

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Work Session

May 19, 2011

Board members present at commencement: Mary Stone, Gary Franklin, Bob Larsen and Craig Smith. Jack Goodman arrived at 6:37 p.m. Staff present: Kirk Holland, John Dupnik, Brian Smith, Dana Wilson, and Robin Gary. There were no citizens present. These minutes represent a summarized version of the meeting; the complete discussion of the following items is recorded digitally.

1. Call to Order.

Ms. Stone called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m., noting that a quorum of the Board was present.

2. Discussion concerning objectives and performance standards to be included in the next revision of the Management Plan.

Mr. Holland and the other Team Leaders reviewed the set of Objectives, and then in discussion the Directors and the Team Leaders commented on the structure and content of the straw-man draft Objectives and Strategies document that had been prepared. Some specific changes were noted, and a number of themes emerged that will be incorporated in the next version of this part of the Management Plan. These included:

- The number of objectives and performance standards should be reduced by aggregation and by demotion in hierarchical level.
- The role and expectations of Directors, both as a group and as individuals, with respect to performance standards and activities needs to be made more explicit.
- Metrics will be addressed at the performance standard level, but their determination will be postponed until the next, more condensed version of this document is available; the TLs will suggest one or more for each performance standard to be included in the next review version provided to the Board, probably associated with another work session.
- We need to incorporate an emphasis on the long-term viability and sustainability of the District, financially and otherwise; this might include more proactive legislative pursuits, a risk management program, and explicit contingency planning.
- Some additional specific activities were identified:
 - Include the protection of aquatic wildlife dependent on groundwater flows
 - Include more explicitly DFC compliance
 - Consider coalition of nearby GCDs for shared special interests/common purposes
 - Specify determination of feasibility of desalination in the District within some specified time frame.

The Team Leaders offered to take another pass at the Objectives and Strategies to incorporate these ideas and needs that were developed in the work session for Board review in a subsequent work session.

3. Adjournment.

Without objection, Ms. Stone adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Approved by the Board:

By: 
Mary Stone, President

Attest: 
Craig Smith, Secretary