

GRP REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

March 24, 2025

The San Jacinto River Authority ("SJRA") GRP Review Committee Meeting was held at 11:30 a.m., March 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:GRP Review Committee:Representing:James CornChairCities other than City of ConroeErich PetersonVice ChairWoodlands Water Agency

Jackie Chance

Harry Hardman

Benjamin Slotnick

Mike Stoecker

MUDs West of I-45

City of Conroe

MUDs East of I-45

Investor-Owned Utilities

Also present:

Name: <u>Title:</u>

Aubrey A. Spear, PE
Ed Shackelford, PE
SJRA General Manager
SJRA Director of Operations
Chris Meeks
SJRA Utility Enterprise Manager
Jason Williams
SJRA UE Operations Manager
SJRA UE Maintenance Manager
Maleia Good
SJRA UE Administrative Manager

Kelli Stormer SJRA Senior Accountant
Pam Steiger SJRA Chief Financial Officer
Jodi Chaney SJRA Records Manager

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

Amy Sims SJRA General Counsel

Sarah Kouba Lone Star Ground Water Conservation District General Manager James Beach Advanced Groundwater Solutions Principal Hydrogeologist Advanced Groundwater Solutions Senior Hydrogeologist

Mike Keaster KT Groundwater Owner/Hydrogeologist

Mark Meinrath Private Citizen

Laura Norton Montgomery County MUD No. 47 Vice President

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. James Corn called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mark Meinrath spoke to the committee regarding concerns about subsidence along the Panther Branch fault line. Laura Norton from Montgomery County MUD 47 also spoke about subsidence and flooding concerns for residents of The Woodlands. Mr. Slotnick stated he shares the concerns of both speakers.

3. WORK SESSION

3.1 Presentation regarding makeup, roles, responsibilities, and objectives of the GRP Review Committee.

Mr. Page provided an overview of the Review Committee's responsibilities and objectives in its advisory role within GRP governance. He discussed the appointment process, terms of office, and procedures for addressing vacancies. The presentation also outlined the scope of the Review Committee's authority, along with general information about meeting protocols and procedures.

3.2 Update by Utility Enterprise staff regarding operations and maintenance projects.

Mr. Williams provided an update regarding the planned plant shutdown, which proceeded successfully on March 10, 2025. During the operation, the existing 54-inch flow meter was removed, replaced with a new one, and the system was fully restored to processing water within approximately nine hours. Most recipients experienced uninterrupted water delivery, while facilities requiring additional water received it as needed.

Additionally, Mr. Williams shared that the GRP Division participated in the Texas Water Convention where it was honored as the 2nd Runner-Up for Best Tasting Water in Texas, among numerous other awards.

3.3 Update by Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District regarding projects and other activities.

Sarah Kouba introduced three technical consultants to the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District to provide information about mass balance, recharge, coring, and infrastructure. James Beach, hydrogeologist with Advanced Groundwater Solutions, provided information related to Montgomery County Recharge of the Chicot Aquifer, Evangeline Aquifer, and Jasper Aquifer and explained a simplified diagram of recharge from precipitation within the LSGCD. Mike Keaster, hydrogeologist with KT Groundwater, provided information related to the recent coring study and analysis. Chris Drabek, hydrogeologist with Advanced Groundwater Solutions, provided information related to aquifer levels and well infrastructure. There was discussion with the Committee regarding the decline of aquifers and limitations related to running analysis on well level data.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Approval of Minutes - GRP Review Committee meeting of February 24, 2025

Mr. Corn requested a motion to approve the minutes of the GRP Review Committee meeting held on February 24, 2025. Mr. Chance made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Peterson requested the minutes be amended to note that Sarah Kouba with LSGCD had stated that the decline in the aquifers is not

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necessarily an aquifer problem but rather an infrastructure problem. Mr. Hardman made a second to approve the minutes as amended. The vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

4.2 Consider recommendation by Utility Enterprise staff regarding the GRP Division Fiscal Year 2026 demand projections.

Mr. Meeks discussed the projected demands for FY2026 for groundwater pumpage and surface water production. The recommendation for a groundwater demand of 49.76 MGD, surface water production of 13.20 MGD, and total demand of 62.96 MGD for GRP's FY2026 Budget was presented. The total participant allocations would remain the same.

Mr. Corn requested a motion to approve the GRP Division FY2026 demand projections as recommended. Mr. Chance stated he would like to see the plant go up on its output and for more people to be on surface water but made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stoecker. Mr. Hardman opposed. The motion carried.

5. FUTURE GRP REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Peterson requested discussion around each GRP Review Committee member's goals and objectives as within the scope of what Mr. Page laid out in their roles and responsibilities. Mr. Slotnick offered to provide an additional presentation regarding the decline of the aquifers and the effect on well production. Mr. Stoecker requested conversation about the economics of the Agreement with MUD 88 and MUD 89and factors related to cost for bringing new MUDs online. Mr. Meeks noted that there will be an agenda item at a future meeting related to the process for Review Committee members to have topics added to the agenda.

6. ADJOURN

Mr. Corn adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Chris Meeks

SJRA Utility Enterprise Manager / GRP Administrator