



**GRP REVIEW COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

**April 20, 2026**

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

**Also present:**

<u>Name:</u> Aubrey Spear, P.E. Ed Shackelford, P.E. Chris Meeks Maleia Good Pam Steiger Kelli Stormer Jodi Chaney Amy Sims Jason Williams Jacob Everett Sarah Kouba	<u>Title:</u> SJRA General Manager 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 SJRA Utility Enterprise Operations Manager SJRA Utility Enterprise Maintenance Manager Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District General Manager
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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Peterson called the meeting to order at 11:31 am.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Bill Beran discussed his thoughts on potential significant Lake Conroe level fluctuations caused by GRP withdrawal rates, specifically during drought conditions.

Mr. John Borowski introduced himself as a representative of Montgomery County MUD 1 and a protégé of Mr. Jackie Chance, expressing his intent to seek a nomination to the GRP Review Committee following his local board's approval.

### **3. WORK SESSION**

#### **3.1 Items by GRP Administrator**

Mr. Meeks reported James Corn had resigned from the GRP Review Committee. Mr. Meeks gave an update on the current elections process for the open GRP Review Committee seats for MUDS West of I-45, Cities other than City of Conroe, and Woodlands Water Agency. Mr. Meeks outlined the dates and process for the new members to be seated at the beginning of 2027.

##### **3.1.1 GRP Surface Water Allocation Requests**

Mr. Meeks reported on current surface water allocation requests, noting an informal request from Spring Creek Utility District and a formal request from the Woodlands MUD's for an additional 1.0 million gallons per day. He explained that while these requests are being included in the preliminary FY27 budget, a full financial analysis is underway to ensure there is no negative impact on GRP rates before final approval. Also, if all outstanding requests are granted, average production would increase to approximately 22.59 million gallons per day, nearing the current GRP plant production capacity.

##### **3.1.2 GRP Transmission Line: C2-Section Line Failure – White Oak Creek**

Mr. Jacob Everett reported a significant water line failure serving Conroe Water Plant No. 6, located approximately 80 feet from the previous September 2025 break. Due to the pipes depth and challenging terrain, SJRA recommended to forgo a costly temporary repair and move directly to a permanent redesign and replacement, estimated to take 12–18 months.

Mr. Meeks noted that a root cause analysis is underway to determine if the failures are related to the specific pipe material or the extreme depth and stress at that location. City of Conroe representatives confirmed they can sustain operations without this delivery point in the interim by utilizing a recently rehabilitated well.

##### **3.1.3 Status Update of the Proposed GRP Contract Global Amendment**

Mr. Chris Meeks updated the Committee on the GRP Contract Global Amendment process, noting that management is currently reviewing comments received during the comment period. He highlighted two recent letters sent to participants: one requesting GRP Participants' verification of their 2025 water usage calculations by May 6th to determine voting percentages; and another notice outlining the formal timeline for the GRP Global Amendment process. The formal 90-day voting period is scheduled to open on July 1st, with results to be announced by November 1st.

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

Ms. Sarah Kouba of the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District (LSGCD) reported that a Groundwater Management Area meeting is scheduled for April 30th to finalize the vote on proposed Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) for submission to the Texas Water Development Board. The success

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of the district's first rainwater harvesting barrel roundup distributed over 450 barrels to residents across the county. Ms. Kouba emphasized the ongoing collaboration between LSGCD and SJRA to promote proactive water planning and the utilization of alternative water resources.

**4. ACTION ITEMS**

**4.1 Approval of Minutes - GRP Review Committee meeting of January 20, 2026.**

Mr. Peterson requested a motion to approve the minutes of the GRP Review Committee meeting held on January 20, 2026. The motion for approval was made by Mr. Harry Hardman, with a second by Mr. Benjamin Slotnick. The motion carried unanimously.

**4.2 Consider a recommendation to the SJRA Board of Directors of a Professional Services Agreement and Work Order No. 1 for GRP Membrane Replacement and Optimization with Plummer Associates, Inc.**

Mr. Nabeel Khan, P.E., presented a professional services agreement with Plummer Associates, Inc. regarding the GRP plant's microfiltration membranes. This project combines membrane replacement with a strategy to optimize plant capacity and cleaning efficiency. Work Order No. 1 was presented at a total cost of \$199,971.00

Following discussion, Dr. Benjamin Slotnick made a motion to recommend approval of professional services agreement and Work Order No. 1 to the San Jacinto River Authority Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harry Hardman and carried unanimously.

**5. FUTURE GRP REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

Proposed for May 26, 2026, scheduled items include the 10-Year Project Plan, Draft FY2027 GRP Division Budget and Rate Order, and presentation of historic and current GRP scope and legal basis

Proposed for June 22, 2026, the committee is scheduled to provide a recommendation on the FY2027 GRP Division Budget and Rate Order.

**6. ADJOURN**

Mr. Peterson adjourned the meeting at 12:14



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Chris Meeks  
SJRA Utility Enterprise Manager / GRP Administrator