

MEMORANDUM

TO: South Texas Water Authority Board of Directors
FROM: Brandon Barrera, President
DATE: May 16, 2022
SUBJECT: Meeting Notice and Agenda for the South Texas Water Authority

A Regular Meeting of the STWA Board of Directors is scheduled for:

Tuesday, May 24, 2022
5:30 p.m.
South Texas Water Authority
2302 East Sage Road, Kingsville, Texas

The Board will consider and act upon any lawful subject which may come before it, including among others, the following:

Agenda

1. Call to order.
2. Citizen comments. This is an opportunity for citizens to address the Board of Directors concerning an issue of community interest that is not on the agenda. Comments on the agenda items must be made when the agenda item comes before the Board. The President may place a time limit on all comments. The response of the Board to any comment under this heading is limited to making a statement of specific factual information in response to the inquiry, or, reciting existing policy in response to the inquiry. Any deliberation of the issue is limited to a proposal to place it on the agenda for a later meeting.
3. New Board member's oath of office.
4. Approval of Minutes. (Attachment 1)
5. Quarterly Report/Treasurer's Report/Payment of Bills. (Attachment 2)
6. Operation and Maintenance Reports. (Attachment 3)
 - O&M Report
 - CP Update
7. Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Amendments. (Information will be provided prior to the meeting)
8. **Resolution 22-02.** Resolution appointing Jo Ella Wagner, Assistant Executive Director, to serve as Chief Tax Assessor for the South Texas Water Authority. (Attachment 4)
9. **Resolution 22-03.** Resolution appointing Kevin Kieschnick, Nueces County Tax Assessor/Collector, to serve as the South Texas Water Authority Tax Collector in Nueces County. (Attachment 4)

10. **Resolution 22-04.** Resolution appointing Maria Victoria Valadez, Kleberg County Tax Assessor/Collector, to serve as the South Texas Water Authority Tax Collector in Kleberg County. (Attachment 4)
11. **Resolution 22-05.** Resolution establishing tax exemptions for residence homesteads, for property owners who are 65 years of age or older, for persons who are disabled, and for disabled veterans. (Attachment 4)
12. Preliminary Nueces and Kleberg County Appraisal District Values. (Attachment 5)
13. Authorization to enter into the Department of Labor Participating Employer Acceptance Agreement for the TRWA Apprenticeship Program. (Attachment 6)
14. FY 2023 Budget priorities. (Attachment 7)
15. Administration Report.
16. Adjournment.

The Board may go into closed session at any time when permitted by Chapter 551, Government Code. Before going into closed session, a quorum of the Board must be assembled in the meeting room, the meeting must be convened as an open meeting pursuant to proper notice, and the presiding officer must announce that a closed session will be held and must identify the sections of Chapter 551, Government Code, authorizing the closed session.

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Attachments

This meeting notice was posted on STWA's website, www.stwa.org, and on indoor and outdoor bulletin boards at STWA's administrative offices, 2302 East Sage Road, Kingsville, Texas at 3:45 am on May 20, 2022

James De Leon
Assistant Secretary

ATTACHMENT 1

Approval of Minutes

SOUTH TEXAS WATER AUTHORITY
Regular Board of Directors Meeting
April 26, 2022
Minutes

Board Members Present:

Brandon Barrera
Patsy Rodgers
Rudy Galvan, Jr.
Frances Garcia
Jose Graveley
Kathleen Lowman
Joe Morales (by Zoom)

Board Members Absent:

Angela Pena
Imelda Garza

Staff Present:

John Marez
Frances De Leon
Jo Ella Wagner
Nigel Gomez
Patrick Sendejo

Guests Present:

None

1. Call to Order.

Mr. Brandon Barrera, Board President, called the Regular Meeting of the STWA Board of Directors to order at 5:31 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. Citizen Comments.

Mr. Barrera opened the floor to citizen's comments. He stated that as a member of the public he wanted to make the board aware of funeral arrangements for Ms. Imelda Garza's father-in-law who passed away recently. No other comments were made.

3. New Board members' oaths of office.

Ms. Wagner administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Barrera and Ms. Garcia who were re-appointed to their current positions on the Board by the Kleberg County Commissioner's Court. She also administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Rodgers who was re-appointed to her current position by the Nueces County Commissioner's Court. Mr. Morales was also re-appointed to his current position and will be administered the Oath of Office at the next meeting he attends in person.

4. Election of officers.

Mr. Graveley made a motion to re-elect the current slate of officers. Ms. Lowman seconded and all voted in favor.

5. Approval of Minutes.

Ms. Lowman made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2022 Regular Meeting as presented. Mr. Graveley seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

6. Treasurer's Report/Payment of Bills.

Ms. Wagner explained that due to having to work extensive hours on the RWSC and NWSC audits, she was not able to complete the Treasurer's Report. She presented the following outstanding invoices for Board approval:

• Kevin Kieschnick-NC Tax Assessor	\$ 1,360.36
• Willatt & Flickinger	\$ 1,517.30
• City of Corpus Christi	\$ 90,536.08
• C & S Truck Equipment	\$ 4,857.90
• Fluid Meter Services	\$ 4,500.00

Ms. Lowman made a motion to approve payment of the bills as presented, Ms. Rodgers seconded and all voted in favor.

Ms. Wagner stated that the O&M and CP reports were included in the packet and asked if there were any questions. Mr. Sendejo reported that the CP crew is back to working on the Cathodic Protection project. Ms. Wagner and Mr. Marez reported that the accountant assistant has been helping with some of the accounting duties. Mr. Galvan made a motion to approve the presented reports. Mr. Graveley seconded and all voted in favor.

7. Update on conveyance of section of STWA's 42" waterline to the City of Corpus Christi.

Mr. Marez stated that this item was included on the agenda in case there was information to present by the time of the Board meeting, but he has not received any updates.

8. Nueces County project for construction of Banquete Pump Station to serve the Nueces County Water Control and Improvement District #5 (Banquete) and Nueces Water Supply Corporation – Utility Conveyance Agreement(s) conveying facilities from Nueces County to South Texas Water Authority and Nueces Water Supply Corporation.

Mr. Marez reported that Nueces County's legal department has received STWA's response and is working on the final language which should be completed within a week. Mr. Marez discussed matters pertaining to NCWC&ID#5 which could possibly result in TCEQ becoming involved. He added that at this time, it is too early to tell what will happen but will keep the Board updated on developments.

9. Discussion on increase in Willatt & Flickinger's Legal Assistant Fees.

Mr. Marez stated that he recently received a letter from Willatt & Flickinger which reflected an increase in the legal assistant fees from the current rate of \$115 per hour to \$155 per hour

beginning May 1, 2022. Mr. Galvan stated that STWA should voice their concern over the increase. Mr. Marez noted that other firms in the Austin area charge up to \$220 per hour for these services. Mr. Graveley made a motion to approve the letter, Ms. Garcia seconded and all voted in favor.

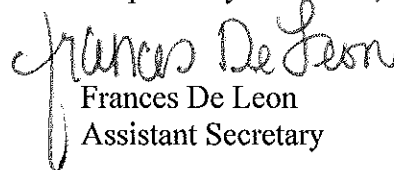
10. Administration Report.

Mr. Marez reported that he and field managers attended the TRWA district meeting earlier in the day and received useful information on the updated Lead and Copper Monitoring. Additionally, the meeting was a good networking tool. He also reported that he and some board members attended the Texas Rural Water Association water conference April 6th - 8th in Austin. The conference was very informative and he encouraged others to attend future conferences if they are able to. He stated that he received information on an apprenticeship program that might be beneficial to STWA. He added that in his opinion at least one additional technician is needed in the field and the apprenticeship program could be a good way to get future employees trained.

11. Adjournment.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Galvan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 p.m. Ms. Lowman seconded. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,


Frances De Leon
Assistant Secretary

ATTACHMENT 2

Quarterly Report/Treasurer's Report/Payment of Bills

SOUTH TEXAS WATER AUTHORITY
INVESTMENT REPORT
FOR QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2022

	BEGINNING	BEGINNING					ENDING	ENDING
	BOOK VALUE	MARKET VALUE	TRANSFERS	REVENUES	EXPENSES	INTEREST	BOOK VALUE	MARKET VALUE
	1-Jan-22	1-Jan-22	January, February, & March				31-Mar-22	31-Mar-22
CASH ACCOUNTS								
GENERAL ACCT - PROSPERITY BANK	287,543.33	287,543.33	100,000.00	464,644.62	412,700.21	146.95	439,634.69	439,634.69
GENERAL ACCT TEXPOOL 1371300002	3,330,867.37	3,330,734.14	(350,000.00)	1,168,637.15	0.00	863.49	4,150,368.01	4,150,202.00
GENERAL ACCT TEXSTAR 1111-000	390,405.70	390,409.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	41.98	390,447.68	390,451.97
PAYROLL ACCT - PROSPERITY BANK	16,598.67	16,598.67	150,000.00	0.00	163,127.27	20.89	3,492.29	3,492.29
OPERATIONS ACCT - PROSPERITY BANK	39,252.99	39,252.99	100,000.00	0.00	134,198.76	20.94	5,075.17	5,075.17
DEBT SERVICE ACCT TEXPOOL 1371300008	176,358.24	176,351.19	0.00	258,497.26	54,375.00	74.72	380,555.22	380,540.00
TOTAL CASH ACCOUNTS	4,241,026.30	4,240,890.31	0.00	1,891,779.03	764,401.24	1,168.97	5,369,573.06	5,369,396.12

	AVG. MAT.	JANUARY	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	MARCH	TOTALS
	3/31/2022	RATE	EARNING	RATE	EARNING	RATE	EARNING	
GENERAL ACCT - PROSPERITY BANK	immediate	0.2000%	\$36.85	0.2000%	\$31.83	0.2000%	\$78.27	\$146.95
GENERAL ACCT TEXPOOL 1371300002	29 days	0.0400%	\$115.41	0.0600%	\$208.19	0.1500%	\$539.89	\$863.49
GENERAL ACCT TEXSTAR 1111-000	27 days	0.0100%	\$3.36	0.0104%	\$3.15	0.0107%	\$35.47	\$41.98
PAYROLL ACCT - PROSPERITY BANK	immediate	0.2000%	\$6.77	0.2000%	\$8.20	0.2000%	\$5.92	\$20.89
OPERATIONS ACCT - PROSPERITY BANK	immediate	0.2000%	\$9.79	0.2000%	\$5.50	0.2000%	\$5.65	\$20.94
DEBT SERVICE ACCT TEXPOOL 1371300008	29 days	0.0400%	\$7.67	0.0600%	\$17.80	0.1500%	\$49.25	\$74.72
TOTALS			\$179.85		\$274.67		\$714.45	\$1,168.97

THIS REPORT IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE STRATEGIES AS APPROVED AND THE PUBLIC FUNDS INVESTMENT ACT.


INVESTMENT OFFICER

ANTICIPATED (BUDGETED) vs. ACTUAL WATER RATE CHARGED

	ANTICIPATED (BUDGETED) CHARGES			ACTUAL CHARGES			Difference: Actual vs. Budgeted
	Handling Charge	CC Cost	Total	Handling Charge	CC Cost	Total	
Oct-21	\$0.426386	\$2.5106	\$2.9370	\$0.426386	\$2.626163	\$3.052549	\$0.1156
Nov-21	\$0.426386	\$2.5117	\$2.9381	\$0.426386	\$2.630873	\$3.057259	\$0.1191
Dec-21	\$0.426386	\$2.5120	\$2.9384	\$0.426386	\$2.628523	\$3.054909	\$0.1165
Jan-22	\$0.426386	\$2.6242	\$3.0506	\$0.426386	\$2.113888	\$2.540274	-\$0.5104
Feb-22	\$0.426386	\$2.6256	\$3.0520	\$0.426386	\$2.137577	\$2.563963	-\$0.4880
Mar-22	\$0.426386	\$2.6240	\$3.0503	\$0.426386	\$2.132770	\$2.559156	-\$0.4912
Apr-22	\$0.426386	\$2.6233	\$3.0497	\$0.426386	\$2.128306	\$2.554692	-\$0.4950
May-22	\$0.426386	\$2.6222	\$3.0486	\$0.426386		\$0.426386	-\$2.6222
Jun-22	\$0.426386	\$2.6231	\$3.0495	\$0.426386		\$0.426386	-\$2.6231
Jul-22	\$0.426386	\$2.6209	\$3.0473	\$0.426386		\$0.426386	-\$2.6209
Aug-22	\$0.426386	\$2.6204	\$3.0467	\$0.426386		\$0.426386	-\$2.6204
Sep-22	\$0.426386	\$2.6226	\$3.0489	\$0.426386		\$0.426386	-\$2.6226
Avg Cost	\$0.426386	\$2.5951	\$3.0214	\$0.426386	\$4.099525	\$4.525911	\$1.5045

ANTICIPATED (BUDGETED) vs. ACTUAL WATER USAGE

All Customers				NWSC			
	Budgeted	Actual	Difference		Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Oct-21	48,377,075	39,935,040	-8,442,035	Oct-21	14,586,844	9,582,780	-5,004,064
Nov-21	45,138,787	33,479,380	-11,659,407	Nov-21	13,214,720	8,859,280	-4,355,440
Dec-21	44,347,045	35,266,120	-9,080,925	Dec-21	12,790,176	8,941,390	-3,848,786
Jan-22	43,780,242	38,374,700	-5,405,542	Jan-22	13,546,682	9,676,450	-3,870,232
Feb-22	40,663,616	34,911,020	-5,752,596	Feb-22	12,482,360	8,886,150	-3,596,210
Mar-22	44,499,319	44,573,910	74,591	Mar-22	13,692,137	10,290,110	-3,402,027
Apr-22	46,242,089	51,967,160	5,725,071	Apr-22	13,972,827	11,717,230	-2,255,597
May-22	49,572,795			May-22	15,547,525		
Jun-22	46,747,806			Jun-22	14,876,676		
Jul-22	54,405,144			Jul-22	17,459,068		
Aug-22	56,525,570			Aug-22	17,237,424		
Sep-22	48,521,744			Sep-22	14,653,204		
TOTAL	568,821,231	278,507,330	-34,540,842	TOTAL	174,059,643	67,953,390	-26,332,356

Kingsville				RWSC			
	Budgeted	Actual	Difference		Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Oct-21	12,538,018	10,480,000	-2,058,018	Oct-21	9,194,800	9,107,000	-87,800
Nov-21	12,538,018	9,566,000	-2,972,018	Nov-21	7,734,000	7,054,000	-680,000
Dec-21	12,538,018	6,308,000	-6,230,018	Dec-21	8,145,600	7,661,000	-484,600
Jan-22	12,538,018	5,914,000	-6,624,018	Jan-22	7,399,600	7,751,000	351,400
Feb-22	12,538,018	6,112,000	-6,426,018	Feb-22	6,671,800	7,020,000	348,200
Mar-22	12,538,018	7,701,000	-4,837,018	Mar-22	8,200,000	9,924,000	1,724,000
Apr-22	12,538,018	9,254,000	-3,284,018	Apr-22	8,754,200	11,250,000	2,495,800
May-22	12,538,018			May-22	9,363,400		
Jun-22	12,538,018			Jun-22	8,388,200		
Jul-22	12,538,018			Jul-22	10,504,800		
Aug-22	12,538,018			Aug-22	11,040,600		
Sep-22	12,538,018			Sep-22	8,936,200		
TOTAL	150,456,215	55,335,000	-32,431,126	TOTAL	104,333,200	59,767,000	3,667,000

Bishop	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Oct-21	3,348,200	3,826,000	477,800
Nov-21	3,413,800	1,556,000	-1,857,800
Dec-21	2,489,600	5,882,000	3,392,400
Jan-22	2,554,400	8,350,000	5,795,600
Feb-22	2,191,000	7,175,000	4,984,000
Mar-22	2,531,267	9,691,000	7,159,733
Apr-22	2,936,022	12,075,000	9,138,978
May-22	3,507,200		
Jun-22	2,752,400		
Jul-22	4,433,800		
Aug-22	6,335,400		
Sep-22	3,795,600		
TOTAL	40,288,689	48,555,000	29,090,711

Banquete	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Oct-21	2,045,006	2,055,980	10,974
Nov-21	1,927,240	1,538,950	-388,290
Dec-21	1,952,140	1,788,870	-163,270
Jan-22	1,952,556	1,757,900	-194,656
Feb-22	1,799,470	1,455,620	-343,850
Mar-22	1,852,842	1,808,160	-44,682
Apr-22	1,919,142	1,941,460	22,318
May-22	2,026,238		
Jun-22	1,994,006		
Jul-22	2,200,312		
Aug-22	2,234,232		
Sep-22	1,980,276		
TOTAL	23,883,460	12,346,940	-1,101,456

Driscoll	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Oct-21	4,494,051	2,600,000	-1,894,051
Nov-21	4,413,165	2,650,000	-1,763,165
Dec-21	4,463,369	2,704,000	-1,759,369
Jan-22	3,831,984	3,052,000	-779,984
Feb-22	3,232,256	2,614,000	-618,256
Mar-22	3,720,180	2,881,000	-839,180
Apr-22	3,866,780	3,298,000	-568,780
May-22	3,989,340		
Jun-22	3,630,860		
Jul-22	4,588,300		
Aug-22	4,596,040		
Sep-22	4,428,700		
TOTAL	49,255,025	19,799,000	-8,222,785

Agua Dulce	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Oct-21	2,170,156	2,283,280	113,124
Nov-21	1,897,844	2,255,150	357,306
Dec-21	1,968,142	1,980,860	12,718
Jan-22	1,957,002	1,873,350	-83,652
Feb-22	1,748,712	1,648,250	-100,462
Mar-22	1,964,875	2,278,640	313,765
Apr-22	2,255,100	2,431,470	176,370
May-22	2,601,074		
Jun-22	2,567,646		
Jul-22	2,680,846		
Aug-22	2,543,856		
Sep-22	2,189,746		
TOTAL	26,544,999	14,751,000	789,169

Net Revenue per Thousand (1,000) Gallons

Kingsville				NWSC			
	Actual	Net Rev	Per 1000g		Actual	Net Rev	Per 1000g
Oct-21	10,480,000	\$3,381.43	\$0.3227	Oct-21	9,582,780	\$2,947.69	\$0.3076
Nov-21	9,566,000	\$2,978.73	\$0.3114	Nov-21	8,859,280	\$2,855.58	\$0.3223
Dec-21	6,308,000	\$1,558.48	\$0.2471	Dec-21	8,941,390	\$2,430.97	\$0.2719
Jan-22	5,914,000	\$1,418.01	\$0.2398	Jan-22	9,676,450	\$2,646.19	\$0.2735
Feb-22	6,112,000	\$1,555.54	\$0.2545	Feb-22	8,886,150	\$2,382.51	\$0.2681
Mar-22	7,701,000		\$0.0000	Mar-22	10,290,110		\$0.0000
Apr-22	9,254,000		\$0.0000	Apr-22	11,717,230		\$0.0000
May-22	0		#DIV/0!	May-22	0		#DIV/0!
Jun-22	0		#DIV/0!	Jun-22	0		#DIV/0!
Jul-22	0		#DIV/0!	Jul-22	0		#DIV/0!
Aug-22	0		#DIV/0!	Aug-22	0		#DIV/0!
Sep-22	0		#DIV/0!	Sep-22	0		#DIV/0!
TOTAL	55,335,000	\$10,892.19	\$0.1968	TOTAL	67,953,390	\$13,262.94	\$0.1952
Bishop				RWSC			
	Actual	Net Rev	Per 1000g		Actual	Net Rev	Per 1000g
Oct-21	3,826,000	\$724.70	\$0.1894	Oct-21	9,107,000	\$2,893.78	\$0.3178
Nov-21	1,556,000	-\$276.49	-\$0.1777	Nov-21	7,054,000	\$1,448.34	\$0.2053
Dec-21	5,882,000	\$1,305.37	\$0.2219	Dec-21	7,661,000	\$1,907.77	\$0.2490
Jan-22	8,350,000	\$2,481.82	\$0.2972	Jan-22	7,751,000	\$1,914.51	\$0.2470
Feb-22	7,175,000	\$2,155.33	\$0.3004	Feb-22	7,020,000	\$1,492.93	\$0.2127
Mar-22	9,691,000		\$0.0000	Mar-22	9,924,000		\$0.0000
Apr-22	12,075,000		\$0.0000	Apr-22	11,250,000		\$0.0000
May-22	0		#DIV/0!	May-22	0		#DIV/0!
Jun-22	0		#DIV/0!	Jun-22	0		#DIV/0!
Jul-22	0		#DIV/0!	Jul-22	0		#DIV/0!
Aug-22	0		#DIV/0!	Aug-22	0		#DIV/0!
Sep-22	0		#DIV/0!	Sep-22	0		#DIV/0!
TOTAL	48,555,000	\$6,390.73	\$0.1316	TOTAL	59,767,000	\$9,657.33	\$0.1616
Driscoll				Banquete			
	Actual	Net Rev	Per 1000g		Actual	Net Rev	Per 1000g
Oct-21	2,600,000	\$663.87	\$0.2553	Oct-21	2,055,980	\$98.93	\$0.0481
Nov-21	2,650,000	\$687.97	\$0.2596	Nov-21	1,538,950	\$358.88	\$0.2332
Dec-21	2,704,000	\$665.86	\$0.2463	Dec-21	1,788,870	\$298.75	\$0.1670
Jan-22	3,052,000	\$814.92	\$0.2670	Jan-22	1,757,900	\$487.14	\$0.2771
Feb-22	2,614,000	\$638.50	\$0.2443	Feb-22	1,455,620	\$378.88	\$0.2603
Mar-22	2,881,000		\$0.0000	Mar-22	1,808,160		\$0.0000
Apr-22	3,298,000		\$0.0000	Apr-22	1,941,460		\$0.0000
May-22	0		#DIV/0!	May-22	0		#DIV/0!
Jun-22	0		#DIV/0!	Jun-22	0		#DIV/0!
Jul-22	0		#DIV/0!	Jul-22	0		#DIV/0!
Aug-22	0		#DIV/0!	Aug-22	0		#DIV/0!
Sep-22	0		#DIV/0!	Sep-22	0		#DIV/0!
TOTAL	19,799,000	\$3,471.12	\$0.1753	TOTAL	12,346,940	\$1,622.58	\$0.1314
Agua Dulce				All Customers			
	Actual	Net Rev	Per 1000g		Actual	Net Rev	Per 1000g
Oct-21	2,283,280	\$413.68	\$0.1812	Oct-21	39,935,040	\$11,124.08	\$0.2786
Nov-21	2,255,150	\$515.70	\$0.2287	Nov-21	33,479,380	\$8,568.71	\$0.2559
Dec-21	1,980,860	\$255.93	\$0.1292	Dec-21	35,266,120	\$8,423.13	\$0.2388
Jan-22	1,873,350	\$247.73	\$0.1322	Jan-22	38,374,700	\$10,010.32	\$0.2609
Feb-22	1,648,250	\$234.01	\$0.1420	Feb-22	34,911,020	\$8,837.70	\$0.2531
Mar-22	2,278,640		\$0.0000	Mar-22	44,573,910	\$0.00	\$0.0000
Apr-22	2,431,470		\$0.0000	Apr-22	51,967,160	\$0.00	\$0.0000
May-22	0		#DIV/0!	May-22	0	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
Jun-22	0		#DIV/0!	Jun-22	0	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
Jul-22	0		#DIV/0!	Jul-22	0	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
Aug-22	0		#DIV/0!	Aug-22	0	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
Sep-22	0		#DIV/0!	Sep-22	0	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
TOTAL	14,751,000	\$1,667.05	\$0.1130	TOTAL	278,507,330	\$46,963.94	\$0.1686

ATTACHMENT 3

Field Reports

Memorandum

To: South Texas Water Authority Board of Directors and John Marez, Administrator
From: Nigel Gomez, O&M Supervisor
Date: May 19, 2022
Re: O&M Activities

During the Week of April 4th:

- Exercise generators
- Review GPS records
- Collected/monitored NAP samples.
- Took residuals (Total, Mono, FAA, Free) for the Driscoll Booster Station on the 42" line, Ave G, CR 16, Kingsville Meter Run & RWSC Meter Run @ Office
- Held weekly safety meeting.
- Vehicle Maintenance Report.
- Weekly equipment test @ office.
- Disinfect Pump Stations
- Collected Bac-T Samples
- CL 17 Verification
- Read Meters – RWSC
- Remote Readings - NWSC
- Locates – STWA, RWSC, NWSC
- Flushing – NWSC & RWSC
- Completed service orders for NWSC and RWSC
- Spray Weed Killer @ Pump Stations
- Mow Grass @ Pump Stations
- Water Loss Report
- CP Inventory
- DLQOR Reports
- Master Meter Testing
- Chlorine Delivery

During the Week of April 11th:

- Exercise generators
- Review GPS records
- Collected/monitored NAP samples.
- Took residuals (Total, Mono, FAA, Free) for the Driscoll Booster Station on the 42" line, Ave G, CR 16, Kingsville Meter Run & RWSC Meter Run @ Office
- Held weekly safety meeting.
- Vehicle Maintenance Report.
- Weekly equipment test @ office.
- Disinfect Pump Stations
- Collected Bac-T Samples
- CL 17 Verification

- Remote Readings - NWSC
- Locates – STWA, RWSC, NWSC
- Flushing – NWSC & RWSC
- Completed service orders for NWSC and RWSC
- Good Friday Holiday
- TTHM Samples

During the Week of April 18th:

- Exercise generators
- Review GPS records
- Collected/monitored NAP samples.
- Took residuals (Total, Mono, FAA, Free) for the Driscoll Booster Station on the 42” line, Ave G, CR 16, Kingsville Meter Run & RWSC Meter Run @ Office
- Held weekly safety meeting.
- Vehicle Maintenance Report.
- Weekly equipment test @ office.
- Disinfect Pump Stations
- Collected Bac-T Samples
- CL 17 Verification
- Locates – STWA, RWSC, NWSC
- Flushing – NWSC & RWSC
- Spray Weed Killer @ Pump Stations
- Lockouts – NWSC
- Completed service orders for NWSC and RWSC
- TTHM Samples

During the Week of April 25th:

- Exercise generators
- Review GPS records
- Collected/monitored NAP samples.
- Took residuals (Total, Mono, FAA, Free) for the Driscoll Booster Station on the 42” line, Ave G, CR 16, Kingsville Meter Run & RWSC Meter Run @ Office
- Held weekly safety meeting.
- Vehicle Maintenance Report.
- Weekly equipment test @ office.
- Disinfect Pump Stations
- CL 17 Verification
- Locates – STWA, RWSC, NWSC
- Flushing – NWSC & RWSC
- Taps- RWSC & NWSC
- Completed service orders for NWSC and RWSC
- Lockouts – RWSC

To: John Marez,

From: Oscar Ortegon, CP Technician
Noah Hinojosa, CP Technician

Date: May 19, 2022

Re: CP Update

As of May 19, 2022, the CP crew has installed 576 anodes on 397 joints on Contract 2 of the 42" water line as compared to the 560 anodes on 384 joints reported in April. We have replaced 44 old test stations since the beginning of the project. In April, the completed footage was 43,603 LF. We have now completed 45,259 feet out of 51,511 feet in Contract 2. We have started contacting local businesses and residents in order to gain access to gated private properties at the end section of Contract 2. In the meantime, the CP crew has relocated to Contract 3. Since then, we have been working in Calallen south of Hummingbird Lane and have now installed 43 anodes on 37 joints on the 42" water line compared to April's report of 27 anodes and 24 joints. No test stations have been replaced in this section. We have completed 1,504 feet out of 46,324 feet in Contract 3. We are currently waiting on permits from TX DOT for anode installation North and South of CR 36 on East side of Highway 77 in Robstown. In addition to this work, we are still assisting all three entities. Once all Contracts are complete, we will need to conduct survey from Corpro to determine continuity throughout the 42" water main.

We continue to work on CP related work and helping the other field personnel as follows:

- Continue to perform maintenance and test rectifiers/test stations.
- Continue to maintain grass with herbicide around vaults, manholes, test stations and rectifiers along 42" line.
- Continue to assist O&M with ongoing operations.
- Exercised valves on 42" water main @ FM 2826, Driscoll, and Bishop.
- Performed locates for the 42" water main.
- Performed locates for Nueces WSC and Ricardo WSC.
- Performed flushing for Nueces WSC and Ricardo WSC.
- Assist with taps/road bores for NWSC/RWSC.
- Work on Ortiz extension for RWSC which was completed on May 12, 2022.
- Completed pipe racks for RWSC and NWSC.

ATTACHMENT 4

Tax Resolutions

Memo

To: South Texas Water Authority Board of Directors
From: John Marez, Administrator
Date: May 20, 2022
Re: Resolutions 22- 02 through 22-05

Background:

Each May Board meeting of the South Texas Water Authority Directors deliberates the new tax year's resolutions. Resolution 22 - 02 appoints the Finance Manager/Assistant Executive Director as the Authority's Tax Assessor in order to calculate the effective tax rate and publishing the necessary notices. Resolutions 22-03 and 22-04 appoint the Nueces and Kleberg Counties' Tax Assessor/Collectors as the Authority's tax collectors for each respective county. Resolution 22-05 provides tax exemptions previously provided by the Board and/or required by legislation.

Analysis:

These actions are a necessary part of a taxing entity's function.

Staff Recommendation:

Adopt Resolutions 22- 02 through 22-05.

Board Action:

Determine whether to adopt Resolutions 22-02 through 22-05.

Summary:

Adoption of these resolutions formally begins the tax calendar events in accordance with State law.

SOUTH TEXAS WATER AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION 22-02

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JO ELLA WAGNER, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TO SERVE AS CHIEF TAX ASSESSOR FOR THE SOUTH TEXAS WATER AUTHORITY.

WHEREAS, the South Texas Water Authority is a taxing jurisdiction within Nueces and Kleberg Counties, and

WHEREAS, a tax assessor is required to meet the statutory requirements of the State of Texas, and

WHEREAS, Jo Ella Wagner is qualified and duly registered as a tax assessor with the State of Texas to perform this function for the Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the South Texas Water Authority appoints Jo Ella Wagner, Assistant Executive Director, as Chief Tax Assessor for the Authority.

Duly adopted this 24th day of May, 2022.

BRANDON W. BARRERA, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

IMELDA GARZA, SECRETARY/TREASURER

SOUTH TEXAS WATER AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION 22-03

RESOLUTION APPOINTING KEVIN KIESCHNICK, NUECES COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR, TO BE THE SOUTH TEXAS WATER AUTHORITY'S TAX COLLECTOR IN NUECES COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the South Texas Water Authority is a taxing entity within Nueces County,
and

WHEREAS, a tax collector is required to collect taxes levied by the South Texas Water Authority, and

WHEREAS, the Nueces County Tax Assessor/Collector's Office is qualified to perform this function for the Authority, and

WHEREAS, the Nueces County Tax Assessor/Collector's Office has performed this task for the past years and has provided satisfactory service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Kevin Kieschnick and his representatives of the Nueces County Tax Assessor/Collector's Office are appointed to be the Authority's Tax Collector in Nueces County.

Duly adopted this 24th day of May, 2022.

BRANDON W. BARRERA, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

IMELDA GARZA, SECRETARY/TREASURER

SOUTH TEXAS WATER AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION 22-04

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARIA VICTORIA VALADEZ, KLEBERG COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR, TO BE THE SOUTH TEXAS WATER AUTHORITY'S TAX COLLECTOR IN KLEBERG COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the South Texas Water Authority is a taxing entity within Kleberg County,
and

WHEREAS, a tax collector is required to collect taxes levied by the South Texas Water Authority, and

WHEREAS, the Kleberg County Tax Assessor/Collector's Office is qualified to perform this function for the Authority, and

WHEREAS, the Kleberg County Tax Assessor/Collector's Office has performed this task for the past years and has provided satisfactory service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Maria Victoria Valadez and her representatives of the Kleberg County Tax Assessor/Collector's Office are appointed to be the Authority's Tax Collector in Kleberg County.

Duly adopted this 24th day of May, 2022.

BRANDON W. BARRERA, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

IMELDA GARZA, SECRETARY/TREASURER

SOUTH TEXAS WATER AUTHORITY

Resolution 22-05

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR RESIDENCE HOMESTEADS, FOR PROPERTY OWNERS WHO ARE 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, FOR PERSONS WHO ARE DISABLED, AND FOR DISABLED VETERANS.

WHEREAS, the South Texas Water Authority (the "Authority") is a taxing jurisdiction within Kleberg and Nueces Counties, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Authority wants to allow tax exemptions for residential homesteads, for property owners who are 65 years of age or older, for persons who are disabled, and for disabled veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTH TEXAS WATER AUTHORITY THAT:

1. Individuals are entitled to an exemption from taxation by the Authority of 1% of the appraised value of their residence homesteads, or \$5,000 of the appraised value of their residence homesteads, whichever is greater.
2. Individuals who are disabled or who are 65 years of age or older are entitled to an exemption from taxation by the Authority of \$12,000 of the appraised value of their residence homesteads.
3. Disabled veterans are entitled to the exemptions from taxation allowed by Section 11.22, Property Code.

Duly adopted this 24th day of May, 2022.

BRANDON W. BARRERA, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

IMELDA GARZA, SECRETARY/TREASURER

ATTACHMENT 5
Preliminary CAD Values

Memo

To: South Texas Water Authority Board of Directors
From: John Marez, Administrator
Date: May 20, 2022
Re: Preliminary Nueces and Kleberg County Appraisal District Values

Background:

State law mandates that appraisal districts must deliver preliminary property tax values to all taxing entities by April 30th. Certified Appraisal Rolls should be delivered by the end of July.

Analysis:

Below are preliminary and certified values for 2017-2021. Also included are this year's preliminary data.

	Tax Year 2017 Preliminary – April	Tax Year 2017 Certified	Tax Year 2018 Preliminary – April	Tax Year 2018 Certified	Tax Year 2019 Preliminary – April	Tax Year 2019 Certified
NCAD	\$670,739,079	\$681,353,234	\$756,524,728	\$804,058,640	\$899,859,345	\$1,017,319,633
KCAD	\$1,054,692,773	\$1,066,869,086	\$1,066,869,086	\$1,097,634,443	\$1,194,830,248	\$1,145,684,070
Total	\$1,725,431,852	\$1,748,222,320	\$1,854,159,171	\$1,943,196,035	\$2,094,689,593	\$2,163,003,703

	Tax Year 2020 Preliminary – April	Tax Year 2020 Certified	Tax Year 2021 Preliminary – April	Tax Year 2021 Final	Tax Year 2022 Preliminary – April
NCAD	\$1,035,935,421	\$1,069,988,423	\$1,072,799,211	\$1,137,956,648	\$1,207,499,420
KCAD	\$1,204,567,485	\$1,195,432,280	\$1,351,356,474	\$1,244,133,012	\$1,353,350,536
Total	\$2,240,502,906	\$2,265,420,703	\$2,424,155,685	\$2,382,089,660	2,560,849,956

Staff Recommendation:

This is being provided for your information only.

Board Action:

Provide feedback to staff.

Summary:

For the last five (5) years the certified values have increased from the preliminary figures. Depending on the Certified, final values the STWA will actualize.



*Nueces County Appraisal District
201 N. Chaparral, Ste. 206
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401-2503*

*Ramiro "Ronnie" Canales
Nueces County Chief Appraiser*

*Office: (361) 881-9978
Fax: (361) 887-6721
info@nuecescad.net*

April 29, 2022

RE: 2022 Preliminary Estimate of Net Total Taxable Value – **ALL ENTITIES (Attached)**

Texas Property Tax Code, Section 26.01(e) requires the Chief Appraiser to prepare and certify to the tax assessor for each county, municipality, and school district participating in the appraisal district an estimate of the taxable value of property in that taxing unit by April 30th of each year. We are also providing this information to all participating entities.

Since we believe the Appraisal Review Board process, beginning in May, will likely change these estimates before final certification of the tax roll in July, District staff have factored into the estimate a provision for these changes. Since this is an **estimate**, we suggest caution when using it for budget purposes.

If you need more detail, please contact Don Causey, Assistant Chief Appraiser, at 361.696.7608 or by email at dcausey@nuecescad.net.

Certified and Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronnie", is written over a horizontal line.

Ramiro "Ronnie" Canales, RPA, CTA
Chief Appraiser

2022 Taxable Value Estimates

As of 4/28/2022

Taxing Entity	2022 Preliminary Taxable Value Estimates
CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI	\$ 25,344,751,964
CITY OF ROBSTOWN	\$ 435,776,483
CITY OF BISHOP	\$ 135,898,742
CITY OF AQUA DULCE	\$ 18,151,552
CITY OF DRISCOLL	\$ 26,224,099
CITY OF PORT ARANSAS	\$ 3,342,218,325
CITY OF ARANSAS PASS	\$ 16,715,784
DOWNTOWN MANAGEMENT DIST - IMPROV	\$ 185,144,911
DOWNTOWN MANAGEMENT DIST - LAND	\$ 40,159,286
ROBSTOWN DRAINAGE DIST #2	\$ 715,436,908
BISHOP DRAINAGE DISTRICT #3	\$ 122,383,998
EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT #1	\$ 4,790,566,558
EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT #2	\$ 4,284,828,264
EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT #3	\$ 879,597,404
EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT #4	\$ 747,076,305
EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT #5	\$ 97,936,273
EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT #6	\$ 938,233,340
NUECES COUNTY	\$ 36,844,281,144
HOSPITAL DISTRICT	\$ 37,200,860,101
DEL MAR COLLEGE	\$ 32,900,902,916
PADRE ISLAND TIF	\$ 651,770,145
RURAL FARM TO MARKET	\$ 37,091,830,800
LONDON ISD	\$ 719,980,880
BANQUETE ISD	\$ 728,611,106
CORPUS CHRISTI ISD	\$ 19,742,910,358
TULOSO-MIDWAY ISD M&O	\$ 3,312,782,702
TULOSO-MIDWAY ISD I&S	\$ 3,813,389,545
WEST OSO ISD	\$ 912,997,495
FLOUR BLUFF ISD	\$ 4,044,290,586
AGUA DULCE ISD	\$ 120,425,556
CALALLEN ISD M&O	\$ 2,048,414,015
CALALLEN ISD I&S	\$ 2,742,678,708
PORT ARANSAS ISD	\$ 3,719,021,295
BISHOP ISD	\$ 891,306,516
ROBSTOWN ISD	\$ 718,809,929
DRISCOLL ISD	\$ 100,705,887
ARANSAS PASS ISD	\$ 13,913,649
DOWNTOWN TIF #3	\$ 567,165,468
ROBSTOWN TIF #5	\$ 11,878,327
NORTH BEACH TIRZ	\$ 162,546,104
BOHEMIAN COLONY TIRZ	\$ 3,589,904
SOUTH TEXAS WATER AUTHORITY	\$ 1,207,499,420
KENEDY COUNTY GROUNDWATER DISTRICT	\$ 3,295,142
NUECES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT #4	\$ 3,804,261,091
BANQUETE WATER DISTRICT #5	\$ 13,196,731

KLEBERG COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
P. O. BOX 1027 * 502 E. KLEBERG * KINGSVILLE, TEXAS 78364
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May 2, 2022

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SOUTH TEXAS WATER AUTHORITY

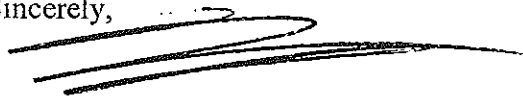
South Texas Water Authority
Attn: Brandon Barrera, President
2302 E. Sage Rd.
Kingsville, Texas 78363

Dear Mr. Barrera:

In accordance with Section 26.01(e) of the Texas Property Tax Code, I am enclosing the 2022 Certified Estimate of Values for your taxing entity. The 81st Texas Legislature changed the deadline for the Chief Appraiser to prepare and certify estimates of taxable value to the assessor for each taxing unit by April 30th of each year or the next business day if the 30th falls on a weekend. This makes a significant difference in the benefit that these values present to you at this point in time for the purpose that you are intending to use them for. Please remember the majority of the exemption application deadlines are April 30, 2022, the majority of special appraisal applications deadlines are April 30, 2022, rendition extensions are through May 15, 2022, and some may be through June 1, 2022. All these issues play a part in a less accurate estimate of value. Other potential loss may occur due to allowable late filing of exemptions and due to additional information provided to the appraisal district by the taxpayer addressing specific issues with their property before the final roll is approved. I will be providing you with another set of estimated values no later than June 30, 2022, so that you will be given the ability to work with some updated information.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 361-595-5775.

Sincerely,


Ernestina "Tina" Flores, R.P.A.
Chief Appraiser

Cc: John Marez, Administrator
Kleberg County Appraisal District Board of Directors

2022 PRELIMINARY VALUE INFORMATION

AS OF 4-30-22

**TAXING UNIT
SOUTH TEXAS WATER AUTHORITY**

GROSS VALUES	2022 PRELIMINARY VALUES	2021 FINAL CERTIFIED ESTIMATED VALUES NOT UNDER ARB REVIEW	DIFFERENCE	
REAL:	1,623,104,298	1,491,877,382	131,226,916	
PERSONAL:	102,946,240	102,655,630	290,610	
MINERAL:	165,469,126	181,882,102	(16,412,976)	
TOTAL GROSS VALUE:	1,891,519,664	1,776,415,114	115,104,550	
TOTAL EXEMPTIONS:	345,578,928	326,994,571	18,584,357	
HOMESTEAD CAP ADJ:	14,295,332	23,480,064	(9,184,732)	
LOSS TO AGRICULTURAL: VALUATION	178,294,868	181,807,467	(3,512,599)	
NET TAXABLE VALUE:	1,353,350,536 (-)	1,244,133,012 (=) (INC)	109,217,524	
	CERTIFIED ESTIMATED VALUES UNDER ARB REVIEW			
STILL UNDER ARB REVIEW NET TAXABLE VALUE	(+)	-	95,533,279	(95,533,279)
		TOTAL CERTIFIED ESTIMATED VALUES		
ESTIMATED ADJUSTED NET TAXABLE VALUE	(+)	(-)	1,339,666,291 (=) (INC)	13,684,245

ATTACHMENT 6

TRWA Apprenticeship Program

Memo

To: South Texas Water Authority Board of Directors

From: John Marez, Administrator

Date: May 18, 2022

Re: Discuss and Authorize Entering into Agreement TRWA Employee Apprenticeship Program

Background:

During last month's Administrative Report for the April board meeting, information was presented about the Texas Rural Water Association's new Apprenticeship Program. This item is a follow-up to properly inform the board of the potential advantages of entering into agreement with the TRWA.

With increasing numbers of retirees at the national and local levels there is a growing need in all professions, especially for water and wastewater operations, to seek out younger members of the workforce to fill those vacancies. The TRWA and the US Department of Labor (DOL) have partnered to create an Apprentice Program geared towards individuals that are seeking a profession that pays them to train and ultimately receive various Water Licenses, certifications upon graduation of the 2-year plus series of courses.

Analysis:

By entering into this non-binding agreement, the STWA will have all documentation complete to begin the recruiting process and then can select and hire an apprentice once management, the board and budget allow for that position to be filled. The apprentice program is extensive taking over two years to complete classroom courses and the required 4,400 hours of hands-on training with our STWA staff. Once complete the apprentice will have completed licenses and certifications that typically take 3-5 years to complete if they were hired by any water utility.

Staff Recommendation:

Authorize entering into the TRWA's Apprenticeship Agreement.

Board Action:

Determine whether to authorize the STWA to enter into an Apprenticeship Agreement with TRWA and US Department of Labor.

Summary:

By approving this agreement, the STWA joins the relatively small but emerging collection of Water/Wastewater Utilities in Texas that can recruit new employees through this streamlined approach. This program also helps utilities to save time and money in the process as their apprentice is trained.



PARTICIPATING EMPLOYER ACCEPTANCE AGREEMENT

SPONSORING EMPLOYER								
1. Employer Name								
2. Street Address								
3. City			4. State		5. Zip Code			
6. Name of CEO/Pres./Owner		7. Title						
8. Apprenticeship Contact Name		9. Title			10. Phone #		11. Email	
12. Employer ID# (EIN)		13. Total # Employees		# of Skilled Operators: # of Female Operators: # of Minority Operators:			14. Min. Age	
APPRENTICE WAGE SCHEDULE								
	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6	Period 7	Period 8
Term Hours	2,000	2,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dollar Amount	*		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Completion Hourly Apprentices Wage:								

*** Not less than minimum wage.**

I have been furnished a copy of the Texas Rural Water Foundation's (TRWF) U.S. Department of Labor approved Registered Apprenticeship Standards, and have read and understand them and hereby request certification to train apprentices in the occupation classification identified under the provisions of these Standards, with all attendant rights and benefits thereof, until canceled voluntarily or revoked for good cause by the Texas Rural Water Foundation or U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship.

The first year of program registration shall be on a provisional basis after which program approval may be made permanent, continued as provisional, or rescinded following a program performance review by the registration agency.

The recruitment, selection, employment, and training of apprentices during their apprenticeship shall be without discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), sexual orientation, genetic information, or because they are an individual with a disability or a person 40 years of age or older. The Texas Rural Water Foundation and sponsoring employers will take affirmative action to provide equal opportunity in apprenticeship and will operate the apprenticeship program as required under 29 CFR § 30.



I hereby agree to carry out the intent and purpose of the Texas Rural Water Foundation Registered Apprenticeship Standards and to abide by the rules and decisions of the Texas Rural Water Foundation.

Title

Signature

Date

Printed Name

TRWA Apprenticeship Program

Water and Wastewater System Operators



Did
you
know?

• Close to 50% of
• Water/Wastewater
• Operators plan to
• retire in the next 5
• years!

**How will your
utility adapt to a
shifting workforce?**

How?

Who?

Why?

This 2-year program includes 4,000 hours of On-the-Job Training (OJT) and 288 hours of Related Technical Instruction (RTI). Apprentices are paired with a participating utility who in turn provides a qualified mentor. Mentors will then supervise and support the apprentice in their daily duties.

Any Texas utility or system is encouraged to apply. To be eligible, utilities must pay program fees and sign an employer agreement. During the program, utilities are expected to provide a qualified mentor (B License preferred, C License minimum), provide apprentice evaluations, and pay the apprentice's work wages.

For participating utilities, this program cultivates a well-trained work force with lower turnover rates. With so many experienced operators on the cusp of retirement and a lack of new talent entering the profession, it is critical that the industry bridge the gap and transfer expertise to new employees.

About

The TRWA Registered Apprenticeship Program is a combination of On-the-Job Training (OJT) and Related Technical Instruction (RTI) in which the apprentice learns the practice, theoretical aspects, and concepts of the occupation. The program is designed to enhance and prepare the apprentice to be fully qualified in multiple aspects of the water/wastewater industry. Upon 6 months of completing the program, apprentices are eligible to apply for their B License.

• To learn more and find out how your
• system can participate, you can click
• [here](#) or contact TRWA's Apprenticeship
• Team at apprenticeship@trwa.org or
• call 512-428-5754. Ask for TRWA's
• Apprenticeship Program Manager,
• Haley Dixon.

Registered Apprenticeship Program Quick Facts

What is a registered apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a learning model that combines On-the-Job Training (OJT) and Related Technical Instruction (RTI) to effectively train apprentices in their chosen field of work.

- Apprentices are matched with a qualified mentor to develop their targeted skillset.
- Apprenticeships typically follow the “earn as you learn” model meaning that participants are paid for the hours they work.
- Programs are “registered” with the US Department of Labor or State Apprenticeship Agency.
- Must meet the Federal Regulation 29 CFR 29.

About our program:

The TRWA Registered Apprenticeship Program is a combination of OJT and RTI in which the apprentice learns the practice, theoretical aspects, and concepts of the occupation.

- Program is designed to enhance and prepare the apprentice to be fully qualified in multiple aspects of the water/wastewater industry.
- Is completed in two years and includes 4,000 hours of OJT and 288 hours of RTI.
- Upon completion of the program, each apprentice will have acquired three operator licenses: D Water or Wastewater, C Water or Wastewater, and CSI.

Benefits for employers:

- Gives employers a reliable way to recruit and train knowledgeable workers.
- Transfers skillsets from experienced technicians to new apprentices.
- Works to replace a retiring workforce.
- Provides flexible ways to train new employees.

Benefits for apprentices:

- Provides an alternative pathway into a dependable and lucrative career.
- Apprentices can earn an income while learning their trade.
- Opportunity to gain an education with little to no debt.
- Apprentices are able to learn from a knowledgeable mentor with years of experience.

To qualify for the RAP, candidates must:

- Be at least 18 and able to provide proof of age.
- Be a high school graduate or have their GED.
- Submit a DD-214 to verify military training (veterans only).
- Be physically capable of performing essential duties of the program, with or without reasonable accommodation.
- Successfully pass a background check.
- Pass a drug screening if required by the employer.
- Possess a valid driver's license and be insurable at normal commercial rates.

Credit for previous experience:

The sponsor may grant credit toward the term of apprenticeship to new apprentices. Applicants must submit the request at the time of application and must furnish such records, affidavits, and other documentation to substantiate the claim.

- An applicant who is a veteran and wishes to receive consideration for military training or experience must submit a DD-214.
- The amount of credit to be awarded will be determined by sponsor upon review of the apprentice's previous work, training, and demonstrated skill and knowledge.
- Apprentices may receive no more credit than the first year of apprenticeship.
- Apprentices granted credit will advance to the wage rate designated for the period to which such credit accrues.

Veteran benefits:

Veterans who become approved apprentices will be eligible for additional benefits:

- A one-time discount of \$300 off program fees.
- Guidance on applying for VA benefits.

Hours of work:

Apprentices will work the same hours as fully proficient System Operations Specialists and must be supervised at all times (mentor must know where and what the apprentice is doing).

- Apprentices who do not complete the required hours of OJT or RTI during a given segment will have the term of that segment extended, including wage progression, until they have accrued the required number of hours of training.
- Pay and Wage Progression:
- Employers are expected to pay the apprentices wages. Apprentices will follow the wage progression outlined in the standards.

Pay and wage progression:

Employers are expected to pay the apprentices wages.

- Apprentices will follow the wage progression outlined in the standards.

Period	Wage	Advancement Requirements
Period 1 (Year 1)	\$12.0 0	2,000 hours of on-the-job training + passing grades on identified curriculum + satisfactory evaluation + Class D Wastewater License
Period 2 (Year 2)	\$16.0 0	2,000 hours of on-the-job training + passing grades on identified curriculum + satisfactory evaluation + CSI License
Completion	\$16.0 0	Completion of the above identified requirements + Class C Wastewater License

Employers are expected to:

- Review state standards and sign an employment agreement.
- Pay program fees.
- Provide the OJT and a mentor (no more than a 2:1 apprentice/mentor ratio).
- Pay the apprentices wages.
- Provide evaluations and feedback.

Apprentices are expected to:

- Review state standards.
- Meet the minimum qualifications for entry into the program.
- Meet the expectations and requirements set by the program and employer.
- Provide OJT work progress to Program Sponsor.

Pricing:

The price for this program is \$4,000. This price includes:

- All training classes and required material, plus tutoring with TRWA instructors.
- Apprentices finish with their initial D License, C License, and CSI License. Upon 6 months of completing the program, apprentices are eligible and encouraged to apply for their B License.
- Guidance from state sponsor (TRWA).
- Hands-on experience with TRWA Circuit Riders.

ATTACHMENT 7
FY 2023 Budget Priorities

Memo

To: South Texas Water Authority Board of Directors
From: John Marez, Administrator
Date: May 19, 2022
Re: Budget Priorities 2022/23 Fiscal Year

Background:

Feedback is a critical part of the budget development process. Over the next several months the STWA will begin planning our priorities so the board, staff and the public can have an opportunity to provide input. Through a series of regular board meetings, workshops or surveys our staff, by way of the board's direction, can work on finetuning expectations for the new budget cycle.

This is the first of several steps to develop and analyze our upcoming budget.

Analysis:

Budget development will be addressed through surveys and in-person meetings. Those findings may not make the final draft budget presented for board approval but will be used to address key subjects; such as, salaries, rising fuel cost, vehicle/equipment maintenance, and facilities to name a few items. Residents have the opportunity to voice opinions through public hearings at board meetings in August and September.

Staff Recommendation:

Allow for the board to present budget suggestions or concerns in writing prior to or during our board meeting.

Board Action:

Begin determining what budget items will need to be modified.

Summary:

Should you have a particular area of interest or concern it is suggested to share them with staff and the board. This will allow for a proper response and assist in developing a budget blueprint to present later this summer.

If you have any questions, please contact Joella Wagner, Finance Manager/Assistant Executive Director or myself.