



**GRP REVIEW COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

September 22, 2025

The San Jacinto River Authority ("SJRA") GRP Review Committee Meeting was held at 11:30 a.m., September 22, 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:

<u>Present:</u>	<u>GRP Review Committee:</u>	<u>Representing:</u>
James Corn	Chair	Cities other than City of Conroe
Erich Peterson, P.E.	Vice Chair	Woodlands Water Agency
Jackie Chance		MUDs West of I-45
Harry Hardman		City of Conroe
Benjamin Slotnick, Ph.D.		MUDs East of I-45
Mike Stoecker		Investor-Owned Utilities

Also present:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Title:</u>
Aubrey A. Spear, P.E.	SJRA General Manager
Ed Shackelford, P.E.	SJRA Director of Operations
Chris Meeks	SJRA Utility Enterprise Manager
Jason Williams	SJRA Utility Enterprise Operations Manager
Jacob Everett	SJRA Utility Enterprise Maintenance Manager
Jenny Patrick	SJRA Administrative Assistant II
Pam Steiger	SJRA Chief Financial Officer
Kelli Stormer	SJRA Accounting Manager
Jodi Chaney	SJRA Records Manager
Amy Sims	SJRA General Counsel
Sarah Kouba	Lone Star Ground Water Conservation District General Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

3. WORK SESSION

3.1 Items by GRP Administrator

3.1.1 Update by Utility Enterprise staff regarding operations and maintenance.

Mr. Jason Williams provided an operational update on FY25 surface water delivery. Unused allocations from MidSouth were redirected to MUD 99 to cover increased demand caused by two wells being down. Overall production finished just under 6% below the budgeted allocation, at approximately 280 million gallons.

3.1.2 Update on GRP 12” HDPE Water Line Repair

Mr. Jacob Everett provided a maintenance update on the 12” GRP waterline break discovered August 6 near White Oak Terrace. Excavation began August 7, with repairs completed August 28. Water service was restored on September 4 following flushing and testing. Site restoration was completed September 19, with work to restore the fiber optic cable still in progress.

3.1.3 Early Conversion Credits – City of Willis

Mr. John Bleyl of Bleyl Engineering appeared before the committee to answer questions on behalf of the City of Willis regarding the return of early conversion credits. Mr. Chris Meeks noted this was an informational item, explaining that approximately 563,000 credits tied to Catahoula wells constructed before 2016 by the city will be returned to the City of Willis.

3.2 Update by Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District (LSGCD) regarding projects and other activities.

Ms. Sarah Kouba provided an update on LSGCD activities. She reported that Groundwater Management Area 14 met September 17, 2025, to complete discussion of Factors 7–9 related to Desired Future Conditions (DFCs), including impacts on private property rights and feasibility of achieving DFCs.

Ms. Kouba also noted that the District hosted a Public Water Supplier Informational Forum on September 18, 2025. District consultants presented groundwater planning and management at the local, regional, and statewide levels, as well as current topics specific to Montgomery County.

Ms. Kouba addressed concerns raised at the prior GRP meeting regarding the status of the Gulf Coast Aquifer. She reported that while water level declines and changes in artesian pressure have occurred in recent years, particularly in the Evangeline and Jasper aquifers, the Gulf Coast Aquifer remains sufficiently saturated to meet the Desired Future Conditions established by GMA 14. She emphasized that LSGCD does not regulate well or pump design and cannot dictate supply strategies but continues to advocate for diversification of water resources, including surface water and conservation measures.

Mr. Corn and Mr. Meeks encouraged committee members to discuss questions regarding groundwater supply conditions and long-term availability with the LSGCD Board of Directors.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Approval of Minutes - GRP Review Committee meeting of August 25, 2025.

Mr. Corn requested a motion to approve the minutes of the GRP Review Committee meeting held on August 25, 2025. The motion for approval was made by Mr. Harry Hardman, with a second by Mr. Erich Peterson. The motion carried unanimously.

4.2 Consider a recommendation to the SJRA Board of Directors relating to the adoption of an amended Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget for the GRP Division

Due to an increase in water supply demands for certain GRP participants since the approval of the GRP Fiscal Year 26 (FY26) budget, Ms. Pam Steiger presented the Committee with two different operational budget amendment options related to an increase in production at the water treatment facility from 16.5 million gallons per day (MGD) to 20.0 MGD for FY26. Option one recommends current fees remain unchanged while increasing the contribution to the R&R Fund to \$4.5 Million. Option two recommends a possible \$0.10 reduction, effective January 1, 2026 to both Surface Water and Groundwater fees while increasing the contribution to the R&R Fund to \$2.9 Million.

Mr. Jackie Chance made a motion to recommend the proposed budget amendment, option two. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hardman. The motion carried unanimously.

5. FUTURE GRP REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Peterson inquired if the funds received from the City of Conroe and related budget item would appear on the next agenda. Mr. Meeks confirmed that it will appear on the October agenda.

6. ADJOURN

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



Chris Meeks
SJRA Utility Enterprise Manager / GRP Administrator