

**Executive Management Committee Quarterly Meeting
Austin-LCRA Water Partnership
APPROVED MINUTES**

Date: June 11, 2010

Location: Austin City Hall
Room 4101 (4th Floor)

Meeting Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

Attendees:

Greg Meszaros, Austin	Suzanne Zarling, LCRA
Rudy Garza, Austin	Becky Motal, LCRA
Teresa Lutes, Austin	James Kowis, LCRA
Daryl Slusher, Austin	Yvonne Davis, LCRA
Ross Crow, Austin	Karen Bondy, LCRA
Clyde Canady, Austin	David Wheelock, LCRA
Jeff Fox, Austin	Nora Mullarkey, LCRA
Richard Hoffpauir, consultant Austin	Greg Graml, LCRA Scott Ahlstrom, LCRA

Minutes:

I. Agenda and Action Items from Last Meeting

- a. Reviewed agenda
- b. Reviewed and approved minutes from March 12, 2010 EMC Meeting
- c. Action items listed in meeting minutes
 - i. Technical Committee to update EMC Committee on the status of the FPP sub-committee at the next meeting

II. Discuss accounting for water use by AE at FPP between run-of-river and stored water

- a. Scott Ahlstrom reviewed the Fayette Power Project (FPP) water sources (run-of-river and Highland Lakes stored water). The desire to achieve the most beneficial water use for both LCRA Wholesale Power Services and Austin Energy was discussed. Clyde Canady and Scott Ahlstrom described typical seasonal operations involved in pumping Colorado River water into the Cedar Creek Reservoir. It was expressed that both parties have the same objective to maximize use of run-of-river water when available. The EMC directed the Technical Committee to explore the issues, establish a sub-committee, and bring recommendations back to the EMC within 3 to 6 months. The plan will be to provide the EMC an update at the next EMC meeting in September.

III. Committee Reports:

- a. Technical Committee: James Kowis reviewed highlights of the recent and ongoing activities of the Technical Committee:
 - i. The draft Lady Bird Lake Operational Protocol is in review. The two parties had recently coordinated on a construction-related lake lowering event for Lady Bird Lake.
 - ii. Four different water rights applications/amendments are currently pending at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). A September timeframe is anticipated for reviewing with TCEQ water rights staff a draft Joint Reuse Application.
 - iii. A sub-committee was recently established to facilitate better coordination on operational issues. Austin Energy's Kathleen Garrett has been attending most of those meetings.
 - iv. The LCRA Water Supply Resource Plan process is ongoing and is anticipated to go before the LCRA Board for approval in an upcoming meeting.
- b. Stakeholder Committee:
 - i. Suzanne Zarling noted that the Stakeholder Committee will probably be interested in following the demand projection process and conservation issues. Future Stakeholder Committee meetings can be planned to address interest areas.
- c. Water Conservation Committee:
 - i. Nora Mullarkey has met with Drema Gross, AWU's Acting Conservation Division Manager, on WaterSmart, and other issues. The two parties are working towards consistency between programs being offered by LCRA and the City of Austin. The Water IQ program is now in its 5th year. LCRA is considering adding its logo to the COA television advertisement on water conservation. The COA Toilet Rebate program has changed to free toilets not including installation. Cedar Park, Lakeway MUD, and Water District 17 are participating in LCRA's toilet rebate program. Rudy Garza noted that the City has recently contracted with Enviro Media to conduct a survey and offered to share the results with LCRA.
- d. Water Quality Committee:
 - i. The Water Quality Committee has met two times recently. Austin and LCRA have worked together on the Highland Lakes discharge ban, Belterra and other issues. The committee is looking at additional water quality monitoring needs and how to get the best use of expenditures on monitoring.

IV. Updates:

- a. LCRA Water Supply Resource Plan Process - James Kowis gave an update on LCRA's Water Supply Resource Plan (WSRP) process. LCRA has added an executive summary to the WSRP and included an on-channel dam section. Adoption of the Water Supply Resource Plan by the LCRA Board is expected later this year. Aspects of the water supply planning process addressing future source and facility planning were discussed including LCRA increasing the timeframe in the draft plan for when the LCRA would begin a process for its Board to evaluate and determine which future water supply projects it may want to pursue. The amended draft plan states that such a process would begin when LCRA has about 20 years of uncommitted available water supplies remaining based on its historic contracting rate.
- b. Permit Applications:
 - i. Joint Reuse Application - Ross Crow gave an update on the Draft Joint Reuse Application. The intention is to meet with TCEQ permitting staff in the August/September 2010 timeframe to review a draft permit. After formal submittal of a permit application, TCEQ will review it for administrative completeness prior to proceeding with the notice process.
 - ii. Unappropriated Flows Permit – LCRA and the interested parties are working towards meeting the July extension granted by TCEQ. LCRA and the interested parties expect to meet with TCEQ in early August to review details of the draft permit submittal.
 - iii. Garwood Permit – Pursuant to TCEQ's request LCRA is planning to provide TCEQ with an accounting plan. The permitting process is continuing.
 - iv. Leander Inter-Basin Transfer (IBT) – a draft permit is in the process of being developed.

V. Workshop – LCRA Water Management Plan:

- a. James Kowis discussed the LCRA Water Management Plan (WMP) and the WMP Revision process that is now underway. James discussed demands, drought of record and operational aspects of the reservoir system and water for firm and interruptible customers. The upcoming WMP Revision process has the first meeting of the Advisory Committee on July 13th at LCRA's Riverside Conference Center in Bastrop. The WMP Revision is to be submitted to TCEQ no later than July 2013. The WMP is considered to be part of LCRA's water right and as such is subject to public comment periods and can be contested.

VI. Other business or news items – none

VII. Meeting Adjourned approximately at 11:30