



**GRP REVIEW COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

**April 22, 2024**

The San Jacinto River Authority (“SJRA”) GRP Review Committee Meeting was held at 11:30 a.m., April 22, 2024, 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>	<u>GRP Review Committee:</u>	<u>Representing:</u>
Mike Mooney	Vice Chair	Woodlands Water Agency
Jackie Chance		MUDs West of I-45
James Corn		Cities other than City of Conroe
Harry Hardman		City of Conroe
Mike Stoecker		Investor-Owned Utilities
<u>Absent</u>		
Rick Moffatt	Chair	MUDs East of I-45

**Also present:**

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Title:</u>
Ed Shackelford, PE	SJRA Director of Operations
Chris Meeks	SJRA Utility Enterprise Manager
Jason Williams	SJRA UE Operations Manager
Jacob Everett	SJRA UE Maintenance Manager
Renee Johnson	SJRA UE Administrative Manager
Dan Hildebrandt	SJRA Manager, Technical Services
Matt Barrett	SJRA Manager, Flood Management
Briana Gallagher,	SJRA Project Manager, Water Resources
Kelli Stormer	SJRA Senior Accountant
Pam Steiger	SJRA Chief Financial Officer
Mitchell Page	Schwartz, Page & Harding, L.L.P., SJRA General Counsel
Sarah Kouba	Lone Star Ground Water Conservation District General Manager
Kirsten Hein, G.I.T.	Lone Star Ground Water Conservation District, Permitting Director
Bill Beran	Citizen
Diego Burgos	Quiddity / MUD 88 and 89
Justin Abshire	Quiddity / MUD 88 and 89
Paul Cote	President, MUD 89
Brandon Leary	Assistant Vice President, MUD 89
Claude Hurbert	President, Spring Creek Utility District

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Bill Beran presented additional information on the Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) process.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Stoecker moved to approve the minutes of the GRP Review Committee meeting held March 25, 2024. Mr. Chance seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

**4. GRP DIVISION UPDATES**

Mr. Meeks noted the draft budget will be presented at the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. Williams noted that GRP participated in the Best Drinking Water contest at the Texas Water 2024 conference, and we came in 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up.

**5. DISCUSSION REGARDING SPRING CREEK UTILITIES, MUD 88 AND MUD 89**

Mr. Meeks noted representatives from Quiddity Engineering, Diego Burgos and Justin Abshire representing MUD 88 and 89 presented information regarding the request for additional surface water from Spring Creek Utility District MUD 88 and 89. Also presenting information was Benjamin Slotnick representing MUD 89, and Claude Hurbert representing Spring Creek Utility District. Mr. Shackelford asked if the well pumps were all the way down to the lap. Mr. Burgos responded yes. Mr. Stoecker asked if the wells were drilled as deep as they could be. Mr. Burgos responded he did not know but would find out. Mr. Stoecker also asked if a hydrologic study had been done to maybe offer an alternative route. Mr. Burgos responded they have done their due diligence to determine what alternatives there may be. Mr. Shackelford asked what the approximate cost would be to replace the wells. Mr. Burgos responded they have not priced the replacement of the wells at this time. Mr. Meeks noted a letter would be sent to answer their question of capacity of surface water, as well as general terms and conditions of a contract. A supplemental agreement will be brought back to the committee at a future meeting.

**6. LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT UPDATE**

Sarah Kouba presented updates on the current subsidence studies.

**7. PRESENTATION AND UPDATE ON AQUIFER STORAGE RECOVERY**

Mr. Matt Barrett presented an overview on what SJRA is doing regarding Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR). ASR consists of taking available surplus surface water and injecting it into an aquifer and then taking it out when needed. Mr. Barrett noted the Texas Water Development Board is currently conducting two studies on ASR. One is in the Lower Valley Water District, El Paso County, Texas, and the other is the Gulf Coast Aquifer Characterization for Southern Montgomery County, Texas. The results of this study should be completed by mid-2025.

**8. GRP ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE SJRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Mr. Meeks presented information regarding the updated Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plans. Mr. Chance moved to approve the Plans, Mr. Stoecker seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

**9. ATTORNEY’S UPDATE**

Mr. Page, Counsel for SJRA, updated the committee on the three current litigation cases. Two cases are still waiting for opinions from the various courts. In the third case, involving the City of Conroe and City of Magnolia, the Texas Supreme Court issued an opinion on April 12, 2024, which held that the cities’ immunity was waived by statute and that the SJRA may continue its suit for amounts due and owed under the GRP Contract. The case was sent back to the trial court in Montgomery County for further proceedings.

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

None.

**11. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE**

- a. Monday, May 20, 2024

**12. ADJOURN**

Mr. Mooney adjourned the meeting at 12:30 PM



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Chris Meeks

SJRA Utility Enterprise Manager / GRP Administrator