

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Special Called Meeting and Work Session
September 25, 2010**

Board members present at commencement: Mary Stone, Bob Larsen, Craig Smith, Jack Goodman and Gary Franklin. Staff present: Kirk Holland, Brian Smith, John Dupnik, and Dana Wilson. No others attended. 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 9:10 a.m., noting that a quorum of the Board was present.

2. Citizen Communications (Public Comments).

There were no public comments.

3. Discussion and possible action related to approving the preparation of a grant proposal and the District's prospective participation in a matching-funds grant for desalination feasibility studies through Texas State University-San Marcos.

After discussion, Mr. Smith moved approval of the preparation of a grant proposal to and with TSU for a congressionally directed project to research the feasibility of desalination of the Saline Edwards, and the participation of the District in the matching-funds grant project, if it is selected for funding.

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

4. Work Session.

The Board will hold a work session to address the following topics:

Ms. Stone opened items 4a. and 4b. for discussion.

4a. Discussions related to reductions in specific expenses of the District in FY 2011, possibly to be reflected in a future amendment of the annual budget that reduces or eliminates the use of reserve funds in balancing the budget.

4b. Discussions related to identification and prioritization of goals for the District in FY 2011, and objectives for the General Manager in FY 2011.

The Work Session discussions included the following as possible goals for the District:

- a. Reducing the use of financial reserves in balancing the operating budget to no more than \$21,000 in FY 2011, and to zero in FY 2012.
- b. Implementing our legislative agenda by ensuring the top three bills (director precinct re-definitions, direct-discharge prohibition, and Bastrop County 'de-annexation') are introduced and effectively supported, and that the fourth bill (removing some potential statutory obstacles to Edwards desalination) is evaluated for its efficacy in this session.
- c. Completing the documentation of the District HCP, including responding to public comments, by the end of FY 2011.
- d. Making progress on developing desalination and ASR as alternative water supplies by completing initial field investigations and modeling in the saline zone of the Edwards and possibly the Trinity Aquifer.
- e. Revising the District Management Plan and Rules to enable changes required to ensure and demonstrate compliance with the Desired Future Conditions and maintenance of the Managed Available Groundwater amounts.
- f. Working to increase the availability of all types of alternative water supplies to our permittees

The Board discussed the need to not amend the operating budget immediately, while several budget uncertainties are addressed. The goals will be considered for action in the next regular meeting.

5. Adjournment.

Ms. Stone adjourned the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

Approved by the Board:

By: 
Mary Stone, President

Attest: 
Craig Smith, Secretary