

2012 ANNUAL REPORT
FOR
THE RIO GRANDE REGIONAL
WATER AUTHORITY
(RGRWA)

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This Annual Report summarizes the accomplishments of the Rio Grande Regional Water Authority (RGRWA) for 2012.

- Board of Director meetings held on the following dates:
 - January 4, 2012
 - March 14, 2012
 - May 2, 2012
 - July 6, 2012
 - September 5, 2012
 - November 2, 2012

- Elected officers for 2012 (1/4/12)
 - President – Mr. Jim Darling
 - Vice-President – Ms. Sonia Lambert
 - Secretary/Treasurer – Mr. Joe Barrera

- Ratified Executive Committee Action to executed contract with Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc. to complete the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation Lower Rio Grande Basin Study (1/4/2012).

- Set municipal water right price at \$2,250.00 (1/4/2012).

- Approved 2011 Annual Report of accomplishments (3/14/2012).

- Renewed contract with WaterPR for website services (3/14/2012).

- Approved 2012 budget (3/14/2012).

- Approved support of TCEQ's letter to IBWC regarding the Fort Quitman water accounting issue with a follow-up letter of support (5/2/12).

- Approved Agreement between RGRWA and WaterPR for Professional Services for 2012 and to update the RGRWA website (5/2/2012).

- Mr. Joe Barrera announced his retirement from the Brownsville Irrigation District and resignation from the Board as of December 27, 2012 (7/11/2012)

- Approved Silver level sponsorship of the 2012 Valley Environmental Summit (7/11/2012).

- Approved website revision proposal from WaterPR (7/11/2012).

- Mr. Joe Barrera stepped down from his position as Secretary/Treasurer in anticipation of his retirement and Mr. Brian Macmanus was unanimously elected as the new Secretary/Treasurer (9/5/2012).
- Scheduled a Member Conference on October 3, 2012 to create a list of recommended applicants from which the governor may chose to fill vacancies on the Board (9/5/2012).
- Approved hiring Mr. Joe Barrera as the RGRWA Executive Director beginning January 1, 2013 (9/5/2012).
- Approved MOU for office space at the TCEQ Harlingen office (9/5/2012).
- Approved Water Management Strategies to use in the Bureau of Reclamation Lower Rio Grande Valley Basin & Regional Water Supply Feasibility Study (9/5/2012).
- Approved budget amendment to accommodate cost for revising website (9/5/2012).
- Mr. Jimmie Steidinger announced his resignation from the RGRWA at the end of 2012 (11/7/2012).
- Approved no-cost offices space for the Executive Director at the LRGVDC main office in Weslaco (11/7/2012).
- Approved contract for part time Executive Director (11/7/2012).
- Approved sponsorship of the 2013 Texas Ag Water Conservation & Efficiency Forum (11/7/2012).
- Approved submitting an application for the TCEQ SEP Third Party Administration Application (11/7/2012).

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 you may contact the RGRWA Executive Director, Joe A. Barrera, III at 956-682-3481 or jbarrera@rgrwa.org, or the RGRWA's Administrative Agent – Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) at 956-682-3481 or email dmorales@lrgvdc.org .