

Louisiana Water Resources Commission
Meeting Summary, Sept. 27, 2023

Meeting opened at 11:08 AM

Commissioner Lindsay Gouedy (Sparta GW Dist) serving as chair

Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation

Roll Call: Breaux, Daigle, B. Frey, M. Frey, Gouedy, Holley, Knight, Lambert, Sutcliffe, Togrimson, Weigel, Witty – 12 members, no quorum. Late Arrivals: Beard, Bopp giving a temporary quorum of 14, but then down to 13 with early departure of Witty

Introduction from new members Knight, Weigel

Presentations from USGS on surface water levels and groundwater levels across the state in relation to drought and extreme heat conditions over summer – Aub Ward, Data Chief, & Maxwell Lindaman, Hydrogeologist, USGS Lower Mississippi Gulf Water Science Center

Presentation from Joey Breaux, LDAF, on water use in agricultural sector and potential impacts of drought

Presentation from Matthew Reonas, Office of Conservation, on drought relief order and observations on well notifications in response to drought/extreme heat

Presentation from Vijai Elango, LDH/Office of Public Health, on public supply issues related to drought, particularly on the saltwater wedge in Mississippi River and its possible impacts

No old business

New business – Next meeting on Nov. 30, 11am

No public comments