

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
February 11, 2010**

Board members present at commencement: Bob Larsen, Gary Franklin, Mary Stone, and Jack Goodman. Craig Smith arrived at 6:06 p.m. Staff present: Kirk Holland, Brian Smith, John Dupnik, Dana Wilson, and Tammy Raymond. Also present were those on the attached sign-in sheet. These minutes represent a summarized version of the meeting; the complete discussion of the following items is recorded digitally.

1. Call to Order.

Dr. Larsen called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m., noting that a quorum of the Board was present.

2. Citizen Communications (Public Comments).

There were no public comments of a general nature.

4a. 6:05 p.m. Presentation, discussion and possible action on approval of the FY 2009 Financial Audit.

Ms. Kim McDonald and Mr. Ed Hattrup of Figer & Company gave a brief overview of the FY 09 Audit Report and were happy to report a clean audit with no problems. They also stated that they appreciated and thanked Ms. Dana Wilson and Mr. Holland for their help and support of the process.

Ms. Stone moved approval of the FY 2009 Financial Audit Report submitted by Figer and Company.

Mr. Goodman seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 5 to 0.

4b. Discussion and possible action related to approving a recommended boundary between the Northern and Central subdivisions of GMA-10.

Mr. Holland gave the Board a description of the recommended boundary between the Northern-Central and the Central-Western subdivisions of GMA-10.

After discussion, Mr. Smith moved approval of authorizing Mr. Holland to recommend the boundary described, at the next GMA-10 meeting on behalf of the Board.

6. Regular Meeting: Continued Business.

6a. 6:15 p.m. Discussion and possible action on the permit applications submitted by the City of Kyle for 1) a Class B Conditional Production Permit to increase the permitted pumpage from the Edwards aquifer for public water supply purposes from 165,000,000 gallons/year up to 350,000,000 gallons/year, and 2) a Transport Permit to export the increased volume outside of the District into the City of Kyle's service area. The increased pumpage requested would be from the City of Kyle's existing Well No. 4, located near the intersection of RM 2770 and CR 171 in the 700 block of Kohlers Crossing, in Kyle, Texas. (Note: these applications were the subject of a contested-case hearing that was conducted by the District Board in early December.)

Dr. Larsen closed the ongoing Public Hearing at 6:21 p.m. and asked if there were any additional public comments.

Ms. Michelle Camp, representing the Sierra Club, asked the Board to deny the permit, or at the very least to put a condition of 100% curtailment at Alarm Stage Drought.

The City of Kyle, Save Our Springs Alliance, and the District gave their closing arguments and rebuttals.

At that time, Mr. Smith stated that he had a motion in the form of an "Order." Mr. Smith handed the "Order" to the Board, the City of Kyle, Save Our Springs Alliance and the General Manager and read the document verbatim, stating that he had made a change in the as-written Conclusion of Law, Item 3 on page 9, and explaining that the motion had the effect of changing the authorized withdrawal under the permit from the requested 185,000,000 gallons annually to 100,700,000 gallons annually.

Ms. Stone seconded the oral motion as read.

After questions from Dr. Larsen, and requested comments from Mr. Dugat and Mr. Holland, Mr. Smith clarified that his intent was for the basis of his motion to be the Order as-read, rather than as-written, and then amended his verbal motion in the following areas:

Added to the exclusion applicable to alternative sources: "...in excess of 259 acre feet per year from the San Antonio segment of the Edwards Aquifer", and also "...in excess of 304 acre-feet per year from the Barton Springs segment"

Corrected a miss-stated total demand: 897,523,618 gallons.

Terminology changes: Exceptional Stage Drought in place of Emergency Response Period; Southern segment changed to San Antonio segment; effect rather than affect

Ms. Stone seconded all amendments discussed.

Dr. Larsen called for a vote.

The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5 to 0. The Final Order, incorporating all changes discussed by the Board in its deliberations and constituting the result of this Board action, is attached.

**AN ORDER OF THE
BARTON SPRINGS/EDWARDS AQUIFER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

AMENDING THE PRODUCTION AND TRANSPORT PERMITS OF THE CITY OF KYLE; PROVIDING FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW; PROVIDING SPECIAL PERMIT CONDITIONS; AMENDING THE USER DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN OF THE CITY OF KYLE; REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District (the District) is a Groundwater Conservation District created by an act of the 70th Legislature and subject to various requirements of State Law governing groundwater districts, including Texas Water Code Chapter 36; and

WHEREAS, the District was established for the purpose of providing for the conservation, preservation, protection, recharging and prevention of waste of groundwater and of groundwater reservoirs in the jurisdictional area of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District employs a permit-based regulatory program to effect these objectives and assure compliance with District Rules by its permittees; and

WHEREAS, the District received applications (Applications) from the City of Kyle (City, or Applicant) to amend its production and transport permits, requesting a Class B Conditional Production Permit to increase the permitted pumpage, and a Transport Permit to export the increased volume outside of the District to Kyle, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the District received a protest of amending those permits from the Save Our Springs Alliance (SOS, or Protestant); and

WHEREAS, on December 5, 7, and 8, 2009, the District Board of Directors (Board) held a contested-case hearing on the merits of these proposed permit amendments; and

WHEREAS, on the basis of that evidentiary hearing the Board makes the following **Findings of Fact**:

1. The District is a groundwater conservation district, operating under Texas Water Code Chapter 36 and its enabling legislation now codified at Special District Local Laws Code Chapter 8802, which is charged by the Legislature to manage

the groundwater resources in the District's jurisdiction, including the Barton Springs segment of the Edwards Aquifer.

2. The District has established Rules to prosecute the Legislative charge, including a Conditional Permit that allows new authorized use of the Edwards Aquifer resource only during non-drought times on a non-curtailed basis, and increasingly curtails that authorized use to protect the resource during protracted drought periods.
3. The District has established by rule a separate Transport Permit that is underlain by one or more Production Permits, but it does not have the authority to consider whether groundwater is being transported outside the District in approving or denying such permits.
4. On December 23, 2008, the City of Kyle filed applications to amend both its Production Permit to include Class B Conditional Production and its Transport Permit accordingly, with the application containing some of the information required by District Rules, including the appropriate application fees of \$500 for each of the applications.
5. After several rounds of notices of deficiency were sent by the District and timely responses containing supplemental information were provided by the Applicant, all information required for the applications under District Rules was received, and the Applications were deemed by District Staff as administratively complete on June 5, 2009 in accordance with District Rules 3-1.4.A and 3-1.6.B.
6. On June 20, 2009, a public notice was published in the Austin American-Statesman newspaper in accordance with District Rule 3-1.4.B(2), beginning a 20-day comment period. A similarly timed mailed notice was also sent to adjacent landowners in accordance with District Rule 3-1.4.B(3).
7. On July 10, 2009, a written notice of protest of the prospective permitting actions and a request for a public hearing were timely filed with the District by Save Our Springs Alliance, requesting the District to "deny the permit amendments that would enable an exceedingly large amount of groundwater withdrawal and transfer", in accordance with District Rule 4-9.13 governing protests.
8. On July 30, 2009, the General Manager made the determination to schedule a hearing and publicly noticed said hearing in the counties of the District and in the Austin American-Statesman newspaper on August 3, 2009 in accordance with District Rule 3-1.4.C and 4-9.2.
9. On August 27, 2009, a contested-case hearing was initiated by the Board, and the following were admitted as parties to the case and as participants in the evidentiary hearing on the merits: City of Kyle, Applicant; Save Our Springs

Alliance, Protestant; and the General Manager of the District, representing District staff.

10. The City seeks to amend its Production Permit to include a Class B Conditional Production Permit element to increase the permitted pumpage from the freshwater portion of the Edwards aquifer for public water supply purposes, from 165,000,000 gallons/year up to 350,000,000 gallons/year, from its existing Well No. 4, located near the intersection of RM 2770 and CR 171 in the 700 block of Kohlers Crossing, in Kyle, Texas.
11. The City also seeks to amend its Transport Permit to export the increased volume of groundwater authorized under the Class B Conditional Permit from the District into the City of Kyle's service area.
12. The Protestant seeks the District to deny the permit amendments on the basis of lack of need for additional supplies; the Applicant failed to show that it can switch 100 percent to non-Edwards Aquifer "alternative water supply", inconsistency with water conservation and regional water planning; the transfer of water out of the District; and adverse effects on Barton Springs' discharges that would unnecessarily risk jeopardy of the endangered salamander species at Barton Springs.
13. On October 28, 2009, the General Manager timely issued the General Manager's Statement of Position, in which the Staff presented its analysis of pertinent issues and supported its recommendation to issue the permits subject to several special conditions. An amended Statement of Position with minor revisions and amendments was also issued on November 13, 2009.
14. The City has executed contract(s) with the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority that secure contractual rights to 2,957 acre-feet of surface water per year, of which the City is only in the position to physically take 2,500 acre-feet annually and place it into its public water system to provide alternative water supply in the event extreme drought requires curtailment of the Class B Conditional groundwater in accordance with District Rule 3-1.4.A(16)
15. The total demand represented by the City's water usage for the period of Sep. 1, 2008 through Aug. 31, 2009 was 897,523,618 gallons or 2,754 acre-feet.
16. During an Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA) Critical Stage IV Drought the City's EAA usage is limited to 84,460,579 gallons or 259 acre-feet.
17. During a District declared Exceptional Stage Drought, the City's Historical Use Permit is limited to 99,000,000 gallons or 304 acre-feet.

18. For the City to be granted a Class B Conditional Permit for 185,000,000 gallons the City's surplus Alternative Water Supply, must equal or exceed 3,322 acre-feet which is the total of 185,000,000 (568 acre-feet) gallons plus total demand of 897,523,618 gallons (2,754 acre-feet).
19. The City's surplus Alternative Water Supply is 3,063 acre-feet which is the total of 2,500 acre-feet of water accessible from GBRA, 259 acre-feet from EAA, and 304 acre-feet from the District.
20. The City request for 185,000,000 million gallons is reduced by 259 acre-feet, which is the difference between 3,322 acre-feet and 3,063 acre-feet.
21. A Conditional Class B Permit of 100,700,000 gallons equals the City's request for 185,000,000 million gallons less the 259 acre feet reduction necessary to meet the City's surplus alternative water supply of 3,063 acre-feet.
22. The District has verified that the City has in place the necessary physical infrastructure and supporting agreements and ordinances to effect the substitution of the alternative supply for 100,700,000 gallons of the requested conditionally permitted pumpage volume in accordance with District Rule 3-1.4.A(16).
23. An upper-limit "cap" on authorized total pumpage from the Edwards Aquifer under all, including non-drought, conditions, such as might be required by and linked to a TWDB-established Managed Available Groundwater amount, currently does not exist.
24. The request for authorization for additional pumping is not subject to the current moratorium on additional Edwards pumping as the application was already on file and in process when the moratorium was declared on April 9, 2009, and such circumstance was specifically excepted in that Board order.
25. The Hydrogeologic (Pump Test) Report required by the District and submitted by the Applicant in support of the Applications show that the additional pumping from the Edwards Aquifer will take place in a transition area between the unconfined ("water table") portion and the confined ("artesian") portion of the Edwards, in an area of the aquifer with sufficiently high, but anisotropic transmissivity (hydraulic conductivity) and typical storativity, such that anticipated impacts to water levels of and interference with water production from neighboring wells will be insubstantial and practicably negligible.
26. The aquifer will go through, in a repetitive fashion, many discharge-recharge cycles during the 30-year term of the prospective Transport Permit, and the additional pumpage and transport authorized by the permit amendments will not cause permanent or long-term changes in aquifer conditions or reservoir depletion, or land subsidence.

27. The additional pumping will be curtailed in accordance with District drought-management Rules during drought, including complete curtailment during the more severe drought conditions.
28. Analytical studies by District staffs confirm that with pumpage curtailment, the acceleration of drought stages will be insignificantly small when compared to both measured variations in spring flow and the timing of likely Board action to declare changes in drought stages. However, the District recognizes that any acceleration of mandatory District-wide water use reduction caused by additional permitted pumpage, even on a conditional basis, causes some inconvenience and expense to existing permittees and aquifer users.
29. Evidence supports the conclusion that there is increased mortality and other harm to Barton Springs salamanders, an endangered species resident in the Barton Springs outlets, if springflow is reduced as a result of diminished aquifer water levels. The threshold at which such harmful effects occur is under scientific investigation. Evidence also supports the conclusion that the increase in the total amount of groundwater withdrawals caused by the amended production and transport permits would have the effect of reducing Barton Springs flow, although the effect would be minimal. The District seeks to avoid harming endangered wildlife, and the District's Management Plan states that the District will prepare and regularly update a Habitat Conservation Plan, "that protects to the maximum extent practicable, the population of endangered species affected by District groundwater management activities...." (Management Plan, Objective 4-1, Activities & Measures) The District has already spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on such a Habitat Conservation Plan. It would be contrary to the goals of the District's Management Plan to permit additional aquifer withdrawals under the amended permits that would create jeopardy for the survival of the Barton Springs salamanders. But withdrawals under the Conditional Class B Production Permit will be completely curtailed according to District Rules if springflow drops to 14 cubic feet per second (cfs), during an Exceptional Stage Drought. If scientific evidence indicates that the Rules are inadequate to protect the endangered species, the District will address the issue through the rulemaking process. There was no evidence that the amended permits, if limited in amount according to finding of fact 20 above, would cause harm to the endangered salamanders.
30. To the extent that the groundwater authorized under these Applications is used for public water supply, serving an area that has undergone tremendous population growth and is planned to continue to grow, such use is considered "beneficial use" as defined in District Rules and Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code. Evidence supports the conclusion that alternative water supplies are more available to the Applicant in the proposed receiving area of the additional transported water than

in many areas of the District's territory. This relative availability of alternative supplies justifies reducing the amount permitted for transport as provided in finding of fact 20 above.

31. To the extent that the groundwater authorized under these Applications is used, such water is not intended to be and will not be transported beyond the boundaries of the City of Kyle certificated area or used for non-public water supply purposes.
32. To the extent that the groundwater authorized under these Applications is used, such use is not inconsistent with regional water planning for Region L and Region K, especially since no pumping during a drought of record recurrence is authorized.
33. To the extent that the groundwater authorized under these Applications is used, such use is contemplated by and is consistent with the District Management Plan.
34. The Applicant has implemented ordinances and other measures to effect its User Conservation Plan and User Drought Contingency Plan, and to generally conserve water, as reflected in its per capita usage of 114-118 gallons per capita per day.
35. The Applicant has not updated its UCP and UDCP to reflect new drought-management Rules adopted by the Board while the contested case was in process.
36. The Applicant stipulated that it has and will maintain the demonstrable ability to utilize alternative water supplies other than those based on freshwater Edwards Aquifer water, whether from the Barton Springs or the San Antonio segments, to offset the supply effects of the required curtailments. This stipulation was based upon access to and use of the full contractual rights to 2,957 acre-feet of surface water per year.
37. The Board has the authority to change its Rules, including drought-management Rules, if and when new scientific information or statutes require changes to assure the District's mission is achieved.

AND WHEREAS, upon considering these Findings of Fact, the Board makes the following **Conclusions of Law**:

1. The District has the constitutional and statutory authority to approve or deny these permit applications and has the authority under the District's Rules to set the amounts of the permits and special conditions on them.
2. Applications were properly received by the District with the appropriate fee payments.
3. The administrative completeness determination was timely and properly made.

4. The application was timely and properly noticed with notification published in a newspaper of general circulation and a mail-out to applicable adjacent landowners.
5. The protest by SOS was properly and timely made.
6. The contested case hearing was timely and properly noticed and held according to District Rules & Bylaws.
7. The General Manager's Statement of Position was timely received by all parties and provided both the regulatory and scientific basis for its recommended actions.
8. The District staff made its assessment of the Applications in conformance with District Rules.
9. The Applicant met its burden of proof that its prospective additional pumping would not cause unreasonable interference with adjacent well owners/operators or unreasonable reduction in artesian pressure.
10. The Applicant met its burden of proof that that the prospective additional water withdrawals of up to 100,700,000 gallons enabled by these permit amendments was consistent with the regional water plans and with the District Management Plan.
11. The Applicant has shown by a preponderance of evidence that it has access to an alternative water supply in sufficient quantity so that it can curtail production for 100,700,000 gallon Class B Conditional Permit by up to 100 percent during BSEACD-declared drought stages.
12. The District by statute is unable to consider that this water is destined for transfer out of the District in its decision-making regarding permit issuance.

NOW, IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BARTON SPRINGS/EDWARDS AQUIFER CONSERVATION DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1

The recitals, facts, and conclusions in the preamble hereof are hereby found and determined to be true and correct and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2

From the effective date of this Order, the City of Kyle's Production Permit is amended to include an annual Class B Conditional Permit component of up to 100,700,000 gallons per year, subject to annual renewal at the beginning of each fiscal year of the District; and the City of Kyle's Transport Permit is amended to authorize the total amount of water to be exported from the District as up to 265,700,000 gallons per year after being produced from the Edwards Aquifer in its existing Well #4, under both Historical and Conditional production permits, subject to the following Special Conditions:

For the Class B Conditional Production Permit:

1. The City of Kyle shall submit updates of its User Conservation Plan and User Drought Contingency Plan, reflecting both new drought-management rules, including new drought stages and curtailment requirements, and new total production amounts, i.e., including groundwater withdrawals authorized by both its existing Historical Use Production Permit and the new Class B Conditional Permit, within 60 days of issuance of the new permit.
2. The City of Kyle (City) shall not use water authorized for production under this permit for uses other than those described in the application submitted on December 23, 2008. The use of the water shall be limited to the primary use as a public water supply which may include ancillary uses for construction, commercial, or industrial purposes. Any change in the use shall constitute a major amendment to both the Production and the Transport Permit and shall not occur without prior authorization from the District.
3. On an annual basis, the City shall certify to the District and provide pertinent documentation that, in the event that all of the production authorized under the Class B Conditional Production Permit is curtailed by the District, demonstrates the following:
 - a. The City has maintained the availability of at least 100,700,000 gallons/year of surplus Alternative Water Supply, where the surplus is derived from aggregated, accessible water supplies above (i.e., in excess of) the then-current managed water demand; and
 - b. The City has maintained all necessary infrastructure, contracts, rates, and facilities necessary to replace the full volume of water authorized for production under the Class B Conditional Production Permit.

For the purposes of this Special Condition 2, "Alternative Water Supply" shall be defined as the sum of: a) the aggregated supply of water, of sufficient quality to be compatible with the use of the water authorized under the Class B Conditional Production Permit, from some source(s) other than the freshwater part of the Barton Springs segment of the

Edwards Aquifer in excess of 304 acre-feet per year or the San Antonio segment of the Edwards Aquifer in excess of 259 acre-feet per year; and b) the quantity of water that is equivalent to the managed reduction in demand for the water authorized under the Class B Conditional Production Permit, through planned, mandatory, and enforced water conservation practices.

This certification and documentation shall provide a confirmation, to the satisfaction of the General Manager, of the availability of the planned Alternative Water Supply and shall be submitted by August 15 of each year of the Permit term. Confirmation of the requisite Alternative Water Supply availability shall be required as a condition of permit renewal.

4. If, on the basis of new information concerning aquifer characteristics, springflow characteristics, or ecological traits, the District Board of Directors in the future changes the amount of curtailment required under its Class B Conditional Production Permit, or the drought trigger points, or both, the City of Kyle shall comply with such new Rule requirements that are established through a formal rulemaking process.

For the Amended Transport Permit:

1. The City of Kyle shall not transport, cause to transport, or sell, whether on a retail or wholesale basis, water authorized for transport under this permit to any individual or entity outside of the receiving area as described in the application submitted on December 23, 2008. The receiving area shall be limited to the area described as the "City's service area" and shall be delineated by the City of Kyle's TCEQ CCN No. 11024 boundaries, as such boundary existed as of November 1, 2009, and as is generally shown in Exhibit 1. Any change in the receiving area shall constitute major amendments of both the Production and the Transport Permit, which require authorization from the District before transport to the newly added area.

SECTION 3

This provision does not supersede or prevent any subsequent orders or rulemaking by the Board that differ in its requirements for all such permittees.

SECTION 4

All orders or resolutions, or parts thereof, heretofore passed and adopted by the Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District are hereby repealed to the extent that said order or resolution, or parts thereof, is in conflict herewith.

SECTION 5

If any section, subsection, clause, phrase, or provision of this Order, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall to any extent be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unconstitutional, the remaining sections, subsections, clauses, phrases, and provisions of this Order, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired, or invalidated.

SECTION 6

This Order shall be effective immediately upon majority approval by a quorum of the Board.

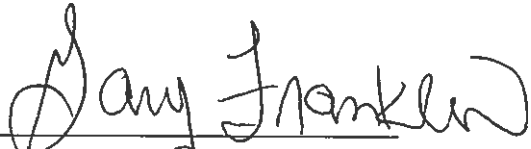
DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BARTON SPRINGS/EDWARDS AQUIFER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BY A VOTE OF 5 TO 0, ON THIS THE 11th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2010.

APPROVED BY:



Dr. Robert D Larsen
President, Board of Directors

ATTEST BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Franklin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line drawn underneath the name.

Mr. Gary Franklin
Secretary, Board of Directors

5. Regular Meeting: Briefings

7:30 p.m. Briefing by the HCP biology consultant, Dr. Bryan Brooks, on the ecological studies completed for the District HCP concerning salamander physiology.

Dr. Bryan Brooks gave a briefing on the HCP biology studies, to examine salamander physiological response to dissolved oxygen stress, and its poorly established relationship at low springflows associated with prolonged drought.

No Board action was required.

6. Regular Meeting: Continued Business.

6b. Discussion and possible action related to the preparation of a proposal to the Texas Water Development Board for a feasibility study of a brackish groundwater desalination facility in the eastern part of the District.

Dr. Larsen and Mr. Holland reported on the status of the desalination feasibility study grant project proposal to TWDB, and that the proposed actions involving the District would be deliberated by the Board in its second February Board meeting.

No Board action was required.

6c. Discussion and possible action related to status and progress on the contested-case SOAH proceedings associated with the TCEQ preliminary decision on the TLAP for Jeremiah Venture, L.P.

Mr. Dugat stated that he had no updated news to report.

6d. Discussion and possible action related to the District staff's assessment of the effect of withdrawals of non-flood flows of Onion Creek by a property owner to fill an off-channel reservoir and its potential to diminish recharge and prolong drought.

Mr. Holland and Dr. Brian Smith reviewed the results of the staff's investigation of the intake structure on Onion Creek, and the potential for withdrawals of non flood flows from Onion Creek to diminish recharge and prolong drought. They informed the Board that, on the basis of its investigation, the intake appeared to be designed and operated to avoid those impacts. They concluded saying that no further investigations appeared warranted and no action by the Board seemed to be required.

No action was taken by the Board.

Ms. Stone left the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

3. Routine Business.

- a. **Consent Agenda** Note: These items may be considered and approved as one motion. Directors or citizens may request any consent item be removed from the consent agenda, for consideration and possible approval as an item of Regular Business.
1. **Approval of Financial Reports under the Public Funds Investment Act, Directors' Compensation Claims, and Specified Expenditures greater than \$5,000.**
2. **Approval of minutes from the January 23, 2010, Special Called Meeting and Work Session, and from the January 28, 2010, Regular Meeting.**
3. **Approval of out-of-state travel:**
 - b) **by General Manager Kirk Holland and one other staff member (to be designated) to attend the National Groundwater Association's 2010 Groundwater Summit on "Groundwater for a Thirsty World", in Denver, Colorado, April 11-14, 2010; and**
 - c) **by Robin Gary to make a presentation on karst drought response and role of public awareness at the Geological Society of America Joint Sectional Meeting in Branson, Missouri, April 10-14.**

Mr. Goodman moved approval of the consent agenda as stated above.

Mr. Franklin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0.

- b. **General Manager's Report.** Note: Topics discussed in the General Manager's Report are intended for general administrative and operational information-transfer purposes.
The Directors will not take any action on them in this meeting, unless the topic is specifically listed elsewhere in this as-posted agenda.

1. **Personnel matters and utilization;**
2. **Upcoming public events of possible interest;**
3. **Aquifer conditions and status of drought indicators.**
4. **Discussion related to current staff work areas and specific activities of staff teams and directors.** Note: Individual topics listed below may be discussed by the Board in this meeting, but no action will be taken unless a topic is specifically posted elsewhere in this agenda as an item for possible action. A Director may request an individual topic that is presented only under this agenda item be placed on the posted agenda of some future meeting for Board discussion and possible action.
 - i. **Update on Technical Team discussions and activities.**
 - ii. **Update on progress related to evaluations of alternative non-Edwards and Edwards DFC recommendations for GMA-10.**

- iii. Update on potential change to a component of the Hays County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 wastewater treatment facility serving the Belterra subdivision.
- iv. Update on progress in evaluating the use of reclaimed wastewater as an alternative water supply for part of Texas Lehigh and Centex water demands.
- v. Update on intergovernmental drought response coordination activities, including planning for a joint press event at the Wildflower Center to kick off the water conservation period.

Mr. Holland and staff updated the Board and answered directors' questions on the teams' activities concerning the items listed above. No Board action was taken.

6. Adjournment.

Dr. Larsen adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Approved by the Board:

By: 
Dr. Robert Larsen, President

Attest: 
Gary Franklin, Secretary