

GRP Review Committee

March 24, 2025



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SAN JACINTO RIVER AUTHORITY

1. Call to Order

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Public Comments

3. Work Session

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GRP Review Committee:

Overview, Makeup, Roles and Responsibilities

Introduction

- The Review Committee was established by the GRP Administrator per the requirements of the GRP Contract.
- Composed of six members appointed by various entities participating in the GRP.
- Advises the Authority on GRP-related matters.

Composition of the Review Committee

- Six members appointed by:
 1. Woodlands Water Agency
 2. City of Conroe
 3. Municipal Participants (excluding Conroe)*
 4. Conservation & Reclamation Districts (West of I-45)*
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 6. Private Well Owners Representative (appointment by Lone Star GCD)

* *Appointment through a nomination and weighted voting process*

Appointment and Terms of Office; Vacancies

- Members serve staggered four-year terms.
- Members may be reappointed without limitation.
- The GRP Contract provides a process to fill vacancies in the event of death, incapacity, or resignation.
- No compensation to Review Committee members from GRP.

Roles and Responsibilities of Review Committee

- Review and recommend policies for GRP implementation.
- Advise on water conservation and drought contingency plans.
- Evaluate connections to the GRP surface water system (mandatory and non-mandatory).
- Consider requests from Participants to increase their Contract Quantity of surface water from the GRP.
- Participate in project infrastructure progress reviews.
- Assess fees, rates, and budget proposals.

Limitations of Authority

- Cannot make binding decisions; recommendations are advisory only.
- Does not oversee Authority personnel, organizational structure, or consultants that are not directly providing services for GRP.
- No authority over real estate acquisitions.

Meetings and Procedures

- Meets monthly before the Authority's Board meeting.
 - Generally the Monday before the Authority's regular Board meeting so that GRP agenda items and backup are finalized.
- GRP Administrator provides meeting notices, records, and administrative support.
- Subject to Open Meetings and Public Information Acts by the GRP Contract (not by statute).
- Majority vote of members present required to transact Review Committee business.
- Members covered by Directors & Officers liability insurance. Costs are covered as part of the GRP budget.

Coordination with GRP Administrator and the Authority's Board

- Except in an emergency, GRP Administrator presents recommendations prior to action by the Authority's Board.
 - If the Review Committee approves the GRP Administrator's recommendation, the matter proceeds to the Authority's Board for action.
 - If the Review Committee cannot decide, it may request additional information and reconsider the matter at its next meeting.
 - If, after reconsideration, the Review Committee still cannot decide, the matter proceeds to the Authority's Board for action.
 - If the GRP Administrator approves a Review Committee recommendation, the matter goes to the Authority's Board for action.

Disputes Among the GRP Administrator and the Review Committee

- If the Review Committee rejects the GRP Administrator's recommendation, or makes its own recommendation that is rejected by the GRP Administrator, the Board of Directors must consider the matter within 30 days.
- The Board of Directors is required to reasonably consider all recommendations from the Review Committee.
- If the Board rejects the Review Committee's recommendation, approves a recommendation of the GRP Administrator that was rejected by the Review Committee, or overrules a recommendation of the GRP Administrator that was approved by the Review Committee, it must provide a written explanation within 15 days.
 - The written explanation must be sent to *Review Committee members and all Participants*.
- The GRP Administrator cannot act against a Review Committee recommendation unless the Authority's Board has formally rejected the recommendation.

Review of Fees, Rates, and Charges

- Review Committee can request an independent rate analyst review GRP rates from time to time, but not more often than annually.
 - Unless approved by the Authority, the rate review does not encompass a review of raw water rates.
 - Independent rate analyst review of raw water rates required (but not more frequently than every 5 years).
- Ensures transparency and fairness in GRP rates and charges.

Conclusion

- The Review Committee plays a vital advisory role in GRP governance.
- Ensures stakeholder representation, oversight, and transparency.
- Provides recommendations to support responsible management.

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GRP Division Updates



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Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District

4. Action Items

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Approval of Minutes

Recommendation

Approve the Minutes of the GRP Review Committee meeting of February 24, 2025.

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Consider recommendation regarding the GRP Division Fiscal Year 2026 demand projections.

Public Meetings for FY2026 GRP Budget & Rates

Date	Audience	FY 2026 GRP Budget Activity
February 24	Review Committee	Budget Process, Demands, and Surface Water Production
March 24	Review Committee	Receive Recommendations for FY26 Demands and Surface Water Production
April 21	Review Committee	10-Year Project Plan Presentation
April 24	SJRA Board	10-Year Project Plan Presentation
May 19	Review Committee	FY26 Budget and Rate Presentation
May 22	SJRA Board	FY26 GRP Rate Order Presentation
June 23	Review Committee	Review Committee Vote on FY26 Budget and Rate
June 26	SJRA Board	Vote on FY26 GRP Rate Order
August 28	SJRA Board	Vote on Proposed FY26 GRP Operating Budget

Demands: FY2025 Compared to FY2026

2025

45.42 MGD
16.578 BGY

Groundwater
Pumpage

13.20 MGD
4.818 BGY

Surface Water
Production

58.62 MGD
21.396 BGY

Total
Demand

49.76 MGD
18.162 BGY

13.20 MGD
4.818 BGY

62.96 MGD
22.980 BGY

2026 Proposed

Surface Water Allocations

Surface Water Allocations	FY25 (MGD)	FY26 Recommended (MGD)	Blend Ratio*
Montgomery County MUD 99	0.28	0.47	40%
Rayford Road MUD	0.31	0.45	40%
Southern Montgomery County MUD	0.33	0.46	40%
City of Oak Ridge North	0.10	0.16	40%
City of Conroe	3.86	3.86	28%
SJRA - Woodlands	7.64	7.80	50%
MSEC	0.69	-	-
Total	13.20	13.20	-

**Based on a 5-year average of groundwater & surface water demand.*

Recommendation

Recommend 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.

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**Future GRP Review Committee Meeting
Agenda items**

6. Adjourn