

Texas GLO Commissioner Jerry Patterson hosts Aquifer Group to “Get our message out during the current Legislative Session”

*Aquifer Group is part of Texas’ first
comprehensive public-private water
infrastructure partnership*

March 2007 - Austin, Texas –Aquifer Group, LLC is structured to locate, design, finance, develop, construct, operate and maintain prolific aquifer recharge, surface water restoration projects throughout rural areas of Texas. As a sustainable groundwater reserve is developed recovery wellfields, treatment and supporting delivery canals and other infrastructure will be added to enhance environmental flows, improve drought preparedness and provide dependable sustainable water resources for the State’s growing water demand.

“Aquifer Group harvests safe, sustainable, natural water supplies through the responsible restoration and conservation of global ground and surface water resources...”

Aquifer Group was founded in response to the growing global gap between additional sustainable water resources and the government’s ability to fund them. Aquifer Group is the first U.S. owned company with the capabilities to locate lost aquifer recharge and surface water restoration opportunities prolific enough to support the Company’s private-sector solutions of development and investment to complete public water recovery and delivery infrastructure.

Prior to Texas’ 2006-2007 Legislative Session Aquifer Group’s management team met personally with **the Chairmen of our State’s Senate and House Natural Resource Committees** to brief them on our project. Meetings with **Senator Kip Averitt** and **Representatives Robert Puente and Bill Callegari** were well received and provided needed access to their senior staff members. Securing access to decision makers in Texas Agencies charged with water related issues proved to be more difficult.

Texas General Land Office Commissioner, Jerry Patterson and **Policy Director Trace Finley** have followed Aquifer Group’s project development since early 2004. Believing our approach was a viable and possibly superior alternative to existing long-term water deficit solutions; Commissioner Patterson personally hosted and invited agency leadership and senior legislative staffers to our presentation in GLO’s 1700 North Congress auditorium.

Commissioner Patterson introduced Aquifer Group and briefed the 45 legislative, agency, groundwater district,

environmental and ranch association attendees in the audience on Aquifer Group’s comprehensive project.

Midland Adams Group’s Chief of Staff, Chris Franchek facilitated our very successful one-hour presentation and thirty-minute question and answer session designed to “**get our message out to key Texas political and agency leaders.**” Aquifer Group’s presentation was given by six members of our team:

Aquifer Group’s CEO John Brocksch gave a short presentation and discussion of Aquifer Group’s goals and uniqueness of our products and sustainable solutions to overcoming Texas and other global water deficits. Brocksch opened the door for the State to begin a dialogue leading to the establishment of large-scale groundwater water reserves (as opposed to surface reservoirs) in rural areas and the long-term associated benefit of sustainable environmental flows.

CH2M Hill’s Susan Butler discussed AG’ proven IR5 Methodology and other Aquifer Group water management and certification sciences deployed to restore and quantify groundwater and surface water restoration.

Aquifer Group’s John M. Seeley, Ph.D., Managing Director, Sciences, made a strong presentation describing our ability to locate and restore lost aquifer recharge combined with advanced reservoir engineering to identify and operate well fields to recover recharge water along with rule-of-capture and marginal brackish water for treatment and blending to expand usable water resources.

Our long-time legal expert, **Attorney Russ Johnson of McGinnis, Lochridge and Kilgore** lead a lively discussion describing how Aquifer Group business model is the first workable proposal that includes all three Texas Water Laws: Diffuse, Surface and Groundwater. Russ established that because of the uniqueness of restoring historical water resources there was no law preventing AG from proceeding with our proposals. There were, however, “grey areas” and the need for legislative “financial water restoration incentives” that would require consideration during the 2008-2009 Legislative Session.

Dr. Ken Rainwater of Texas Tech University’s Water Resources Center closed the presentation by discussion the benefits of Aquifer Group’s naturally restoring millions of acre-feet of ground and environmental flow water in the rural areas of Texas. He discussed the “emotional bridging between urban and rural areas” whereby the restoration of recharge and decades long “Banking” of groundwater prior to completion of well fields and transference of water to urban areas would provide time and sustainable economic opportunities for ranchers and agricultural entities.

Through follow-up meetings and secondary presentations Aquifer Group has developed access to important **members of the Texas Legislature, Governor’s Office and representative Agencies.**

“Aquifer Group’s management is excited about educating and partnering with the State of Texas on this important and innovative project and the opportunity to help Texas get much needed solutions to our pending 8 million acre-feet water deficit quicker without using taxpayers’ dollars to fund construction or maintenance” said **Aquifer Group Chief Executive Officer, John Brocksch.**