

RED RIVER AUTHORITY OF TEXAS
Summary of the Canadian and Red River Basins
Advisory Committee Meeting
March 19, 2013

The Canadian and Red River Basins Advisory Committee Meeting was held on March 19, 2013 in the Colorado Room of the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo, Texas at 9:30 a.m. There were approximately 26 stakeholders, including staff, in attendance at the meeting.

Mr. Allen Pappas, Clean Rivers Program Project Manager with the Authority, opened the meeting with introductions and provided a short review of the meeting agenda. He emphasized the importance of stakeholder participation in the Clean Rivers Program through their comments and suggestions.

Mr. Allen Pappas presented the *Draft 2013 Canadian and Red River Basins Highlights Report*. He explained the process for collecting the data in the report and recommended reviewing the *2009 Basin Summary Report*, located on the Authority's website at www.rra.dst.tx.us, for more detailed information. Mr. Pappas also discussed the current monitoring activities in the basins and highlighted water bodies with concerns. He asked that the members use their comment sheets to note any suggestions or recommendations they may have for the Fiscal Year 2014 Monitoring Schedule.

Mr. Mick Baldys, Hydrologist with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) in Ft. Worth, Texas, presented an overview of discharge calculation methodologies utilized by the USGS and their importance as it correlates to other water quality parameters. He utilized several pictures to convey how environmental factors can also influence flow. Mr. Baldys closed his presentation with an example of a discharge calculation, which engaged stakeholders in routine measurements made during water quality monitoring events.

Mr. Doug Shaw, Regional Water Planning Project Manager (Regions A, B and F) with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), presented information regarding the Regional Water Plan for Region A. He covered anticipated demand requirements for several areas including irrigation, population, agricultural, etc. Mr. Shaw also discussed how the TWDB can provide financial assistance to entities, as they did with the City of Amarillo and the Potter County Well Field Project. Lastly, Mr. Shaw closed by highlighting some pertinent House and Senate Bills currently being reviewed during this legislative session.

Mr. Emmett Autrey, Director of Utilities with the City of Amarillo, presented information regarding how the City of Amarillo has coped with the ongoing drought the Panhandle has been experiencing prior to 2011. He broke down the water supplies prior to Lake Meredith going to 0% capacity and how the loss of this water resource significantly impacted Amarillo's ability to cope with record MGD requirements they had experienced during the summer of 2011. Mr. Autrey continued to explain how the City of Amarillo had recently completed the Potter County Well Field Project, which was currently producing approximately 35 MGD per day. He then

closed his presentation highlighting conservation efforts by the City of Amarillo and future plans to ensure water availability for years to come.

Mr. Pappas then opened the floor for final questions and comments. Following discussion, the meeting adjourned around 12:15 p.m. and lunch was served.