



**GRP REVIEW COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

January 20, 2026

The San Jacinto River Authority ("SJRA") GRP Review Committee Meeting was held at 11:30 a.m., January 20, 2026, 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> James Corn Erich Peterson, P.E. Benjamin Slotnick, Ph.D. Mike Stoecker	<u>GRP Review Committee:</u> Chair Vice Chair	<u>Representing:</u> Cities other than City of Conroe Woodlands Water Agency MUDs East of I-45 Investor-Owned Utilities
<u>Excused:</u> Jackie Chance Harry Hardman		MUDs West of I-45 City of Conroe

Also present:

<u>Name:</u> Ed Shackelford, P.E. Chris Meeks Maleia Good Pam Steiger Kelli Stormer Jodi Chaney Amy Sims Tiffany White	<u>Title:</u> SJRA Director of Operations SJRA Utility Enterprise Manager SJRA Utility Enterprise Administrative Manager SJRA Chief Financial Officer SJRA Accounting Manager SJRA Records Manager SJRA General Counsel Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District Director of Operations
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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 2026 GRP Appointments/Elections

Mr. Chris Meeks advised the committee that 2026 is an appointment and election year for the GRP Review Committee and outlined the associated process and schedule. The seats subject to appointment or election include representatives for Woodlands Water, the Municipalities other than the City of Conroe, and the MUDs west of I-45.

3.1.2 Surface Water Allocation Requests:

3.1.2.1 Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 99

After providing an overview of surface water allocations previously approved and either operational or in the process of becoming operational, Mr. Meeks discussed allocation requests currently under review. Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 99 currently receives surface water and is requesting an increase of 432,000 GPD, which would bring its total surface water allocation to just over 1 MGD.

3.1.2.2 Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 94

Mr. Meeks advised that Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 94 has met with San Jacinto River Authority and is in discussions regarding a proposed surface water allocation ranging from a minimum of 200,000 GPD to a maximum of 500,000 GPD.

Mr. Meeks noted that these allocation requests will be brought before the committee for consideration and approval at a future meeting. It was further noted that while overall surface water allocations fluctuate seasonally, even during peak summer demand, the combined allocation requests would remain within maximum production capacity, with a current projected maximum daily production request of just under 29 MGD.

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

Ms. Tiffany White reported that John Martin, Chair of the Groundwater Management Area 14 Planning Group, has provided informal notice that the updated GMA 14 groundwater model has been approved by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Formal approval by the TWDB is anticipated at its next meeting, scheduled for May 14, 2026.

Ms. White further advised that the next GMA 14 meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., to be held at the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District office in Conroe.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Approval of Minutes - GRP Review Committee meeting of October 20, 2025.

Mr. Corn requested a motion to approve the minutes of the GRP Review Committee meeting held on October 20, 2025. The motion for approval was made by Mr. Erich Peterson, with a second by Mr. Mike Stoecker. 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

Ms. Pam Steiger presented an overview of the proposed amendments to the Fiscal Year 2026 GRP Operating Budget. The presentation summarized prior Board and Committee actions related to increased surface water production capacity, associated rate reductions, and the use of City of Conroe settlement funds for bond defeasance. Ms. Steiger reviewed two proposed budget amendment options reflecting differing levels of rate reduction and the potential inclusion of a \$500,000 transfer to the Repair and Replacement Fund

Following discussion, Mr. Peterson made a motion to recommend approval of Proposed Budget Amendment Option 2, which outlined a total rate reduction of \$0.11 to both GRP Groundwater and Surface Water rates, along with a \$500,000.00 transfer to the Repair and Replacement Fund. The motion was seconded by Dr. Benjamin Slotnick and carried unanimously.

4.3 Consider a recommendation to the SJRA Board of Directors relating to an amended Fiscal Year 2026 GRP Rate Order

Ms. Steiger presented two proposed Fiscal Year 2026 GRP Rate Order options corresponding to the budget amendment alternatives. The options reflected rate reductions previously approved for increased demand capacity, with an additional reduction related to bond defeasance, and differed based on whether a contribution to the Repair and Replacement Fund was included.

It was noted that, if approved by the SJRA Board of Directors, the amended rates would become effective February 1, 2026, and that both options were projected to provide sufficient revenue to support GRP operations under anticipated demand conditions.

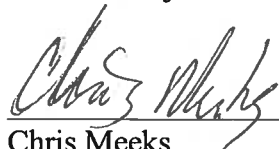
Following discussion, Mr. Stoecker made a motion to recommend approval of a Rate Order consistent with Budget Amendment Option 2, which will reduce the GRP Groundwater Rate to \$2.51 (*decrease from \$2.62*) and GRP Surface Water Rate to \$3.10 (*decrease from \$3.21*). The motion was seconded by Dr. Slotnick and carried unanimously.

5. FUTURE GRP REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Meeks advised the Committee that the Fiscal Year 2027 budget development process will begin in the coming months. Initial agenda items will include groundwater and surface water demand allocations, followed by project planning and rate discussions over the next several months.

6. ADJOURN

Mr. Corn adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.



Chris Meeks
SJRA Utility Enterprise Manager / GRP Administrator