon at 6:02 pm.

Presentation and Briefing: Legislative Wrap-Up: 86th Texas Legislature – Mr. Donovan Burton

The presentation was provided.

Dr. Gao asked regarding HB 722 (Brackish Groundwater) does the brackish groundwater only refer to groundwater in the Wilcox Formation or does it include brackish groundwater in other formations such as the Edwards and Trinity Aquifers.

Mr. Burton replied the Edwards Aquifer is exempted. This applies only to brackish production zones established by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB).

Mr. Ramos asked if SB 7 (creates the Texas Infrastructure Resiliency Fund & the Flood Infrastructure Fund providing grants and loans for drainage, flood mitigation and flood control projects), include the Lake Dunlap dam in relation to the May spill gate failure.

Mr. Burton replied it does not. There was an amendment at the very end of session to put some money into that bill towards Lake Dunlap. It was ultimately taken out.

Mr. Sheldon asked what happens in the next legislative session with HB1806 that was vetoed by the Governor. Is there support for overriding the veto? Can that happen two years from now?

Mr. Burton answered this legislative session ended with sine die (meaning without day, the end of a legislative session). There is no opportunity to override the veto.

Mr. Sowards asked why with the EAA military pumping bill (SB 881), what is the impetus for a one for one trade.

Mr. Burton answered The EAA act has 572,000 acre-feet of water per year that is permitted to be produced. The military production is not included in that volume. The military is exempt from regulations with the Edwards Aquifer Authority. The military follows the rules from federal guidelines such as from U.S. Fish & Wildlife. The military bases would have had a supply from SAWS to help with their current and future missions. Military bases would like to get out of the well business. If SAWS were to supply military bases it would not count against SAWS permit.

Presentation and Briefing: SAWS Water Quality Monitoring Program – Ms. Kirstin Eller

The presentation was provided.

Mr. Garland Scott stated that alkalinity does not necessary relate to a high pH.

Ms. Eller replied not necessarily, no. One is not necessarily an indicator of the other.

Mr. Ramos asked how often these routes are monitored. (Slide 6)

Ms. Eller replied these routes are monitored monthly.

Mr. Dean asked how large are the sample sites at H₂Oaks? Are the samples taken from the pumping sites? Where are the samples taken from?

Ms. Eller replied for H₂Oaks water SAWS wants to get to the other side of the mixing zone. SAWS has many sampling points.

Mr. Ramos asked a two part question. Number one is how many complaints does SAWS receive such as for red water or cloudy water and two, how are those complaints handled.

Ms. Eller answered complaints are handled from a different part of the Resource Protection and Compliance Department.

Mayor Dennis asked are these reports (water quality) published somewhere for customers to look at or see what is in the water.

Ms. Eller replied if a customer has any concerns about what quality they can always call SAWS.

Mr. Siebert added water quality information is published annually and sent to customers in the CCR, Consumer Confidence Report.

Mr. Sheldon stated the report that is in the bill (CCR) once a year that talks about water quality. That gives a snapshot of what source of water, total dissolved solids etc.

Mr. Garland Scott asked if SAWS monitors for any low level radioactive isotopes.

Ms. Eller answered SAWS measures for rad chems (radio chemistry) at Buckhorn well field. There are no concerns for any of the water supplies.

Review and Possible Action on Brackish Groundwater Desalination Program Benchmarking: CAP Members

The CAP members were provided copies of the Draft Brackish Groundwater Desalination Program benchmarking document.

Ms. Cywinski identified a type-o to be corrected.

Mr. Steven Dean motioned to adopt the Brackish Groundwater Desalination Program benchmarking document.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Denise Ojeda.

The Brackish Groundwater Desalination Project Benchmarking document was unanimously adopted by the members present.

Approval of Minutes:

Chair Sheldon asked if there were any questions, changes, or motions to the April 2019 meeting minutes.

Mayor Dennis motioned to approve the minutes.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Javier Garcia.

The minutes were approved.

Water Resources Report (Steven Siebert):

Edwards Aquifer Level J-17 Index Well

- The J-17 index well June 18th was at 680.8'
- May CAP meeting reading was 683.6'
- The 10-day average is 681.2
- The monthly June average is 662.6'; this is 18.2' above the historical average

H₂Oaks Activities

- ASR storage was 175,051 acre-feet as of June 14th
- SAWS is currently:
 - Recovering 2.57 mgd from ASR and 5.7 mgd from Local Carrizo to send up the western pipeline
 - Recharging 13.0 mgd from the eastern pipeline into AS

2019 Precipitation Totals

- San Antonio received 2.83 inches of rain month to date through June 17th
- This is 0.30” above normal month-to-date
- San Antonio’s year to date rainfall is 12.16”
- Year to date, precipitation is 2.34 inches below normal
- Average rainfall in San Antonio is 32.27 inches

Year	Total Annual Precipitation (Inches)	Percent of Annual Total
2018	41.20	127
2017	27.33	84
2016	43.92	136
2015	44.22	137

Upcoming Events

- It’s a SAWS summer
SAWS will be out and about to celebrate you, summer fun and some of the amazing things the Alamo City has to offer

Follow @MySAWS on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram to find out where the SAWS outreach team will pop up

Citizens to be Heard:

Mr. Jack Finger

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, August 20, 2019
6:00-8:00pm

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, the Citizens Advisory Panel Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.