



November 7, 2007

Honorable Will Wynn Mayor
Members of City Council
City of Austin
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Austin, Texas 78767

DELIVERY VIA E MAIL

Re Proposed Austin and LCRA Supplemental Water Supply Agreement

Mayor Wynn and Members of Council

The Sierra Club communicated with you a couple weeks ago regarding the Supplemental Water Supply Agreement between the City of Austin and the Lower Colorado River Authority (letter delivered via e mail October 18th). Since that time several of our concerns have been addressed. We appreciate the willingness of city staff, LCRA, the Environmental Board and the Resource Management Commission to hear our concerns and work to address them.

Public Participation

One of the most important elements in this agreement should be to provide for a robust and inclusive public process. The agreement is greatly improved in this matter. However, we request that:

1. The stakeholder group meetings (section 4.1 SWSA) be publicly noticed in advance through each entity's website (LCRA and COA), with agendas and supporting documentation provided in advance to the public.
2. A specific item be set on each agenda to receive public comment. Public comments should be heard before any decisions are made.

The stakeholder group should be comprised of a balanced and diverse group of organizations and individuals interested in the Parties' water supply discussions.

Water Conservation

We appreciate the commitment of both the City of Austin and LCRA to water conservation. We would like, however, to see both entities commit to meeting or bettering the municipal water use target of 140 gallons per capita per day (annual average) recommended by the state's Water

Conservation Implementation Task Force in 2004. The SWSA is an appropriate place to memorialize that commitment.

The Sierra Club appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the revised Supplemental Water Supply Agreement. We look forward to participating in the public process that is established via the Water Resources Management Partnership and Stakeholder Group and assisting these entities to make sound decisions about our water resources in the future.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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