

**NOTICE OF THE SULPHUR RIVER BASIN AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
A REGULAR SRBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2024, at 1:00 P.M.
AT THE PILGRIM'S COMMUNITY CENTER, 820 W. PECAN STREET
MOUNT PLEASANT, TEXAS
ALL INTERESTED PARTIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND**

Notice is hereby given per the Texas Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, that the Board of Directors of the Sulphur River Basin Authority will conduct a meeting open to the public, on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., at the Pilgrim's Community Center, 820 W. Pecan Street, Mount Pleasant, Texas.

The Board of Directors may discuss, consider, and take all necessary action, including possible expenditure of funds, regarding any of the items below. The Board of Directors is authorized by The Texas Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, to convene in a closed executive session for certain purposes at any time to discuss items on the board meeting agenda. These purposes include receiving legal advice from its Attorney (Section 551.071); discussing real property matter (Section 551.072); discussing gifts and donations (Section 551.073); discussing personnel matter (Section 551.074); discussing security personnel or devices (Section 551.076); or discussing economic development matter (Section 551.087). If the Board of Directors makes a determination to go into closed executive session on any item on this agenda, the Presiding Officer, will announce that a closed executive session will be held and will identify the item to be discussed and provision of The Open Meeting Act that authorizes the closed executive session.

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order.**
- 2. Invocation.**
- 3. Roll Call and Announcement of Quorum.**
- 4. Public Comments.**

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- 5. Consent Agenda Items.**

The Consent Agenda allows the Board of Directors to approve all routine, noncontroversial items with a single motion, without the need for discussion by the entire Board. Any item may be removed from consent agenda and considered individually upon request of a Board member or Authority staff, or at the request of a member of the public.

(A) Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on the Minutes for the June 18, 2024, Board Meeting.

(B) Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on the Monthly Financial Reports.

This item will include a presentation of the Board Meeting Minutes and Monthly Financial Reports. Staff recommends approval.

Action Item: Consider the Motion to Adopt the Consent Agenda.

6. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Approving the FY 2024-2025 Authority Budget.

This item will include discussion and possible action on the FY 2024-2025 Authority Budget. Staff recommends approval.

Action Item: Consider a Motion to approve the FY 2024-2025 Authority Budget.

7. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Approving Resolution No. R7162024-01 Sulphur River Basin Authority Resolution To Support River Authority Coalition Request For State Funding In The 89th Legislative Session.

This item will include discussion and possible action on the Small River Authority Legislative Funding Initiative. Staff recommends approval.

Action Item: Consider a Motion to approve SRBA Resolution No. R7162024-01.

8. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Approving Seeking the Appointment of the Executive Director to a Position on the Region D Water Planning Group as a Voting Member.

This item will include discussion and possible action on seeking the Executive Director's appointment as a voting member of the Region D Water Planning Group. Staff recommends approval.

Action Item: Consider a Motion to approve authorizing the Executive Director to seek appointment as a voting member on the Region D Water Planning Group.

9. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Selecting a New Logo for the Authority.

This item will include discussion and possible action on reviewing and selecting a new logo for the Authority. Staff recommends approval.

Action Item: Consider a Motion to change the Authority logo.

10. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Annual Performance Review and Compensation of the Executive Director.

This item will include discussion and possible action on the annual performance review and compensation of the Executive Director.

Action Item: Consider a Motion or Motions regarding the Executive Director's performance and/or compensation.

11. Updates on the Clean Rivers Program (Randy Rushin-Water Monitoring Solutions).

*Prepared in cooperation with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.
The preparation of this report was financed in part through funding from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.*

This item will include discussion and possible action regarding activities with the Clean Rivers Program.

12. Regional Entities Reports:

- (A) Funding Partners**
- (B) Riverbend Water Resources District**
- (C) Region D Water Planning Group**
- (D) Region 2 Flood Planning Group**

This item will include discussion and possible action regarding activities of the above-listed entities.

13. Reports and Updates from Executive Director:

- (A) Segment 0305B - Auds Creek Fish Kill**
- (B) Chris Spencer Service Award**
- (C) Cyber Security Training**

This item will include discussion and possible action regarding the above-listed reports and updates.

14. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on New Business to be Placed on a Future Meeting Agenda.

This agenda item will include discussion and possible action on future agenda items.

Action Item: Possible Motion to place items discussed on the agenda of a future meeting.

15. Announcements from the Chairman/Board and/or Staff.

16. Adjournment.

Sulphur River Basin Authority is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request. Please call David Weidman, Executive Director, at (903) 223-7887 for information.

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Action Item: Consider the Motion to Adopt the Consent Agenda.

**SULPHUR RIVER BASIN AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
TITUS COUNTY CIVIC CENTER
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2024**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Kelly Mitchell, Chairman
Wally Kraft, Vice President
Kirby Hollingsworth, Director
Emily Glass, Director
Reeves Hayter, Director

STAFF: David Weidman, Executive Director
Christi McIntosh, Administrative Assistant

ABSENT: Gary Cheatwood, Director

VISITORS: Randy Rushin, Gaye Beard

ITEM# 1: Call to Order:

Chairman Kelly Mitchell called the meeting to order at 1:01 P.M.

ITEM# 2: Invocation:

The Invocation was given by Director Emily Glass.

ITEM# 3: Roll Call and Announcement of Quorum:

Chairman Kelly Mitchell, Vice President Wally Kraft, and Directors Kirby Hollingsworth, Emily Glass, and Reeves Hayter were in attendance. A quorum was present.

ITEM# 4: Public Comments:

None.

ITEM# 5: Consent Agenda Items:

(A). Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Approving the Minutes for May 21, 2024 Board Meeting, and Budget Workshop.

(B). Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on the Monthly Financial Reports:

A motion was made by Director Reeves Hayter and seconded by Vice President Wally Kraft to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

The motion carried with all members present voting AYE.

May 21, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes, May 21, 2024 Budget Workshop Minutes, and the Monthly Financial Reports are attached.

ITEM# 6: Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Approving the Quarterly Financial Report.

A motion was made by Director Emily Glass and seconded by Director Kirby Hollingsworth to approve the Quarterly Financial Report.

The motion carried with all members present voting AYE.

The Quarterly Financial Report is attached.

ITEM# 7: Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Approving the Quarterly Investment Report.

A motion was made by Vice President Wally Kraft and seconded by Director Kirby Hollingsworth to approve the Quarterly Investment Report as presented.

The motion carried with all members present voting AYE.

The Quarterly Investment Report is attached.

ITEM# 8 Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Approving the ACH/Electronic Payment List as presented.

A motion was made by Director Emily Glass and seconded by Vice President Wally Kraft to approve the ACH/Electronic Payment List as presented.

The motion carried with all members present voting AYE.

The ACH/Electronic Payment List is attached.

ITEM# 9: Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Approving the Ratification of Action on Change to Employee Health Insurance and Adding Employee Life Insurance.

A motion was made by Director Kirby Hollingsworth and seconded by Director Emily Glass to ratify the action of the Executive Director and approve the changes to employee health insurance and adding employee life insurance.

The motion carried with all members present voting AYE.

ITEM# 10: Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Amending the Clean Rivers Program Budget for FY 2024-2025 to Convert Monies from Administrative Reimbursement to Monitoring and Testing.

A motion was made by Director Reeves Hayter and seconded by Director Kirby Hollingsworth to approve amending the Clean Rivers Program Budget for FY 2024-2025 to convert monies from administrative reimbursement to monitoring and testing.

The motion carried with all members present voting AYE.

ITEM# 11: Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Approving the Amended FY 2023-2024 Budget.

A motion was made by Vice President Wally Kraft and seconded by Director Kirby Hollingsworth to approve the Amended FY 2023-2024 Budget.

The motion carried with all members present voting AYE.

The Amended FY 2023-2024 Budget is attached.

ITEM# 12: Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Approving the FY 2024-2025 Authority Budget.

A motion was made by Director Emily Glass and seconded by Vice President Wally Kraft to approve the final draft of the FY 2024-2025 Authority Budget with the recommended changes of adding a budget line item of Legislative Outreach for an additional \$10,000.00.

The motion carried with all members present voting AYE.

ITEM# 13: Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Moving the July 16, 2024 Board Meeting to Pilgrim's Pride Community Center.

A motion was made by Director Reeves Hayter and seconded by Director Kirby Hollingsworth to move the July 16, 2024 Board Meeting to Pilgrim's Pride Community Center.

The motion carried with all members present voting AYE.

ITEM# 14: Updates on the Clean Rivers Program (Randy Rushin-Water Monitoring Solutions).

Randy gave an update on the Clean Rivers Program. The Sulphur River Basin Summary report is completed and has been submitted and approved by TCEQ. The report has also been added to the Authority's CRP website, and some of the required distribution has been done electronically. TCEQ has not provided all the email addresses needed for the entirety of the distribution list, but once received, the rest of the distribution will be completed. WMS has fulfilled the FY2025 Quality Assurance Project Plan update requirement, which was also submitted to TCEQ. Things are finally drying out, and they will start monitoring again soon.

ITEM# 15: Regional Entities Reports:

- (A) Funding Partners** – No report.
- (B) Riverbend Water Resources District** – No report.
- (C) Region D Water Planning Group** – No report.
- (D) Region 2 Flood Planning Group** – Reeves Hayter gave an update for Region 2 Flood Planning Group. He stated that they have received one proposal for round two for the technical consultant and will consider it in their July meeting.

ITEM# 16: Reports and Updates from Executive Director:

- (A) Partner Report, June 2024** – The Executive Director included in the board packet the June 2024 Partner Report. He has received positive feedback from the partners on the report and the overall outreach.
- (B) – Texas Tribune Article, Texas' First-Ever Statewide Flood Plan** - An Article about Texas' First-Ever Statewide Flood Plan was included in the Board Packet for their information.

(C) Draft 2024 Sulphur River Basin Summary Report – This SRBA Basin Summary Report is available online in the Director share folder.

(D) Cyber Security Training – When everyone’s Cyber Security Training is received, it will be submitted to the state.

ITEM# 17: Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on New Business to be Placed on a Future Meeting Agenda.

A discussion was made regarding the Small River Authorities Legislative Funding Initiative to be placed on the next Agenda.

ITEM# 18: Announcements from the Chairman/Board and /or Staff.

ITEM# 19: Adjournment.

Chairman Kelly Mitchell announced meeting Adjourned at 1:40 P.M.

Kelly Mitchell, Chairman

Attested By: David Weidman, Secretary

THESE MINUTES FOR JUNE 18, 2024, WERE ADOPTED ON _____.

Monthly Financial Report

Sulphur River Basin Authority

For the period ended June 30, 2024



Prepared by

David Weidman, Executive Director

Prepared on

July 11, 2024

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Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2024

	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Certificate of Deposit (6 Months)	104,816.72
Checking-Guaranty	267,666.27
Total Bank Accounts	372,482.99
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	59,280.00
Total Accounts Receivable	59,280.00
Other Current Assets	
Other Current Asset	
Firewall License	780.10
Mt Pleasant Civic Center	1,100.02
Network Technologies	999.72
Prepaid Web Services	1,200.00
TWCA Legislative Monitoring	237.20
Total Other Current Asset	4,317.04
Total Other Current Assets	4,317.04
Total Current Assets	436,080.03
TOTAL ASSETS	\$436,080.03
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	28,042.76
Total Accounts Payable	28,042.76
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	
Federal Taxes (941/943/944)	976.07
TX Unemployment Tax	38.14
Total Payroll Liabilities	1,014.21
Total Other Current Liabilities	1,014.21
Total Current Liabilities	29,056.97
Total Liabilities	29,056.97
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	345,044.11
Unrestricted Net Assets	55,995.03
Net Income	5,983.92
Total Equity	407,023.06

Total
\$436,080.03

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Profit and Loss by Class

September 2023 - June 2024

	Clean Rivers Program	Maintenance and Operating	TOTAL
INCOME			
Interest Income			0.00
Guaranty Bank and Trust		7,921.87	7,921.87
Total Interest Income		7,921.87	7,921.87
Other Revenue		975.43	975.43
Partner Contributions		251,999.98	251,999.98
TCEQ Reimbursement	60,490.00		60,490.00
Total Income	60,490.00	260,897.28	321,387.28
GROSS PROFIT	60,490.00	260,897.28	321,387.28
EXPENSES			
Board Meeting Venue		1,099.98	1,099.98
Clean Rivers Program			0.00
Consultant	65,695.00		65,695.00
Lab	15,530.00		15,530.00
Total Clean Rivers Program	81,225.00		81,225.00
Contract Labor		1,300.00	1,300.00
Director's Fees		2,250.00	2,250.00
Dues		454.00	454.00
Employee Benefits			0.00
Employee Health Insurance		21,891.58	21,891.58
Employee Life Insurance		106.06	106.06
Total Employee Benefits		21,997.64	21,997.64
Employee Bonds		256.82	256.82
Fees		42.91	42.91
Information Technology			0.00
Equipment and Supplies		318.24	318.24
Information Technology Services		4,174.27	4,174.27
Internet		553.24	553.24
Website		1,200.00	1,200.00
Total Information Technology		6,245.75	6,245.75
Insurance		3,490.00	3,490.00
Meals		1,502.92	1,502.92
Mileage			0.00
Administration		2,620.46	2,620.46
Director	165.06	3,613.21	3,778.27
Total Mileage	165.06	6,233.67	6,398.73

	Clean Rivers Program	Maintenance and Operating	TOTAL
Office Expense			0.00
Cellular Telephone		1,967.73	1,967.73
Copier		466.72	466.72
Miscellaneous Office Expense		1,576.92	1,576.92
Office Supplies		1,630.47	1,630.47
Office Telephone		865.08	865.08
Postage		387.49	387.49
Total Office Expense		6,894.41	6,894.41
Office Rental		9,768.52	9,768.52
Payroll Expenses			0.00
Company Contributions			0.00
Retirement		3,119.70	3,119.70
Total Company Contributions		3,119.70	3,119.70
Taxes		8,672.54	8,672.54
Wages		109,340.00	109,340.00
Total Payroll Expenses		121,132.24	121,132.24
Professional Services			0.00
Audit		9,450.00	9,450.00
Bookkeeping		1,580.96	1,580.96
Legal		30,434.50	30,434.50
Total Professional Services		41,465.46	41,465.46
Subscription			0.00
Adobe		166.40	166.40
Firewall-Sophos		736.90	736.90
Google G-Suite		327.87	327.87
Legislative Monitoring		593.80	593.80
Microsoft Office		75.76	75.76
NextCloud Business		999.78	999.78
Quick Books		732.91	732.91
Total Subscription		3,633.42	3,633.42
Travel and Training			0.00
Training and CEU		2,270.00	2,270.00
Travel Expense		3,975.56	3,975.56
Total Travel and Training		6,245.56	6,245.56
Total Expenses	81,390.06	234,013.30	315,403.36
NET OPERATING INCOME	-20,900.06	26,883.98	5,983.92
NET INCOME	\$ -20,900.06	\$26,883.98	\$5,983.92

Open Invoices Report

CUSTOMER	DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	TERMS	DUE DATE	OPEN BALANCE
City of Sulphur Springs						
City of Sulphur Springs	06/01/2024	Invoice	12	Net 30	08/01/2024	\$25,000.00
Total for City of Sulphur Springs						\$25,000.00
City of Talco, Texas						
City of Talco, Texas	06/01/2024	Invoice	13	Net 30	08/01/2024	\$1,000.00
Total for City of Talco, Texas						\$1,000.00
TCEQ						
TCEQ	02/29/2024	Invoice	11	Net 30	03/30/2024	\$33,280.00
Total for TCEQ						\$33,280.00
						\$59,280.00

Sulphur River Basin Authority

Checking-Guaranty, Period Ending 05/31/2024

RECONCILIATION REPORT

Reconciled on: 06/04/2024

Reconciled by: Kathy Williams

Any changes made to transactions after this date aren't included in this report.

Summary

USD

Statement beginning balance.....	264,497.76
Checks and payments cleared (25).....	-18,362.13
Deposits and other credits cleared (2).....	292.01
Statement ending balance.....	<u>246,427.64</u>

Uncleared transactions as of 05/31/2024.....	-1,077.19
Register balance as of 05/31/2024.....	245,350.45
Cleared transactions after 05/31/2024.....	0.00
Uncleared transactions after 05/31/2024.....	-1,036.51
Register balance as of 06/04/2024.....	244,313.94

Details

Checks and payments cleared (25)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
04/15/2024	Bill Payment	9502	Reeves Hayter	-65.50
04/22/2024	Bill Payment	9510	Ashley Office System	-30.48
04/29/2024	Tax Payment		TX TWC	-195.86
04/30/2024	Bill Payment	9511	Sledge Law Group PLLC	-427.50
05/01/2024	Expense		Amazon	-146.51
05/03/2024	Payroll Check	DD	Christi McIntosh	-840.64
05/03/2024	Payroll Check	DD	David I. Weidman	-2,490.13
05/07/2024	Bill Payment	9512	David Weidman	-543.65
05/07/2024	Bill Payment	9513	David Weidman	-275.82
05/08/2024	Tax Payment		IRS	-1,022.91
05/13/2024	Bill Payment	Debit Card	Texas Water Conservation As...	-454.00
05/14/2024	Bill Payment	ACH	AT&T	-104.81
05/14/2024	Bill Payment	ACH	Nextiva, Inc.	-82.19
05/14/2024	Bill Payment	9514	Dearborn Life Insurance Com...	-106.06
05/14/2024	Bill Payment	9515	Titus County	-900.00
05/17/2024	Payroll Check	DD	Christi McIntosh	-840.66
05/17/2024	Payroll Check	DD	David I. Weidman	-2,490.13
05/21/2024	Expense	240521-08-3	Laura's Cheesecake	-99.02
05/22/2024	Tax Payment		IRS	-1,022.87
05/30/2024	Bill Payment	ACH	Blue Cross and Blue Shield	-2,297.37
05/31/2024	Payroll Check	DD	David I. Weidman	-2,490.13
05/31/2024	Bill Payment	DD	Kirby Hollingsworth	-78.82
05/31/2024	Expense	DD	Kathy Williams	-335.21
05/31/2024	Payroll Check	DD	Christi McIntosh	-890.64
05/31/2024	Bill Payment	DD	Kelly Mitchell	-131.22

Total -18,362.13

Deposits and other credits cleared (2)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
05/21/2024	Deposit		Baucom Insurance Services, I...	172.00
05/31/2024	Deposit		Guaranty Bank & Trust	120.01

Total 292.01

Additional Information

Uncleared checks and payments as of 05/31/2024

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
05/30/2024	Bill Payment	9519	Ashley Office System	-51.01
05/30/2024	Bill Payment	9518	Wally Kraft	-115.50
05/30/2024	Bill Payment	9520	Edward Jones	-860.68
05/30/2024	Bill Payment	9517	Reeves Hayter	-50.00
Total				-1,077.19

Uncleared checks and payments after 05/31/2024

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
06/03/2024	Expense		USPS	-13.60
06/05/2024	Tax Payment		IRS	-1,022.91
Total				-1,036.51

6. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Approving the FY 2024-2025 Authority Budget.

This item will include discussion and possible action on the FY 2024-2025 Authority Budget. Staff recommends approval.

Action Item: Consider a Motion to approve the FY 2024-2025 Authority Budget.



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Accounts	FY 2024-2025 Clean Rivers Program	FY 2024-2025 Maintenance and Operating	Total Both Funds
Income			
Interest Income			
Guaranty Bank and Trust	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	
TexPool	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	
Total Interest Income	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00	
Other Revenue	\$ -	\$ 35,000.00	
Partner Contributions	\$ -	\$ 243,999.00	
TCEQ Reimbursement	\$ 118,000.00	\$ -	
Total Income	\$ 118,000.00	\$ 286,999.00	\$ 404,999.00
Expense			
Board Meeting Venue	\$ -	\$ 1,467.00	
Clean Rivers Program			
Consultant	\$ 96,500.00	\$ -	
Lab	\$ 21,500.00	\$ -	
Total Clean Rivers Program	\$ 118,000.00	\$ -	
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	
Contract Labor	\$ -	\$ -	
Director's Fees	\$ -	\$ 3,850.00	
Dues	\$ -	\$ 454.00	
Employee Benefits			
Employee Health Insurance	\$ -	\$ 28,258.00	
Employee Life Insurance	\$ -	\$ 425.00	
Total Employee Benefits	\$ -	\$ 28,683.00	
Employee Bonds	\$ -	\$ 250.00	
Engineering Services			
General Engineering Services	\$ -	\$ -	
Fees	\$ -	\$ 45.00	
Grant Expense	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	
Information Technology			
Equipment and Supplies	\$ -	\$ 500.00	
Information Technology Services	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	
Internet	\$ -	\$ -	
Website	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	
Total Information Technology	\$ -	\$ 11,500.00	
Insurance	\$ -	\$ 3,125.00	
Legislative Outreach	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	
Meals	\$ -	\$ 500.00	
Mileage			
Administration	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	
Director	\$ -	\$ 5,050.00	
Total Mileage	\$ -	\$ 8,050.00	

Accounts	FY 2024-2025 Clean Rivers Program	FY 2024-2025 Maintenance and Operating	Total Both Funds
Office Expense			
Cellular Telephone	\$ -	\$ 1,250.00	
Copier	\$ -	\$ 850.00	
Miscellaneous Office Expense	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	
Office Supplies	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	
Office Telephone	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	
Postage	\$ -	\$ 100.00	
Total Office Expense	\$ -	\$ 6,200.00	
Office Rental	\$ -	\$ 10,800.00	
Partner Outreach and Development	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	
Payroll Expenses			
Company Contributions			
Retirement	\$ -	\$ 3,283.00	
Total Company Contributions	\$ -	\$ 3,283.00	
Taxes	\$ -	\$ 6,840.00	
Wages	\$ -	\$ 109,430.00	
Total Payroll Expenses	\$ -	\$ 119,553.00	
Professional Services			
Audit	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	
Bookkeeping	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	
Legal	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	
Total Professional Services	\$ -	\$ 26,000.00	
Special Projects	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	
Subscription			
Adobe	\$ -	\$ 166.40	
Firewall-Sophos	\$ -	\$ 848.28	
Legislative Monitoring	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	
Microsoft Office	\$ -	\$ 75.76	
NextCloud Business	\$ -	\$ 1,334.00	
Quick Books	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	
Website Hosting and Support	\$ -	\$ 3,600.00	
Total Subscriptions	\$ -	\$ 10,024.44	
Travel and Training			
Training and CEU	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	
Travel Expense	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00	
Total Travel and Training	\$ -	\$ 7,500.00	
Water Quality Monitoring	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	
Total Expense	\$ 118,000.00	\$ 288,001.44	\$ 406,001.44
Total Net Income	\$ -	\$ (1,002.44)	\$ (1,002.44)


Income Assumptions

Increase of \$3,333.34, approximately 5%, each for Metroplex Partners (NTMWD, UTRWD, City of Irving) for Inflation Adjustment

New Funding Partners at a total of \$25,000

Expense Assumptions

A 10% increase in Employee Health Insurance premium for last three months of the fiscal/budget year

From: Larry N. Patterson, Executive Director lpatterson@utrwd.com 
Subject: RE: SRBA FY24-25 Proposed Budget and Funding Request
Date: July 2, 2024 at 5:06 PM
To: David Weidman dweidman@srbatx.org
Cc: Ronna Hartt rhartt@utrwd.com, Jason Pierce jpierce@utrwd.com



David:

Thanks for the proposed FY 24-25 budget document. The budget appears reason and appropriate for the Authority's operations as the are structured going into next year.

I have no objections to the inflationary adjustment being added to the typical Annual assessment.

Regards

Larry N. Patterson, P.E.
Executive Director

Upper Trinity Regional Water District
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From: David Weidman <dweidman@srbatx.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 2, 2024 2:37 PM
To: Larry N. Patterson, Executive Director <lpatterson@utrwd.com>; Ronna Hartt <rhartt@utrwd.com>
Subject: SRBA FY24-25 Proposed Budget and Funding Request

Regards,

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From: kevin@cssud.org 
Subject: RE: SRBA FY24-25 Proposed Budget Comments
Date: July 10, 2024 at 1:23 PM
To: David Weidman dweidman@srbatx.org



Hey David,

The board had no comments other than they were grateful for the monthly updates you are sharing. We appreciate you very much.

Thanks,



Kevin Spence
Cypress Springs S.U.D. | General Manager
p: 903.588.2081
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e: kevin@cssud.org
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From: David Weidman <dweidman@srbatx.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2024 9:56 AM
To: Kevin Spence <kevin@cssud.org>
Subject: SRBA FY24-25 Proposed Budget Comments

Good morning Kevin,

I am finalizing the Board packet for the July 16, 2024 meeting. I just wanted to follow up and see if there were any initial comments on the budget that you would like to have in the packet.

Thank you again for your support of SRBA.

Regards,

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From: Jenna Covington jcovington@NTMWD.COM 
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] SRBA FY24-25 Proposed Budget and Funding Request Comments
Date: July 10, 2024 at 12:30 PM
To: David Weidman dweidman@srbatx.org, R.J. Muraski rmuraski@NTMWD.COM



David,

RJ is away on a well deserved vacation. He handles this for us and coordinates with our partners. I am not sure if all were expecting an increase in funding level and if their existing budgets and Board/Council authorizations allow this increase. I advise that you coordinate with RJ upon his return next week.

Best regards,
Jenna

From: David Weidman <dweidman@srbatx.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2024 9:51 AM
To: Jenna Covington <jcovington@NTMWD.COM>; R.J. Muraski <rmuraski@NTMWD.COM>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] SRBA FY24-25 Proposed Budget and Funding Request Comments

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Good morning, Jenna and R.J.

I am finalizing the Board packet for the July 16, 2024 meeting. I just wanted to follow up and see if there were any initial comments on the budget and funding request that you would like to have included in the packet.


Thank you again for your support of SRBA.

Regards,

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From: Todd Reck TReck@cityofirving.org 
Subject: RE: SRBA FY24-25 Proposed Budget and Funding Request Comments
Date: July 10, 2024 at 3:10 PM
To: David Weidman dweidman@srbatx.org



Hi David,
I need to visit with our city council and make sure there is still support to continue Irving's funding effort for next year. I should know more early next week.

Todd W. Reck, P.E. | Director
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From: David Weidman <dweidman@srbatx.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2024 9:53 AM
To: Todd Reck <TReck@cityofirving.org>
Subject: [External] SRBA FY24-25 Proposed Budget and Funding Request Comments

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Good morning Todd,

I am finalizing the Board packet for the July 16, 2024 meeting. I just wanted to follow up and see if there were any initial comments on the budget and funding request that you would like to have included in the packet.

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7. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Approving Resolution No. R7162024-01 Sulphur River Basin Authority Resolution To Support River Authority Coalition Request For State Funding In The 89th Legislative Session.

This item will include discussion and possible action on the Small River Authority Legislative Funding Initiative. Staff recommends approval.

Action Item: Consider a Motion to approve SRBA Resolution No. R7162024-01.

RESOLUTION NO. R7162024-01

**SULPHUR RIVER BASIN AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT RIVER AUTHORITY
COALITION REQUEST FOR STATE FUNDING
IN THE 89th LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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SULPHUR RIVER BASIN AUTHORITY

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WHEREAS, the Sulphur River Basin Authority (the “Authority”) is a political subdivision and a conservation and reclamation district created by the 69th Texas Legislature under the authority of Section 59, Article XVI, of the Texas Constitution, and in accordance with Chapter 49 of the Texas Water Code by the Act of May 28, 1985, 69th Leg., 1st C.S., ch. 3, 1985 Tex. Gen. Laws 3798, codified at TEX. SPEC. DIST. LOC. LAWS CODE ANN. ch. 8508, as amended (the “Act”);

WHEREAS, the Authority is a governmental agency and a body politic and corporate;

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined there is a shared need among rural river authorities for project planning to provide sufficient water, wastewater, stormwater, and environmental services and infrastructure to the citizens within their respective basins;

WHEREAS, the Authority and other rural river authorities lack adequate funding to contract for engineering and other services necessary to undertake comprehensive environmental studies, planning, and projects;

WHEREAS, a coalition (the “Coalition”) of rural river authorities, namely the Angelina Neches River Authority, the Nueces River Authority, the Red River Authority, the Sulphur River Basin Authority, and the Upper Colorado River Authority, has formed to bring the needs of our respective communities with regard to water, wastewater, stormwater, and environmental projects to the attention of the Texas Legislature prior to the start of the 89th Legislative Session;

WHEREAS, the Authority supports and joins in the Coalition’s effort to make a request to the Texas Legislature for state funding assistance for professional engineering services to perform the necessary surveys and studies to qualify and quantify water, wastewater, stormwater, and environmental projects within our respective boundaries;

WHEREAS, the Authority believes the resulting surveys and studies could be utilized by each river authority in the Coalition, and by the rural communities (cities, counties, water districts) within their respective boundaries, to obtain additional state and federal funding for water, wastewater, storm water, and environmental projects; and

WHEREAS, the Authority supports and joins in the Coalition’s effort to request state funding of \$25 million, distributed over the next five budget years, with the first year of funding to support engineering studies for each river authority in the Coalition for planning and design, and future years supporting capital

expenditures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SULPHUR RIVER BASIN AUTHORITY THAT:

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. Sulphur River Basin Authority is committed to supporting the effort of a Coalition of river authorities, namely the Angelina Neches River Authority, the Nueces River Authority, the Red River Authority, the Sulphur River Basin Authority, and the Upper Colorado River Authority, as river authorities serving primarily rural communities, to obtain State of Texas funding assistance for professional engineering services to perform studies to qualify and quantify water, wastewater, stormwater, and environmental projects within our respective boundaries, and funding assistance for those projects within our respective boundaries.
3. Sulphur River Basin Authority authorizes its Executive Director to execute an Interlocal Agreement, a draft of which is attached as an exhibit to this resolution, between the Red River Authority, the Angelina Neches River Authority, the Nueces River Authority, the Sulphur River Basin Authority, and the Upper Colorado River Authority, with the limited scope outlined in Paragraph 2, for creating a funding assistance proposal for legislators, creating a legislative draft for such funding, and pursuing these goals jointly with State legislators.
4. Sulphur River Basin Authority authorizes the commitment of funds not to exceed \$10,000.00, as its share in the Coalition, to enable the Nueces River Authority, using its procurement process, to prepare a proposal to secure state funding for studies and projects for each river authority in the Coalition.
5. Sulphur River Basin Authority authorizes the commitment of funds not to exceed \$2,500.00, as its share in the Coalition, to enable the Angelina Neches River Authority, using its approved professional services process, to prepare draft legislation for the Coalition to provide to Texas legislators.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of July, 2024.

SULPHUR RIVER BASIN AUTHORITY

By: _____
Chairman

Secretary

INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

THIS INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is entered into and effective as of the last date of execution as shown below (“Effective Date”), by and between the **Angelina & Neches River Authority, Nueces River Authority, Red River Authority, Sulfur River Basin Authority, and the Upper Colorado River Authority**, each river authority created by the Texas Legislature pursuant to Article XVI § 59 of the Texas Constitution, and collectively referred to herein as the “Parties.”

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WHEREAS, the Parties are each river authorities located in rural areas of the State of Texas and face common challenges over water resource project funding;

WHEREAS, the Parties find it would be of benefit to each of their organizations and the communities they serve to cooperate in a joint effort to promote funding by the Texas Legislature of rural river authority water resource projects;

WHEREAS, the Parties find it convenient to enter into this Interlocal Agreement to describe this joint effort and provide for funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and the mutual promises and agreements of the Parties contained in this Agreement, the Parties agree as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Recitals. The provisions and definitions contained in the above Recitals are incorporated herein for all purposes.

Section 2. Project. The Parties hereby agree to cooperate and work together to promote funding by the Texas Legislature of rural river authority water resource projects in two phases as follows:

- (a) **Phase 1:** Nueces River Authority shall engage a public relations firm to develop communication materials to be used by the Parties in advocating for funding of rural river authority needs by the Texas Legislature during the 89th Legislative Session. Costs for Phase 1 shall not exceed \$32,500.
- (b) **Phase 2:** Angelina & Nueces River Authority shall engage attorneys to assist with bill drafting and legislative tracking associated with the effort. Costs for Phase 2 shall not exceed \$10,000.

Section 3. Approvals. Each Party must provide written approval to Nueces River Authority before commencement of each phase of the Project outlined in Section 2 above.

Nueces River Authority shall circulate draft copies of the communication materials developed by the public relations firm for review and approval of the other Parties before such materials are finalized or distributed to third parties. Nueces River Authority shall also circulate a draft copy of any bills proposed to be filed to the Parties for review and approval before filing.

Section 4. Opting Out. Any Party may opt out of the Project upon written notice to the other Parties and its participation in this Interlocal Agreement shall terminate and be of no further force or effect. The Agreement shall remain in force and effect for any remaining Parties so long as they continue to participate in the Project.

Section 5. Project Costs. The Parties shall reimburse Nueces River Authority for the costs and expenses it incurs for the Project (subject to the caps in Section 2) upon presentation of copies of relevant invoices in a timely manner and subject to the payment deadlines applicable to River Authorities under state law. The Parties shall split the project costs on a pro rata basis amongst any Parties that provided written approval of the commencement of each phase of the Project as provided in Section 3. Any Party opting out of the Project under Section 4 above shall not be responsible for Project costs incurred after the date of their opt out. Each Party paying for the performance of the governmental functions or services identified in this Agreement agrees it shall make those payments from current revenues available to it.

Section 6. Authority. This Agreement is made in part under the authority conferred in *Chapter 791, Texas Government Code.*

Section 7. Severability. The provisions of this Agreement are severable and, if any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid for any reason by a court or agency of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Agreement will not be affected and this Agreement will be construed as if the invalid portion had never been contained herein.

Section 8. Cooperation. The Parties agree to cooperate at all times in good faith to effectuate the purposes and intent of this Agreement.

Section 9. Entire Agreement. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, this Agreement contains the entire agreement of the Parties regarding the UDC or the water and wastewater utilities, systems and facilities referenced herein, and supersedes all prior or contemporaneous understandings or representations, whether oral or written, regarding the subject matter. The Parties confirm that further agreements regarding the UDC and the water and wastewater utilities, systems and facilities are contemplated and will not be affected or limited by this Agreement.

Section 10. Amendments. Any amendment of this Agreement must be in writing and will be effective only if approved by the governing body and executed by the authorized representatives of each of the Parties.

Section 11. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed simultaneously in multiple counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which will constitute the same instrument.

Section 12. **Term.** The term of this Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and extend for a term of one year

{ATTACH SIGNATURE PAGES FOR EACH RIVER AUTHORITY}

8. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Approving Seeking the Appointment of the Executive Director to a Position on the Region D Water Planning Group as a Voting Member.

This item will include discussion and possible action on seeking the appointment of the Executive Director to a vacant position on the Region D Water Planning Group as a voting member. Staff recommends approval.

Action Item: Consider a Motion to approve authorizing the Executive Director to seek appointment as a voting member on the Region D Water Planning Group.

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR EIGHT TERMS STARTING IN OCTOBER OF 2024

Notice is given that the North East Texas Regional Water Planning Group (NETRWPG) is accepting nominations for positions to serve as voting members. Due to the expiring terms of eight positions, appointments will be made for each of the eight terms. State law and the Bylaws of the NETRWPG require diversity in the membership of the NETRWPG. Section 16.053 of the Texas Water Code lists the required interest groups and the requirement that the regional planning groups maintain adequate representation from those interests. Due to existing overlap, members can be selected from any interest group. To achieve geographical diversity on a county level, selection for terms starting October of 2024, at least one member must come from the following counties: Rains, Hopkins, Hunt, Lamar, & Van Zandt. The effort to strive to achieve geographical diversity is found in Article V, Section 4 of the NETRWPG Bylaws. Terms are expiring for positions held by Brandon Blecher, Andy Endsley, Sharron Nabors, Joe Coats, Jim Thompson, Howdy Lisenbee, Richard Garza, and Billy Henson. In this selection process, NETRWPG will strive to achieve interest group, geographic, ethnic, and gender diversity. To be eligible, a person must be qualified as set forth in the NETRWPG Bylaws. The conditions of membership are set forth in the NETRWPG Bylaws. Term limits are established in the Bylaws. All persons with expiring terms in 2024 are eligible for reappointment. The methods for submission of nominations shall be to submit nominations to the principal administrative office of the NETRWPG or to submit an email. The mailing address for such office is Riverbend Water Resources District, 228 Texas Ave. Suite A, New Boston, Texas 75570. The email address to submit a nomination is kyledooley@rwr.org. The deadline for submission is July 31, 2024.

9. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Selecting a New Logo for the Authority.

This item will include discussion and possible action on reviewing and selecting a new logo for the Authority. Staff recommends approval.

Action Item: Consider a Motion to change the Authority logo.



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10. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Annual Performance Review and Compensation of the Executive Director.

This item will include discussion and possible action on the annual performance review and compensation of the Executive Director.

Action Item: Consider a Motion or Motions regarding the Executive Director's performance and/or compensation.

determined from time to time by resolution adopted by the Directors.

- (b) The committees shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings and report the same to the Board as required.

ARTICLE FIVE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND EMPLOYEES

5.1 Employment or Contract With Executive Director

The Board may employ or contract with a person to perform such services as Executive Director for the Authority and set the Executive Director's salary. A Director may not be employed as Executive Director of the Authority. At least annually, the Board shall determine the compensation to be paid to the Executive Director and review his actions and performance to determine how he has fulfilled his responsibilities and whether additional responsibilities should be delegated to the Executive Director.

5.2 Delegation of Authority

- (a) The Executive Director shall be the chief executive officer of the Authority and shall have full authority to manage and operate the affairs of the Authority, subject only to the direction given by the Board through policies, resolutions, and orders adopted by it. The Executive Director may employ all persons necessary for the proper handling of the business and operations of the Authority and determine the compensation to be paid all employees other than the Executive Director, subject to the constraints of the annual budget approved by the Board. The Executive Director may delegate the Executive Director's duties to an Assistant Executive Director or other employee as may be necessary to effectively and expeditiously accomplish the Executive Director's duties, provided, however, that no such delegation shall ever relieve the Executive Director of the responsibilities which are ultimately the Executive Director's under the Authority Act, Authority Rules, Authority Bylaws, or Board orders. In the absence of an Executive Director, the Board Chairman shall exercise all of the duties delegated to the Executive Director.
- (b) Under the Authority Act and policies established by the Board, the Executive Director is responsible to the Board for:
 - (1) administering the Board's directives;
 - (2) keeping the Authority's records, including minutes of the meetings of the Board;
 - (3) coordinating with state, federal, and local agencies;

11. Updates on the Clean Rivers Program (Randy Rushin-Water Monitoring Solutions).


Prepared in cooperation with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

The preparation of this report was financed in part through funding from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

This item will include discussion and possible action regarding activities with the Clean Rivers Program.



**Sulphur River
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From: Randy Rushin randy@water-monitor.com 
Subject: CRP report; Auds Creek fish kill summary
Date: July 11, 2024 at 9:36 AM
To: David Weidman dweidman@srbatx.org
Cc: Christi McIntosh cmcintosh@srbatx.org

David,

Attached is a summary of the Auds Creek fish kill for your review. Let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.

As for CRP, we had planned to complete the Q4 routine sampling this week; however, due to the heavy rainfall from TS Beryl – especially in the eastern portion of the basin, the eastern sites have been postponed until the end of the month. We are scheduled to sample the western sites on Monday/Tuesday 15/16 since the west sites did not receive as much rain.

We received TCEQ comments on the FY 2025 QAPP Update on 7/1. The revised maps were completed yesterday and responses to the FY 2025 QAPP Update should be completed and sent to TCEQ tomorrow.

Non-critical period ALM sampling of Auds Creek has been postponed until FY 2025. We plan to perform the critical period ALM sampling in the North Sulphur River around the end of the month, and the Auds Creek ALM sampling in late August.

Contact me with any questions.

Randy Rushin

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Auds Creek fish kill summary
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12. Regional Entities Reports:

- (A) Funding Partners**
- (B) Riverbend Water Resources District**
- (C) Region D Water Planning Group**
- (D) Region 2 Flood Planning Group**

This item will include discussion and possible action regarding activities of the above-listed entities.



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13. Reports and Updates from Executive Director:

(A) Segment 0305B - Auds Creek Fish Kill

(B) Chris Spencer Service Award

(C) Cyber Security Training

This item will include discussion and possible action regarding the above-listed reports and updates.

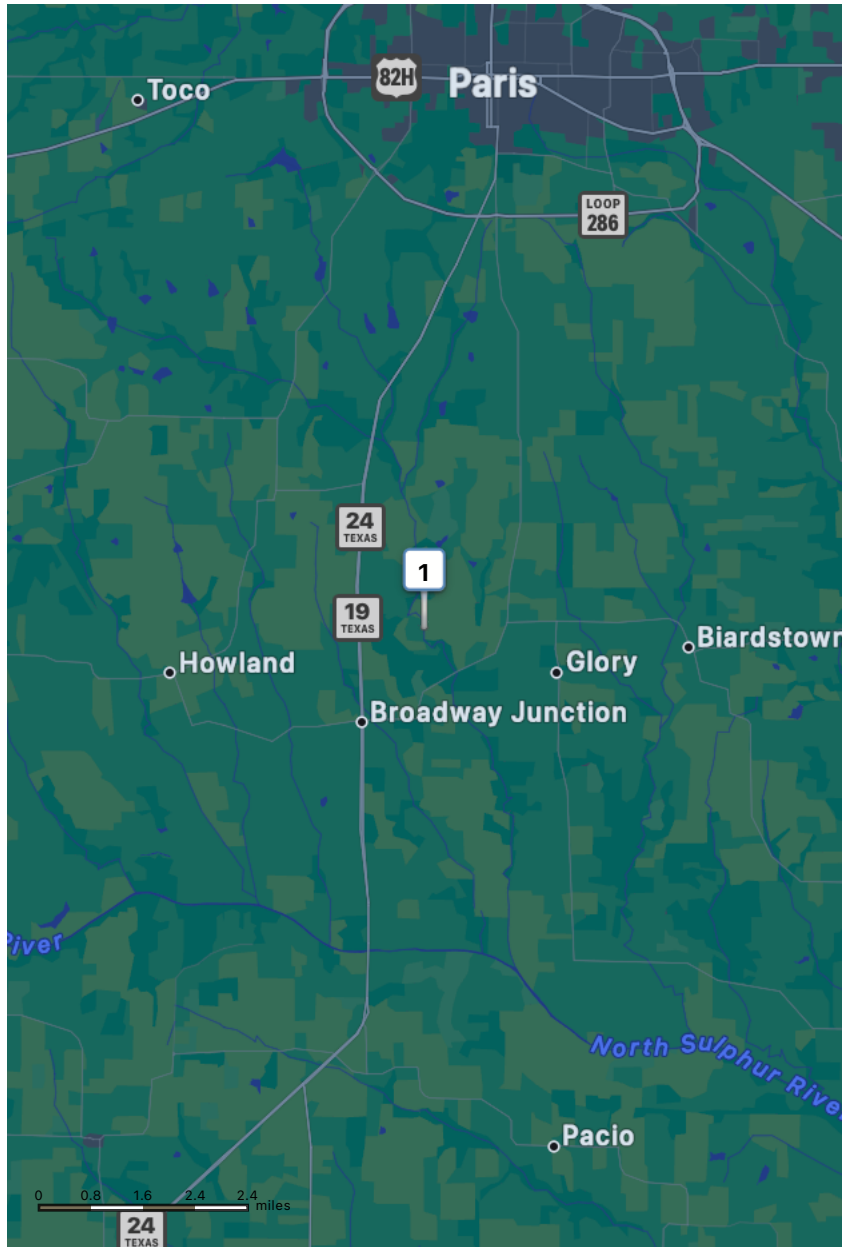


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Auds Creek

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Auds Creek
East Texas, TX



June 29, 2024

Segment 0305B - Auds Creek fish kill (updated)

I visited Station 10197, Auds Creek at FM 1184, this morning to perform some tasks of Aquatic Life Monitoring scheduled in this stream. I arrived on site before 08:00 and deployed a water quality sonde in the stream. I also set out a referee sonde to collect instantaneous field parameters. I have been sampling the stream quarterly since October 2022 for field parameters, flow, conventional laboratory, and bacteria, but this was going to be my first bioassessment there. The stream appeared normal with very clear water that is slightly brown due to tannins. There was no unusual color or odor related to the water or the sediments. The stream depth was typical of most site visits and the flow was as expected – I estimate around 3- 5 cfs (a measurement was not made). There was no foreign debris or matter in the water or along the banks that would indicate discharge from a lagoon or wastewater treatment plant bypass. The only noticeable odor was a slight “fish” smell, but not of dead or rotting fish.

As I was deploying the sonde at 08:00, I began noticing a few dead fish. And upon closer inspection, began noticing more fish along the margins of the stream and collected in areas of low velocity. After contacting Adam Whisenant with Texas Parks and Wildlife, I began photographing some of the dead fish along the ~300-meter reach between the bridge and a large pool downstream. There is a fairly large pool under the bridge that is approximately 20 meters long by 15 meters wide. The maximum depth is over a meter deep. The downstream pool at the end of the reach is similar size – the maximum depth was greater than my waders – so >1.25 meters. The stream bottom is mostly firm with several outcrops of hard clay or sandstone and the average depth was approximately 0.5 meters between the two pools. The majority of the stream is shaded on both banks.

On Wednesday, the area received 0.76 inches of rain beginning around noon – as reported by the USGS gage on the North Sulphur River at SH 19/24 located less than 3 miles from the site. The sky was cloudy most of Thursday morning before clearing and becoming hot.

At 08:00, the DO was 4.60 mg/L and was 4.77 mg/L by 08:30. The sonde was deployed at 08:00 at a depth of 0.3 meters immediately downstream of the pooled area under the bridge, and retrieved on June 29, 2024 at 11:10. The sonde met all TCEQ SWQM post-calibration requirements. The mean DO was 8.1 mg/L and ranged from 4.7 to 13.9 mg/L. The pH ranged from 7.7 to 8.8 s.u.

I estimate that over 300 fish were dead within the reach. I observed 7 - 10 minnows swimming within the reach. I did not observe any other live fish species. Most of the dead fish were very small – typical size class and species of found in a stream of this size. Most fish ranged from 3 – 15 cm and included sunfish (bluegill, longear, green), golden shiner, and catfish. The largest fish was a catfish at 64 cm. I also noticed a couple of *Gambusia* sp., but did not observe any darter species. The lack of darters was interesting because this stream has a riffle and a few large swaths of gravel. Minnows were observed swimming in the pooled area above where



the sonde was retrieved on 6/29 and noticed that many of the small dead fish were no longer present at the station.

Site visits were made to the upstream Auds Creek crossings at SH 19/24 and at FM 137. At FM 137, the stream appeared to have no flow. The stream is much narrower and shallower than at station 10197. No dead fish were observed. There was approximately 0.1 to 0.2 cfs of flow at the SH 19/24 crossing. I observed the stream from above the south-bound lanes to below the north-bound lanes – a reach of approximately 55 meters. No dead fish were observed. I did observe 8 - 10 minnows schooling under the north-bound bridge.

Included are a few photos from the site visit. Individual original photos can be transferred upon request.

Randy Rushin
Water Monitoring Solutions, Inc.





06/28/2024



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Yellow Bullhead
64 cm
est. 3-4 pounds





Riffle area approximately 60
meters downstream of FM 1184



14. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on New Business to be Placed on a Future Meeting Agenda.

This agenda item will include discussion and possible action on future agenda items.

Action Item: Possible Motion to place items discussed on the agenda of a future meeting.

15. Announcements from the Chairman/Board and/or Staff.



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