

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

APPROVED Minutes

Meeting Date: March 22, 2013

Location: LCRA Board Conference Room
Hancock Building

Meeting Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Robert Goode, City of Austin
Greg Meszaros, Austin Water
Ross Crow, City of Austin Legal
Jeff Fox, Austin Water
Danielle Martin, City of Austin
Teresa Lutes, Austin Water
Tina Bui, City of Austin

Henry Eby, LCRA
Kyle Jensen, LCRA
Karen Bondy, LCRA
David Wheelock, LCRA
Terry Zrubek, LCRA
Nora Mullarkey, LCRA
Nicole Rozas, LCRA
Gail Oliver, LCRA
Ryan Rowney, LCRA
Lyn Clancy, LCRA

Minutes:

- I. **Welcome** – Kyle Jensen called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm
- II. **Agenda and Minutes from Last Meeting** -
 - a) Reviewed Agenda
 - b) Motion was made and seconded to approve the December 7, 2012 EMC minutes without changes.
- III. **2012 COA and LCRA Water Partnership Annual Report** – David Wheelock provided an overview of the 2012 annual report including the joint application for reuse and withdrawal of four pending applications w/TCEQ. The group motion was made to approve the 2012 Annual Report with minor changes and the motion was approved. The signed Annual Report will be posted to both the City and LCRA's website.
- IV. **Water Management Plan** – TCEQ issued a draft order on November 13, 2012. LCRA filed comments with TCEQ last Friday, March 15, which will be posted to lcra.org.
- V. **City of Austin Data Request Discussion** – Teresa Lutes gave an update on the City's draft data request. David Walker will assist with a future technical committee workshop. Teresa reviewed the four main request areas: Historical pass through

flows, agricultural interruptible water use, naturalized hydrology, and information regarding downstream water use. LCRA will continue to determine what information is available and the City will respond with specific questions.

- VI. Drought Outlook** – Karen Bondy provided the current storage forecast. Teresa requested the status of pro-rata curtailment planning. LCRA is tentatively looking at meeting with firm water customers in late April, following more management and Board discussion. Teresa stated the City’s desire to continue to work with LCRA to avoid starting the process all over, noted the reference year is still important and the City would like to account for growth that has occurred.
- VII. Domestic Use Program for Lake Austin and Lady Bird Lake** – Gail Oliver provided background on LCRA’s domestic use program including the importance of communicating that anyone pumping water from the lakes needs to obtain a domestic use contract. She provided previous outreach examples including direct mailing to over 25,000 lakeside residents on the highland lakes, enforcement procedures developed in concert with TCEQ and irrigation system evaluation services offered. Gail shared LCRA’s plans to begin reminding lakeside residents of the need for domestic use contracts through press releases and direct mailing to lakeside residents on Lake Austin and Lady Bird Lake in the next several weeks. Lyn Clancy discussed communication and inquiries related to riparian rights. Tina Bui indicated the Lake Austin Task Force is concerned about straws in the lake and LCRA’s domestic use program is good information to share . Ross Crow suggested there may be an opportunity for cooperation between the City and LCRA on LCRA’s domestic use program with regard to the City’s efforts to prevent cross connections with the City’s potable water system from alternative sources of water, such as water pumped from the lakes.
- VIII. Technical Committee Report** – Teresa gave an overview of recent committee efforts including monthly meetings, water management plan collaboration, drought emergency order, the joint application for reuse pending at TCEQ, water modeling reviews, regular water rights updates, and pending draft data request review.
- IX. Stakeholder Committee Member Replacements** – Tina provided an update, stating that the Austin City Council approved the appointment of the two new members on the Stakeholder committee. Tina and Gail will work on planning the next EMC Stakeholder Committee meeting planned for late spring or early summer.
- X. Legislative Items** – Greg Meszaros discussed various bills relating to water management, water use-fees, and State water project funding.
- XI. Meeting Adjourned** – at 2:59 pm.