

## GRP REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

### **September 23, 2024**

The San Jacinto River Authority ("SJRA") GRP Review Committee Meeting was held at 11:30 a.m., September 23, 2024, at the SJRA G&A Building – Boardroom 1577 Dam Site Rd, Conroe, Texas 77304. The meeting was also available for viewing only via a livestream on <a href="https://www.sjra.net/grp/meetings">www.sjra.net/grp/meetings</a>. Notice of said meeting was duly posted per GRP Contract requirements.

## The following Review Committee Members participated:

Present:GRP Review Committee:Representing:Rick MoffattChairMUDs East of I-45

Mike Mooney Vice Chair Woodlands Water Agency
Jackie Chance MUDs West of I-45

James Corn
Cities other than City of Conroe

Harry Hardman City of Conroe

Mike Stoecker Investor-Owned Utilities

Absent None

### Also present:

Name: Title:

Aubrey A. Spear, PE SJRA General Manager

Connie Curtis, PE SJRA Director of Technical and Operational Services
Heather Ramsey SJRA Director of Communications and Public Affairs

Chris Meeks
Jason Williams
Jacob Everett
Renee Johnson

SJRA Utility Enterprise Manager
SJRA UE Operations Manager
SJRA UE Maintenance Manager
SJRA UE Administrative Manager

Kelli Stormer SJRA Senior Accountant Pam Steiger SJRA Chief Financial Officer

Summer Hvasta SJRA Sr. Customer Service Specialist

Mitchell Page Schwartz, Page & Harding, L.L.P., SJRA General Counsel

Sarah Kouba Lone Star Ground Water Conservation District General Manager

Jason Miller Assistant Public Works Director, City of Conroe

Gary Scott City Administrator, City of Conroe

Creston Minter Client Services Manager, H2O Innovation

Paul Cote President, MUD 89
Benjamin Slotnick Vice President, MUD 89
Claude Humbert Spring Creek Utility District

Jerry Rueschhoff President, MUD 94

John Kessler Vice President, MUD 94

Andrew Vaughn Attorney, ABHR

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Diego Burgos, PE	Quiddity / MUD 88 and 89
David Warner, PE	Quiddity / MUD 88 and 89
Justin Abshire, PE	Quiddity / MUD 88 and 89

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Moffatt called the meeting to order at 11:35 am.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Jason Miller, Assistant Public Works Director with the City of Conroe, addressed the committee regarding the City of Conroe's FY2025 allocation request for surface water.

Mr. Kessler, Vice President of MUD 94, addressed the committee regarding the recent tour of the GRP facility, the professionalism of staff and the cleanliness of the facility.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Corn moved to approve the minutes of the GRP Review Committee meeting held July 22, 2024. Mr. Hardman seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

### 4. GRP DIVISION UPDATES

Mr. Meeks presented a recap on the Fiscal Year 2024 Surface Water Allocations ending August 31, 2024. He noted the information will be included in the monthly operating report. Mr. Moffatt noted there appeared to be approximately 400 million gallons of surface water that was not used. Mr. Meeks responded that was correct and that the plant was budgeted for 13.2 million gallons and actual production was approximately 12.5 million gallons.

### 5. LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT UPDATE

Sarah Kouba presented updates on subsidence studies. She noted the GMA-14 meeting will be held before the end of the year, and once a date is set, she will notify the committee. She also noted they have been in contact with Freese & Nichols regarding SJRA water supply strategies from Montgomery County. She requested any information that could be shared with LSGCD. Mr. Moffatt asked if LSGCD was considering regulation of well production. Sarah responded the LSGCD is doing studies to better understand how to move forward.

### 6. RECEIVE UPDATE ON AND THE 2009 CITY OF HOUSTON AGREEMENT

This item was deferred to the October meeting.

# 7. DISCUSS AND ACT ON MUD 88, 89, AND SPRING CREEK UTILITY DISTRICT SURFACE WATER ALLOCATION REQUEST

Mr. Moffatt asked Mr. Meeks to update the committee on Mid-South and their allocation of water. Mr. Meeks noted there has been no change at this time. Mr. Page noted SJRA plans to issue a formal letter to Mid-South requesting that they advise SJRA of their intent to rebuild the fire-damaged facilities that are necessary to take surface water from SJRA. If they intend to rebuild the facilities, they will have to provide milestones that SJRA can measure against to make sure they are in compliance with the requirements of the GRP contract. Mr. Stoecker asked how much time we are giving them since this has been going on for several months. Mr. Page noted the draft letter is currently in review by SJRA senior management staff and he could not respond

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at this time. Mr. Chance asked about the output of the surface water plant in relation to design capacity. Mr. Meeks noted the design capacity is 30 MGD, and GRP budget is based on an average daily output of approximately 13 MGD. If SJRA was to increase output from 13 MGD to 16 MGD it could increase the cost to everyone by approximately \$0.06 per 1,000 gallons.

Mr. Cote addressed the committee regarding the status of MUD 88, 89 and Spring Creek Utility District surface water allocation request. Mr. Page advised that a draft agreement has been prepared but that action on same is dependent on a timely response from MidSouth. Mr. Meeks noted the draft agreement is currently being reviewed by SJRA senior management. Mr. Cote noted it is critical to get the agreement done so they can start building their pipeline. Mr. Hardman noted the City of Conroe is looking at alternatives but moving forward and increasing another 3 million MGD would currently benefit everyone. Mr. Kessler also addressed the committee regarding the need for additional water. Mr. Slotnick addressed the committee regarding the critical need for the pipeline.

Mr. Page responded that he is not sure how the SJRA Board would act upon a recommendation to increase surface water production if same would increase rates. He noted that there are no current LSGCD regulations that would require an increase in output from the plant, and so increasing rates to support increased output may be problematic.

# 8. DISCUSS AND ACT ON CITY OF CONROE SURFACE WATER ALLOCATION REQUEST FY2025

Mr. Hardman asked Mr. Gary Scott, City Administrator for the City of Conroe, to address the committee on the City of Conroe request for surface water. Mr. Scott declined to comment.

# 9. DISCUSS AND ACT ON CITY OF OAK RIDGE NORTH SURFACE WATER ALLOCATION REQUEST FOR FY2025.

Mr. Corn addressed the committee and requested this item be tabled until there are answers on allocations.

## 10. GRP ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE SJRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

None

#### 11. ATTORNEY'S UPDATE

Mr. Page, Counsel for SJRA, reported on September 13, 2024, Quadvest and Woodland Oaks filed a petition with the Supreme Court requesting review of the Beaumont Court of Appeals opinion regarding the incontestability of GRP contracts. SJRA will wait and see if the Supreme Court asks for a briefing.

### 12. FUTURE GRP REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Items 6, 7, 8 and 9 will be carried forward.
- b. Agreement with MUD 88, 89 and Spring Creek Utility District
- c. Discuss surface water production increase from 13MGD to 16MGD.
- d. Discuss MidSouth surface water allocation

#### 13. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

a. Monday, October 21, 2024

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## 14. ADJOURN

Mr. Moffatt adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Chris Meeks

SJRA Utility Enterprise Manager / GRP Administrator