



## **QUARTERLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTIONS**

### **April 25, 2016**

The Brazos River Authority's Board of Directors held their quarterly meeting Monday, April 25, 2016. The Board took the following action:

#### **SURPLUS PROPERTY**

The Board authorized the Brazos River Authority General Manager/CEO to dispose of surplus personal property under the terms and conditions that are in the best interest of the BRA. Items no longer needed or which have been deemed not cost efficient to repair include vehicles, office equipment and other items.

#### **BRA 457(b) and 401(a) PLANS**

The Board authorized the General Manager/CEO to retain a firm to manage and administer the BRA's 457(b) and 401(a) retirement plans.

#### **CONCRETE ASSESSMENT FOR MORRIS SHEPPARD DAM**

The Board authorized the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a contract with Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates Inc. to perform a comprehensive concrete assessment and service life recommendation study for the Morris Sheppard Dam for an amount not to exceed \$2,885,900.

#### **TROLLEY REPLACEMENT AT DE CORDOVA BEND DAM**

The Board authorized the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a contract with Gerace Construction to provide construction services for the Trolley Replacement Project at DeCordova Bend Dam for an amount not to exceed \$609,029 and to also negotiate and execute a contract for winch cart fabrication services for an amount not to exceed \$1,432,500.

#### **INVASIVE SPECIES AWARENESS CAMPAIGN**

The Board authorized the General Manager/CEO to execute an Interlocal Agreement with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to provide funding not to exceed \$20,000 for a public awareness campaign to fight the spread of invasive species in the waters of the Brazos.

#### **COST SHARE WITH CITY OF ROUND ROCK**

The Board authorized the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a contract with K Friese and Associates to fund Phase III of the House Bill 1437, No Net Loss Water Study, for an amount not to exceed \$131,800 and to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Cost Share Agreement with the City of Round Rock so that the city is financially responsible for 50 percent of the Phase 3b costs.

#### **ALLENS CREEK PERMITTING, ENGINEERING AND DESIGN**

The Board authorized the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute an amendment to existing agreements with the City of Houston to document the City of Houston's intent to reimburse the BRA for 70 percent of project costs associated with the Allens Creek Reservoir project; and to negotiate and execute a contract with MWH Americas, Inc. for all activities associated with the permitting, engineering, and design of the Allens Creek Reservoir project in

an amount not to exceed \$86,002,318; provided that no work, including payments, can commence until BRA's agreements with the City of Houston have been amended.

#### **AMENDING 1972 NRG WATER SUPPLY CONTRACT**

The Board authorized the General Manager/CEO to amend the 1972 NRG water supply contract to add additional pumping points, increase the maximum diversion rate, update language specifying parties to the contract, and make other changes to update or remove obsolete provisions.

#### **TAINTER GATE REPAIRS, IMPROVEMENTS AT STERLING C. ROBERTSON DAM**

The Board authorized the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a contract with ARCADIS US for the engineering and design of tainter gate repairs and improvements for long-term protection and enhancement of the Sterling C. Robertson Dam in an amount not to exceed \$1,926,000.

#### **GROUNDWATER-SURFACE WATER INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT**

The Board authorized the General Manager/CEO to execute an Interlocal Agreement with the Texas Water Development Board, under which the BRA will provide funding in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 to refine and improve the capability of the central portion of the Queen City, Sparta, and Carrizo-Wilcox aquifers Groundwater Availability Model to simulate groundwater and surface water interaction within the Brazos basin.

#### **FRESHWATER MUSSEL RAPID RISK ASSESSMENT**

The Board authorized and approved amending the Fiscal Year 2016 budget in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to accelerate work on the Freshwater Mussel Rapid Risk Assessment. The Board also authorized the General Manager/CEO to execute an Interlocal Agreement with Texas A&M Institute of Renewable Natural Resources for a 2.5 year project with an amount not to exceed \$425,000, including limiting the indirect cost rate to 28 percent, to perform risk analysis for the Freshwater Mussel Rapid Risk Assessment project.

#### **SUPPORT OF ENVIRONMENTAL FLOW INITIATIVES**

The Board authorized the General Manager/CEO to enter into a contract with Aqua Strategies, Inc. for a 10-year project, for an amount not to exceed \$1,625,000, for support for environmental flow initiatives related to the System Operations Permit and Water Management Plan.