



**GRP REVIEW COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

February 24, 2025

The San Jacinto River Authority (“SJRA”) GRP Review Committee Meeting was held at 11:30 a.m., February 24, 2025, 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 www.sjra.net/grp/meetings. Notice of said meeting was duly posted per GRP Contract requirements.

The following Review Committee Members participated:

Present:

James Corn
Erich Peterson
Jackie Chance
Harry Hardman
Benjamin Slotnick
Mike Stoecker

GRP Review Committee:

Chair
Vice Chair

Representing:

Cities other than City of Conroe
Woodlands Water Agency
MUDs West of I-45
City of Conroe
MUDs East of I-45
Investor-Owned Utilities

Also present:

Name:

Aubrey A. Spear, PE
Ed Shackelford, PE
Chris Meeks
Jason Williams
Jacob Everett
Maleia Good
Kelli Stormer
Pam Steiger
Jodi Chaney
Mitchell Page
Amy Sims
Sarah Kouba
Tiffany White
Claude Humbert
John Sellars
Brad Houk

Title:

SJRA General Manager
SJRA Director of Operations
SJRA Utility Enterprise Manager
SJRA UE Operations Manager
SJRA UE Maintenance Manager
SJRA UE Administrative Manager
SJRA Senior Accountant
SJRA Chief Financial Officer
SJRA Records Manager
Schwartz, Page & Harding, L.L.P., SJRA General Counsel
SJRA General Counsel
Lone Star Ground Water Conservation District General Manager
Lone Star Ground Water Conservation District Director of Operations
Spring Creek Utility District, President Board of Directors
Woodland Oaks Utilities, Resident City of Conroe
Montgomery County MUD 7

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Chris Meeks called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEWLY ELECTED AND APPOINTED GRP REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The newly elected and appointed GRP Review Committee members were introduced. There were two re-appointments: Mr. Harry Hardman representing the City of Conroe and Mr. Mike Stoecker appointed by Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District, representing Investor-Owned Utilities. Mr. Benjamin Slotnick was elected to represent the MUDs east of I-45. Mr. Erich Peterson was appointed to fill Mr. Mike Mooney's remaining term from Woodlands Water.

3. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

Mr. Meeks called for nominations for a new Chair and Vice Chair of the GRP Review Committee. Mr. Chance nominated Mr. Corn for Chair. Mr. Stoecker seconded. There was a call for the vote and Mr. Corn was unanimously elected the Chair. Mr. Corn then called for nominations for the Vice Chair. Mr. Corn nominated Mr. Erich Peterson. Mr. Stoecker seconded. There was a call for the vote and Mr. Peterson was unanimously elected the Vice Chair.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Claude Humbert, the President of the Board of Directors for Spring Creek Utility District, provided comments regarding a contract made between the SJRA and the City of Houston that was signed in October 2019. This contract was previously discussed in the October 21, 2024 GRP Review Committee meeting. He expressed concern about maintaining their water allocation and requested thorough discussion if/when the contract is discussed again in a future meeting.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hardman moved to approve the minutes of the GRP Review Committee meeting held October 21, 2024. Mr. Chance seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

6. GRP ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE SJRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Meeks stated that there were no items going to the SJRA Board of Directors for review.

7. UPDATES

GRP DIVISION UPDATES

Mr. Meeks provided committee members with a letter written by a member of the public.

Mr. Williams provided updates on the GRP Water Plant. He stated that the surface water facility would be shutdown for maintenance on Monday, March 10, 2025, for 36-48 hours. During that time, the GRP expects to deliver water to customers, likely at a reduced rate. All receiving facilities will be notified via email the week ahead of the planned shutdown, and the GRP will coordinate with all customers to see if there are facilities that need more water than others.

Mr. Meeks provided information about TXDOT widening US 75 from FM 3083 to FM 2432. There are GRP assets in conflict with this widening project that will need to be relocated by GRP. The road widening

is currently under design, which should be completed later this year, and then construction would start shortly afterwards. TXDOT has stated GRP will be reimbursed for the cost to relocate the assets and acquire a new easement.

Mr. Meeks also provided information about TXDOT looking to widen FM 3083 near the Longmire Road area. With 30% of the plans completed by TXDOT, there appears to be no conflict with GRP assets.

Mr. Shackelford discussed the possibility of TXDOT doing work at FM 830 between I-45 and 75, which would require GRP to relocate the water line on the westbound side that is just south of FM 830. The timing of the project is currently unknown, but if GRP must relocate the pipeline, TXDOT will reimburse GRP. GRP should know whether the TXDOT project will happen over the next 12 months.

LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT UPDATE

Sarah Kouba informed the Review Committee that the Phase 3 subsidence study for site one has been completed. LSGCD technical consultants have given a presentation at the LSGCD board meeting about conclusions that can be drawn at this point from the subsidence study. The additional higher pressure testing on cores in the lower Jasper are still being conducted by Texas A&M University.

Additional updates include:

GMA 14 model modifications have been completed and submitted for approval to the Texas Water Development Board.

Highlights of the GMA 14 meeting held on February 3, 2025.

Discussions related to recharge on the aquifers with the Committee. Ms. Kouba stated the decline in the aquifers is not necessarily an aquifer problem, but rather an infrastructure problem.

GMA 14 modeling and related calibration of the model

SJRA ATTORNEY UPDATE

SJRA General Counsel Mr. Page provided information related to ongoing litigation.

Mr. Peterson inquired what amounts were approved to go to the MUDS on the MUD 89 contracts and how and what was the offset with the MidSouth amounts. Mr. Page said going by memory, the base amount was 200,000 gallons per day and then they could escalate that up to 500,000 gallons which was less than the MidSouth allocation.

Amy Sims was introduced as the new internal general counsel for the San Jacinto River Authority.

8. PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Meeks presented the overall GRP Budget Process, current surface water recipients, and projected groundwater and surface water demands for FY2026.

GRP recommends using a five-year average which includes past droughts, but also factors in the growth of the community. This five-year average projects that the total groundwater and surface water demand will increase from 58.62 MGD to 62.96 MGD. GRP is recommending the surface water facility maintain 13.20 MGD of production.

There was discussion regarding availability of water long term. Sarah Kouba stated she will invite technical consultant Chris Drabek to be present for the next GRP Review Committee meeting to provide answers to

questions from the committee. Mr. Shackelford invited committee members to get their questions to Mr. Meeks a week or two in advance of the next meeting.

9. FUTURE GRP REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Meeks stated committee members will be asked to recommend on the following action items at the next committee meeting:

- a. Recommend the annual average surface water production for FY2026.
- b. Recommend the annual groundwater and surface water demands (total demand) for FY2026.

Mr. Chance inquired whether there would be discussion regarding the citizen letter that was distributed early in the committee meeting.

Mr. Peterson expressed interest in hearing from each of the committee members at the next meeting what their goals and objectives are for the GRP Review Committee as they represent their entities.

10. ADJOURN

Mr. Corn adjourned the meeting at 12:46 p.m.



Chris Meeks
SJRA Utility Enterprise Manager / GRP Administrator