



**WATER FORWARD**  
INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCE PLAN

**Austin Integrated Water Resource Planning Community Task Force**

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**Austin Integrated Water Resource Planning Community Task Force**  
**April 03, 2018 – 4:00 p.m.**  
**Waller Creek Center, Room 104**  
**625 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Austin, Texas 78701**

**For more information go to:**  
**[Austin Integrated Water Resource Planning Community Task Force](#)**

## **AGENDA**

### Voting Members:

Sharlene Leurig - Chair	Marianne Dwight	Sarah Richards
Jennifer Walker – Vice Chair	Diane Kennedy	Lauren Ross
Todd Bartee	Perry Lorenz	Robert Mace
Clint Dawson	Bill Moriarty	

### Ex Officio Non-Voting Members:

Austin Water: Greg Meszaros  
Austin Energy: Kathleen Garrett  
Austin Resource Recovery: Sam Angoori  
Neighborhood Housing and Community Development: Rebecca Giello  
Office of Innovation: Kerry O'Connor  
Office of Sustainability: Lucia Athens  
Parks and Recreation: Sara Hensley  
Watershed Protection: Mike Personett

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER – April 03, 2018, 4:00 p.m.**

### **2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

The first 10 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

### **3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- a. Approval of the meeting minutes from the March 20, 2018 Task Force meeting (5 minutes)

**4. STAFF BRIEFINGS, PRESENTATIONS, AND OR REPORTS**

- a. Presentation on Revised Draft Plan Recommendations - City Staff and Consultant Team (45 minutes)
  - i. Task Force Discussion and Input (approximately 45 minutes)

**5. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**6. VOTING ITEMS FROM TASK FORCE**

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**8. ADJOURN**

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For more information on the Austin Integrated Water Resource Planning Community Task Force, please contact Marisa Flores Gonzalez at 512-972-0194.

# MINUTES



The *Austin Integrated Water Resource Planning Community Task Force* convened in a Regular Meeting on March 20, 2018 at Waller Creek Center, Conference Rm 104, 625 E 10<sup>th</sup> Street, in Austin, Texas.

**Members in Attendance:**

Sharlene Leurig - Chair	Diane Kennedy	Perry Lorenz
Jennifer Walker – Vice Chair	Robert Mace	Lauren Ross
William Moriarty	Todd Bartee	

**Ex-Officio Members in Attendance:**

Lucia Athens, Chris Herrington

**Staff in Attendance:**

Greg Meszaros, Kevin Critendon, Daryl Slusher, Teresa Lutes, Marisa Flores Gonzalez, Joe Smith, Mark Jordan, Prachi Patel, Helen Gerlach, Geneva Guerrero, Bruk Berhanu

**Additional Attendees:**

Richard Hoffpauir, Tina Peterson, Dan Rodrigo, John Burke, Ron Anderson, Stefan Schuster, David Briggs, Adam Zerrenner, Jerry Roane

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Sharlene Leurig, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

Adam Zerrenner spoke about coordination and technical assistance  
Jerry Roane spoke about cost to bring water from Sam Rayburn

**3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting minutes from the February 13, 2018 Austin Integrated Water Resource Planning Community Task Force regular meeting were approved on Member Ross’s motion and Member Walker’s second on an 8-0-0-3 vote with Member Richards, Member Dawson and Member Dwight absent.

**4. STAFF BRIEFINGS, PRESENTATIONS, AND/OR REPORTS**

- a. Presentation on Draft Plan Recommendations was provided by Marisa Flores-Gonzalez, Austin Water and Dan Rodrigo, CDM Smith. This presentation was followed by Task Force discussion and input, followed by questions and answers.

**5. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**6. VOTING ITEMS FROM TASK FORCE**

None

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

Chair Leurig adjourned the meeting at 6:35 pm.

# PRESENTATION



# WATER FORWARD

INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCE PLAN

## Water Forward Task Force Meeting

April 3, 2018



## Agenda

- Schedule Through End Of Plan Development Process
- Presentation of Revised Draft Plan Recommendations
  - Task Force Questions, Discussion, and Input

# **Schedule Through End Of Plan Development Process**

## Schedule

Date	Event	
Apr. 3rd	Task Force Meeting	Presentation of and TF input on revised draft plan recommendations
May 1st	Task Force Meeting	High level walk through of draft plan report Vote on TF Meeting Dates post-June
Jun. 5th	Task Force Meeting	TF input on draft plan report
Summer 2018	Boards and Commissions Outreach	Presentation of plan recommendations
Aug. 2018	Task Force Meeting	TF review of revised plan report
Sept. 2018	Task Force Meeting	Recommendation for action on final plan
Sept/Oct. 2018	W/WW Commission Meeting	Review and recommendation for action on final plan
Oct/Nov. 2018	City Council Meeting	Action on final plan

# **Revised Draft Plan Recommendations And Implementation Outlook**





## What’s Changed?

Task	2040 Yield AF/Yr	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032	FY 2033	FY 2034	FY 2035	FY 2036	FY 2037	FY 2038	FY 2039	FY 2040	
		Q2 Q3 Q4	Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4																				
1 Target Final Plan Presentation To and Adoption By Council																							
2 Implementation Plan Refinement																							
4 Dual Plumbing Ordinance, Phase 1 (More limited in applicability)	NA																						
5 Dual Plumbing Ordinance, Phase 2 (Expanded ordinance applicability)																							
6 Alternative Water Ordinance, Phase 1 (More limited in applicability)																							
7 Alternative Water Ordinance, Phase 2 (Expanded ordinance applicability)	5,486																						
8 Alternative Water Incentive																							
9 Advanced Metering Infrastructure	3,882																						
10 Water Loss Control - Utility Side	9,326																						
11 AC Condensate Reuse and CII Ordinance	2,147																						
12 Benchmarking, Phase 1 (require submittal of water usage)	NA																						
13 Benchmarking, Phase 2 (require compliance with a water budget)	5,953																						
14 Landscape Ordinance	3,038																						
15 Landscape Incentive	321																						
16 Irrigation Efficiency Incentive	205																						
17 Centralized Reclaimed (Master Plan Implementation)	12,000																						
18 Decentralized Reclaimed (Dist. WW Reuse and Sewer Mining)																							
19 Refinement of decentralized option analysis	4,154																						
20 Future additional decentralized reclaimed project identification																							
21 Decentralized reclaimed project design and construction																							
22 Aquifer Storage and Recovery																							
23 Further Study and Modeling, Permitting, Land Acquisition																							
24 Pilot Design, Construction, and Testing	60,000																						
25 Design of full-scale ASR facility																							
26 Construction of full-scale ASR facility																							
27 Indirect Potable Reuse																							
28 Alternatives Analysis, Permitting, and Public Outreach Design	11,000																						
29 Construction																							
30 New Off Channel Reservoir and Brackish Groundwater Desalination	NA																						
31 Scope of Work and Project Schedule Development																							
32 Consultant Procurement																							
33 Data Gathering and Preliminary Analyses																							
34 Plan Development <b>4/3</b>																							
35 Target Final Plan Presentation To and Adoption By Council																							
36 Implementation Plan Development																							

Added 2040 Yields

Implementation would consider location and timing of new development opportunities.

Note: Option could be accelerated if required in a drought situation

Continued Study and Refinement of Options - Public Outreach - Possible exploratory land acquisition efforts during this time period.

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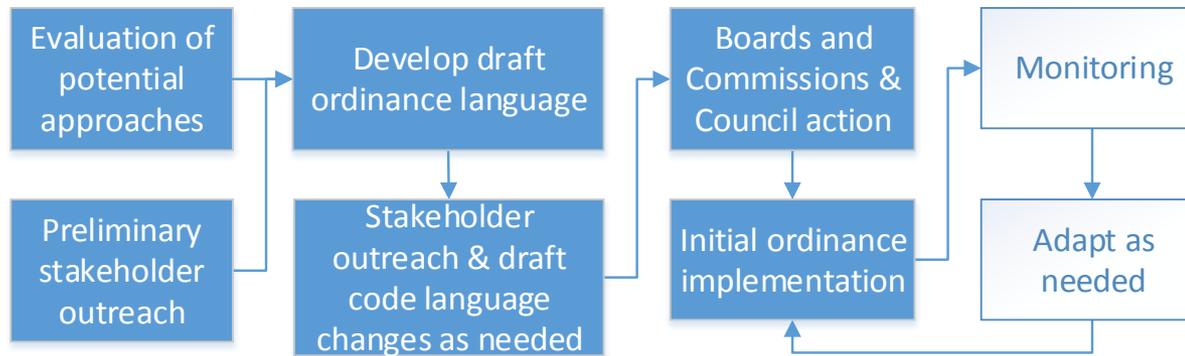
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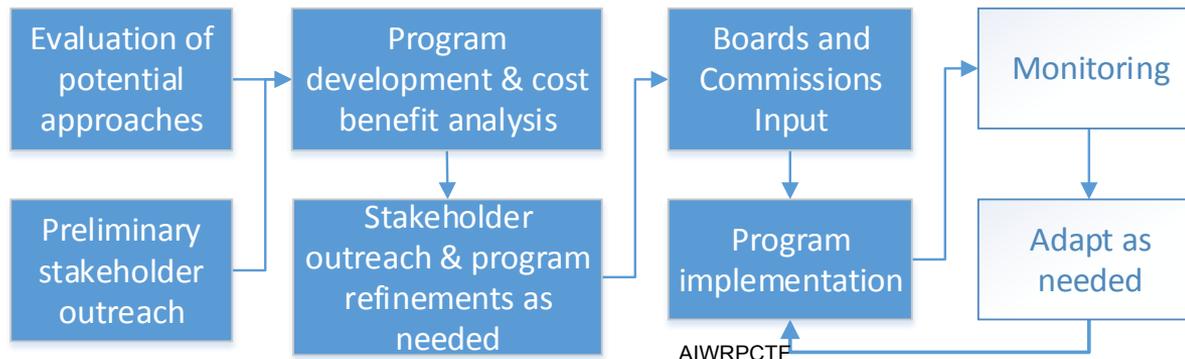


# Typical Ordinance and Incentive Processes

## Typical Ordinance Development Process



## Typical Incentive Development Process

















## Discussion Goals

- Input on revised plan recommendations
  - Are the recommendations clear?
  - Are you comfortable with the recommendations?
- Input on implementation outlook
  - Is the phasing of options clear?
  - Is the rationale behind the phasing understandable?
  - Are you comfortable with the implementation timeline?
- Parking lot for other/future items

# **BACKUP MATERIALS**

## Draft Outline of Plan Recommendations

### Hybrid Portfolio Planning Context

- Plan development targeted at being adaptable for a variety of potential futures as a way to deal with climate, drought, and other uncertainties
- Planning context for identified needs and strategies to meet the needs
  - Focus was on Scenario B – Period of Record (Observed Hydrology) adjusted to reflect the potential future effects of climate change
  - Hybrid Portfolios were developed to meet identified Type 1, 2, and 3 needs

### Core Colorado River Supplies

- Colorado River supply will continue to be Austin's core supply in the future
- Action steps to protect and enhance this supply include:
  - Continued participation in the Lower Colorado River Authority/City of Austin Water Partnership
  - Continue to engage on potential water supply development in the basin, which may include regional partnerships as a way to implement supply or demand management options
  - Continued communication and information sharing with other entities in the basin
  - Continued participation in LCRA's Water Management Plan update processes
  - Continued participation in the Texas Water Development Board-administered Regional Water Planning process
  - Broaden our understanding of basin-wide issues, including both upstream and downstream issues
  - Share information and work with others to study potential future climate change impacts

### Implementation of Best Management Practices

- Continue to implement best management practices and options identified as implementation components
  - Best management practice options
    - Require or incentivize government-recognized energy and water efficiency-labeled residential and commercial fixtures
      - Included in baseline assumptions in portfolios
    - Incentivize or require toilet, urinal, and bathroom faucet aerator efficiencies
      - Included in baseline assumptions in portfolios
    - Lake Austin Operations
      - Implementation during drought periods
  - Options identified as implementation components
    - Water rates and fees to promote water use efficiency while maintaining affordability
    - Customer education enhancements
    - Use of social media programs and web-based content to promote conservation

Hybrid 1 Portfolio Makeup for Each Planning Horizon

Portfolio Makeup		Average Drought	2040 Yield Target	2070 Yield Target	2115 Yield Target
<b>Future Additional Portfolio Elements</b>					
D1	AMI	Both	3,882	5,766	9,371
D2	Water Loss Control	Both	9,326	10,918	13,064
D3	CII Ordinances	Both	1,063	1,063	1,063
D4	Benchmarking	Both	5,953	11,670	25,228
D5	Landscape Ordinance	Both	3,038	7,428	15,050
D6	Landscape Incentive	Both	321	633	929
D7	Irrigation Incentive	Both	205	427	394
D8	Lot Scale Stormwater Harvesting	Both	329	869	2,275
D9	Lot Scale Rainwater Harvesting	Both	1,550	4,032	9,251
D10	Lot Scale Gray Water Harvesting	Both	2,126	5,617	12,667
D11	Lot Scale Wastewater Reuse	Both	1,323	3,672	7,875
D12	AC Condensate Reuse	Both	1,084	2,711	5,150
S1	Aquifer Storage and Recovery	Drought	60,000	60,000	90,000
S2	Brackish Groundwater Desal	Both	-	5,000	16,000
S3	Direct Non-Potable Reuse	Both	12,000	25,000	54,600
S4	Direct Potable Reuse	Drought	-	-	-
S5	Indirect Potable Reuse	Drought	11,000	20,000	20,000
S6	LCRA Additional Supply	Both	-	-	-
S7	New Off Channel Reservoir	Both	-	25,000	25,000
S8a	Seawater Desal (Import Option)	Both	-	-	-
S8b	Conventional Groundwater (Import Option)	Both	-	-	-
S9	Community Scale Distributed Wastewater Reuse	Both	3,154	14,467	30,049
S10	Community Scale Sewer Mining	Both	1,000	2,211	5,284
S11	Community Scale Stormwater	Both	158	236	504
S12	Community Scale Rainwater	Both	-	-	-
	Remaining Regional Supply	Both	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Existing Portfolio Elements</b>					
	DCP Implementation	Drought	N/A	N/A	N/A
	COA Run of River	Both			
	LCRA Firm Supply	Both			
	Remaining Regional Supply	Both			

## Adaptive Management Plan - High Level Implementation Steps

Several options will need to be implemented in the near term to ramp up over time to meet future planning horizon goals. This will include demand management, decentralized, and centralized reclaimed system options.

### Demand Management Options

- Dual Plumbing Ordinance
  - This option will include development of an ordinance to require dual plumbing in new development (applicability to be determined) pending Boards and Commissions and Council action. Implementation will include stakeholder and Boards and Commissions outreach and input.
  - Option considered an implementation component necessary to facilitate savings from Alternative Water and Centralized and Decentralized Reclaimed Options.
  - First phase will include development of an ordinance that would be more limited in applicability potentially targeting a certain sector, land use, site characteristic, or geographic area. Specific applicability to be determined as part of subsequent ordinance development and stakeholder outreach processes.
  - Second phase would expand ordinance applicability. Specific applicability to be determined as part of subsequent ordinance development and stakeholder outreach processes.
- Alternative Water Ordinances
  - This option includes the development of ordinances requiring alternative water use, to include lot-scale rainwater harvesting, lot and community scale stormwater harvesting, lot scale blackwater reuse, lot scale graywater harvesting, centralized reclaimed water or decentralized reclaimed water (applicability to be determined) pending Boards and Commissions and Council action. Implementation will include stakeholder and Boards and Commissions outreach and input.
  - First phase will include development of an ordinance that would be more limited in applicability potentially targeting a certain sector, land use, site characteristic, or geographic area. Specific applicability to be determined as part of subsequent ordinance development and stakeholder outreach processes.
  - Second phase would expand ordinance applicability. Specific applicability to be determined as part of subsequent ordinance development and stakeholder outreach processes.
  - Later steps will include development of an alternative water ordinance, which will include stakeholder outreach and Boards and Commissions and Council action
- Alternative Water Incentives
  - This option includes enhancement of existing incentive programs to facilitate alternative water use, to include lot-scale rainwater harvesting, lot and community scale stormwater harvesting, lot scale blackwater reuse, and lot scale graywater harvesting
  - Implementation will target existing development
  - Incentive program development will include interdepartmental, stakeholder, and Boards and Commissions outreach and input
- Advanced Metering Infrastructure and Water Loss Control
  - AW will continue implementation of these utility initiatives
- CII Ordinances and AC Condensate Reuse Ordinance
  - Options recently adopted into code
  - AW will continue to monitor these options
- Development-focused Water Use Benchmarking and Budgeting
  - First phase – Information submittal and voluntary conservation program participation
    - Initially this option will require submittal of water use estimates for new development. As a first step, potential approaches to implement this requirement will be evaluated. If

the best approach will require an ordinance, the process will include stakeholder outreach and Boards and Commissions and Council action

- As part of this program, City staff will provide potential water use efficiency and alternative water recommendations and information on available incentive and rebate programs. This information will tie into the development of databases to be used to develop benchmarks for efficient water usage for various development types. Implementation of the measure will look for ways to tie into the Service Extension Request (SER) and Austin Energy Green Building (AEGB) programs as well as AMI customer portals for residential and commercial.
  - Second phase – Requirement that new development meet established water budget
    - Prior to 2040, this option will be expanded to include requirement of water use estimate submittals for new development concurrent with preliminary plan submittal to be reviewed by City staff and a requirement that new development meet a benchmark water budget (compliance mechanism to be determined).
- Landscape Transformation Ordinance
  - This option includes development of a landscape transformation ordinance, which will include stakeholder outreach and Boards and Commissions and Council action
  - Implementation of a landscape transformation ordinance could include implementing turf grass area, irrigated area, and/or irrigation area limitations
  - Enhanced ordinance would likely see majority of savings coming from Single Family Residential (SFR) sector as current ordinance covers Commercial and Multi-Family sectors
  - Recent market trends have shifted toward native and adaptive plant palettes for SFR (for example: Home Builders Association of Greater Austin Sensible Landscaping Guide)
- Landscape Transformation Incentive
  - Implementation of an incentive could include increasing existing WaterWise landscape rebates for single family residential and multifamily residential and implementing a new WaterWise landscape rebate for commercial properties beyond City of Austin Land Development Code requirements
  - Incentive program development will include stakeholder and Boards and Commissions outreach and input and will target existing development
- Irrigation Efficiency Incentive
  - Implementation of an incentive could include expansion of current irrigation rebate programs to include irrigation system controllers that make flow data accessible and are capable of responding to leaks and high flow situations
  - Incentive program development will include stakeholder and Boards and Commissions outreach and input and will target existing development

### Supply Options

- Centralized and Decentralized Reclaimed Water
  - This includes the Centralized Reclaimed Water (Purple Pipe) System and decentralized reclaimed options: community scale distributed wastewater reuse and community scale sewer mining.
  - AW will continue implementation of the centralized reclaimed water (purple pipe) system master plan with consideration of potential expansion
  - Initial steps for decentralized reclaimed options will include additional refinement of geospatial analysis and potential project identification. Later steps will include design and construction of decentralized reclaimed projects.
  - Implementation of both centralized and decentralized reclaimed options will be informed by and will coordinate with one another.
- Aquifer Storage and Recovery (Carrizo-Wilcox)

- Initial steps will include further study for pilot and full project, further modelling for operational considerations, land acquisition, legal and permitting considerations, and piloting
- Later steps will include evaluation of pilot, potentially leading to preliminary design and construction of a full-scale ASR facility
- To date, only preliminary costs for an ASR pilot are include in the AW capital improvements plan (CIP). CIP costs and operations and maintenance costs will need to be added in future budgets.
- Indirect Potable Reuse
  - Initial steps will build on previously performed feasibility studies for IPR and will include further study of potential option configuration, further evaluation of Lady Bird Lake inflows, and infrastructure requirements, and permitting and operational considerations
- New Off Channel Reservoir
  - Initial steps will include further study of infrastructure requirements for this option
  - Later steps will include permitting, land acquisition, design, and construction of facilities
- Brackish Groundwater Desalination
  - Initial steps will include location of a potential aquifer and potentially water quality testing
  - Later steps will include permitting, land acquisition, design, and construction of facilities
- Other options that progressed through screening but were not included in Hybrid 1 could be considered at a future point as the plan is reevaluated on a five-year cycle
  - Options include community-scale rainwater harvesting, direct potable reuse, additional LCRA supply, import options like seawater desal and conventional groundwater

## Future Steps

- Post plan adoption, convene the Water Forward Task Force on a quarterly basis to support ongoing plan implementation efforts
- Determine funding and resource requirements to implement plan strategies and programs
- Update Integrated Water Resource Plan, plan recommendations, and adaptive management plan on a five-year cycle

## Metrics to Monitor Conditions and Implementation Success

- Demands
  - How are water demands tracking with plan projections?
- Supplies
  - Ratio of supply capacity to demand
- Project implementation tracking
  - Progression of projects and programs compared to estimated project milestones
  - Estimated savings from implemented demand management options
  - Estimated yield from implemented supply options

