

Louisiana Water Resources Commission
Meeting Summary, Nov. 30, 2023

Meeting opened at 11:03 AM

Commissioner of Conservation Monique Edwards serving as chair

Roll Call: Beard, Breaux, Collins-Wright, Edwards, Forsman, M. Frey, Gouedy, Knight, Lambert, Schoeffler, Togrimson, Weigel, Witty – 13; no quorum

Introduction from new members Knight, Weigel

- Presentation from USGS on surface water levels and groundwater levels across the state in relation to drought and extreme heat conditions over summer (Update based on measurements over Oct/Nov); surface water levels down across the state, esp. in NE La.; Chicot Aquifer @ historic lows; declines in Baton Rouge area aquifers – **Maxwell Lindaman**, Hydrogeologist, USGS Lower Mississippi Gulf Water Science Center
- Report on ongoing operations of CAGWCD – **Gary Beard, P.E.**, Exec. Director
- Research activities of La. Water Resources Research Institute (LWRRRI) @ LSU – **Frank T.-C. Tsai, Ph.D., P.E., P.G.**, Director & Professor of Civil & Env'tl. Engineering

No old business

No new business

Public comments:

Clare Falcon, Ph.D., La. State Geologist, LSU – update on surface mapping of entire region north of Lake Pontchartrain & east of Miss. River

Andy Brown, La. Farm Bureau – provided update on release by LSU AgCenter of drought disaster farm losses of about \$1.7 billion

Adjourned @ 12:03pm