



## **Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Inc.**

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Date: February 23, 2012

To: CBBEP Board of Directors

From: Rosario Martinez

RE: Status of the San Antonio Bay Partnership

The San Antonio Partnership Board of Directors held a meeting on January 19, 2012. During the meeting, they adopted a Conflict of Interest Policy, which is a requirement for obtaining a federal tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code. The Board also discussed a “Whistleblower Policy” though one was not adopted.

During the BOD on January 19<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Directors Chairman (Mr. John Kisalus) discussed adding additional members to the SABP, Inc. Board of Directors. The Board decided to look at expanding the number of board members from the present three to either five or seven members if qualified and willing candidates could be identified. It was agreed that the issue be brought up at the SABP Stakeholder meeting to be held later that same day to see if there were any “nominations” or suggestions that the stakeholder group could make.

Mr. James Dodson reported that the final application for obtaining federal tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code should be ready to submit by the next Board meeting. As soon as the 501(c)(3) application is filed, the SABP, Inc will be able to sign a contract with the Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program (CBBEP), under which SABP, Inc. will perform habitat conservation and public access planning activities in association with a Texas Coastal Management Program grant.

A Status and Trends Taskforce meeting was also held on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Several interested parties agreed to take on different topics to write the Status and Trends Report for the San Antonio Bay, Inc. area. The Status and Trends Reports are due by July 31, 2012.

The next scheduled meeting for the SABP, Inc. Status and Trends Taskforce, Finance Committee, and Board of Directors is on February 23, 2012.