

REPORT OF THE FUNDING ISSUES TEAM

The Funding Issues Team met at 1 p.m. on February 2, 2011, at the San Antonio Water System. Members of the Issues Team attending the meeting were: Weir Labatt, Chair, Todd Votteler, Annalisa Peace, Kirk Patterson, Bruce Alexander, Calvin Finch and Con Mims. Kerim Jacaman, Buck Benson, Myron Hess, Gene Richardson, Nathan Pence, and Patrick Shriver also attended the meeting. A quorum was present

At the EARIP meeting on January 28, the Steering Committee considered the recommendation of the Funding Work Group with respect to a sales tax. The Work Group Recommendation was that “the EARIP “approve the option generally consistent with the Texas Water Development Board option (attached to the Agenda as Attachment 1) identified ... as the preferred option to accomplish the regional sales tax concept.” Kirk Patterson objected to the recommendation creating the need for this Issue Team.

At the Issues Team Meeting consensus was reached with respect to the following restated decision: “The Funding issues Team proposes that the original motion to approve allowing the people of the region to vote on a regional sales tax as a funding mechanism for the EARIP program be modified to provide that proposals for alternative mechanisms to the regional sales tax, not involving a sales tax, will proceed to be developed while the EARIP is seeking authority for a regional sales tax from the Legislature, the Governor, and the voters.” Kirk Patterson abstained from the decision.