

RED RIVER AUTHORITY OF TEXAS
Summary of the Red River Basin
Advisory Committee Meeting
March 26, 2013

The Red River Basin Advisory Committee Meeting was held on March 26, 2013, in the Conference Room at the Red River Authority of Texas Administrative Offices and Environmental Laboratory in Wichita Falls, Texas at 9:30 a.m. There were approximately 45 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. 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 B. 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, highlighting proposed projects for several counties in Region B. Lastly, Mr. Shaw closed by highlighting some pertinent House and Senate Bills currently being reviewed during this legislative session.

Mr. Kyle Miller, General Manager for the Wichita County Water Improvement District No. 2, presented information regarding the current drought-related implications centered around the City of Wichita Falls water resources, specifically Lake Kemp and Lake Diversion. Mr. Miller showed how evaporation rates and consistent low annual rainfall has drastically impacted the current reservoir level at Lake Kemp, despite a recent allowance from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to operate at an elevated storage capacity. Mr. Miller also presented information on

the financial implications this can lead to for the City of Wichita Falls and how the District is currently operating, since the release of water has been halted due to the decreased lake level. Mr. Miller closed his presentation highlighting a portion of the District's current Drought Contingency Plan, emphasizing areas that are anticipated to be revised as a result of the current drought status.

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.