

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THE RIO GRANDE REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY

This Annual Report summarizes the accomplishments of the Rio Grande Regional Water Authority (RGRWA) for 2011.

- Board of Director meetings held on the following dates:
 - February 2, 2011
 - April 6, 2011
 - May 4, 2011
 - June 1, 2011
 - August 3, 2011
 - October 5, 2011
 - November 2, 2011

- Elected officers for 2011 (2/2/11)
 - President – Mr. Jim Darling
 - Vice-President – Ms. Sonia Lambert
 - Secretary/Treasurer – Mr. Joe Barrera

- Approved a letter and resolution to Local, State and Federal Law Enforcement Agencies regarding concerns for Irrigation/Drainage District Employee Safety (2/2/2011)

- Ratified Executive Committee Action regarding water right sales price (2/2/2011)

- Approved 2010 Annual Report (2/2/2011)

- Approved release of RFQ for Regional Water Supply Study Scope of Work. (2/2/2011)

- Approved 2011 Budget (2/2/2011)

- Approved letter to Senator Mario Gallegos, Jr. regarding the Senate Subcommittee on Flooding and Evacuations' Interim Report agreeing the RGRWA is the appropriate governmental entity to provide governance necessary to successfully implement the Regional Drainage Study currently underway (2/2/2011)

- Approved resolution to facilitate the selection of an independent mediator acceptable to both the City of McAllen and Hidalgo County Water Improvement District #3 (4/6/2011)

- Approved resolution opposing closure of the Kika de la Garza Subtropical Agricultural Research Facility in Weslaco (4/6/2011)
- Ratified Executive Committee Action regarding a letter of intent to apply for funding to the US Bureau of Reclamation (4/6/2011)
- Authorized LRGVDC Executive Director to contact the South Texas Development Council's Executive Director regarding sponsorship opportunities for water projects in Webb County (4/6/2011)
- Approved Sponsorship of Texas Water Day at the Capitol with a contribution of \$500.00 (4/6/2011)
- Ratified Executive Committee Action regarding hiring a consultant to complete proposal documents for the US Bureau of Reclamation Basin Study Proposal (5/4/2011)
- Ratified Executive Committee Action regarding determining the local match formula for US Bureau of Reclamation Basin Study Proposal (5/4/2011)
- Approved submission of proposal to US Bureau of Reclamation on alternative water supply basin study (5/4/2011)
- Approved \$1,000.00 sponsorship of the Valley Environmental Summit 2011 (6/1/2011)
- Approved \$1,000.00 sponsorship of the Texas Irrigation Expo 2011 (6/1/2011)
- Approved RFQ to procure technical consultants for the Regional Water Supply Project Feasibility Study and Authorization to Advertise (6/1/2011)
- Authorized Ad Hoc Groundwater Committee to work on the Scope of Work for the Regional Groundwater Feasibility Study and make a recommendation to the Executive Committee (6/1/2011)
- Authorized the Executive Committee to negotiate contract with the US Bureau of Reclamation (8/3/2011)
- Approved \$20 cost for additional website photo storage to archive photos from tropical storm events (8/3/2011)
- Approved release of the RFQ to Procure Technical Consultants for the Regional Water Supply Project Feasibility Study and to advertise (8/3/2011)
- Scheduled interviews for the SOQ respondents for November 2, 2011 to make presentations (10/5/2011)

- Awarded contract for the Lower Rio Grande Valley Basin and Regional Water Supply Feasibility Study to Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc. (DBS&A) (11/2/2011)
- Authorized the Executive Committee to execute the contract with DBS&A (11/2/2011)
- Approved providing a resolution of support for the Pulling Together Initiative (11/2/2011)
- Created the Aquatic Weed Ad Hoc Committee (11/2/2011)
- Approved a resolution in support of USDA-ARS Facility in Weslaco (11/2/2011)

The RGRWA increased its activity and involvement within the six (6) counties of Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, Webb, Willacy, and Zapata, and the Board of Directors continues to work diligently to solidify support for the future efforts of this Regional Water Authority.

Contact information regarding the RGRWA can be obtained via the website at www.rgrwa.org or by contacting the RGRWA's Administrative Agent – Ken Jones, Executive Director of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) at 956-682-3481, or email knjones@lrgvdc.org.