



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Rudy Garza, Assistant City Manager
DATE: June 4, 2008
SUBJECT: COA/LCRA Stakeholder Group

As you may recall the Supplemental Water Supply Agreement settlement reached last year between the City and LCRA calls for:

- “(a) a stakeholder group comprised of a balanced and diverse group of organizations and individuals interested in the Parties' [LCRA and COA] water supply discussions; and
- (b) a process for keeping the stakeholder group informed of the Parties' water supply discussions, and for receiving input from the group.”

The agreement requires the partners (LCRA and COA) to “establish” the stakeholder group “within six months after convening the first meeting of the Executive Management Committee (EMC) of the Water Partnership.” That meeting was held on January 7, meaning that the stakeholder group must be established by July 7. The members of the EMC are Assistant City Manager Rudy Garza and Austin Water Utility Director Greg Meszaros from the City of Austin, and LCRA Assistant General Manager and Chief Administrative Officer Rick Bluntzer and Water Executive Manager Suzanne Zarling.

Over the past several months, the members of the EMC and staff have developed the composition of the stakeholder group and established their fundamental roles. The group makeup is structured such that the members will represent many diverse interests and backgrounds. Nominees will serve two-year terms, with an initial drawing to designate some positions for a one-year term in order to create staggered terms. Below is breakdown of the 15 positions that will makeup the stakeholder committee:

- High growth and development areas (3)
- Environmental (2)
- Business (2)

- Ratepayers (2)
- Industrial (2)
- Recreation (1)
- Agricultural (1)
- Conservation (1)
- At-large (1).

In order to remain in compliance with the Supplemental Water Supply Agreement, the Austin Water Utility will bring forward an item at the June 18, 2008 City Council Meeting with the recommended individuals to serve on the stakeholder group. Council will be asked to make the final approval of the appointments of the members of the COA/LCRA stakeholder group. The LCRA Board will also be asked to recommend the same 15 appointments at their next board meeting which is also June 18, 2008. The names of the EMC recommended stakeholders will be included in subsequent communication. Should Council wish to not appoint certain members to the stakeholder group, Council can appoint the members they do approve of, and staff will go back to the EMC to discuss possible alternative recommendations to present to Council and the LCRA Board for their approval.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please don't hesitate to contact me.



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