

Executive Management Committee Quarterly Meeting Austin-LCRA Water Partnership

APPROVED MINUTES

Meeting Date: June 8, 2012

Location: LCRA Board Conference Room
Hancock Building

Meeting Time: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m

Attendees:

Greg Meszaros, Austin Water
Robert Goode, Austin
Daryl Slusher, Austin Water
Teresa Lutes, Austin Water
Ross Crow, Austin
Kathleen Garrett, Austin Energy
Drema Gross, Austin Water
Jeff Fox, Austin Water

Kyle Jensen, LCRA
Henry Eby, LCRA
Karen Bondy, LCRA
James Kowis, LCRA
Greg Graml, LCRA
David Wheelock, LCRA
Nora Mullarkey, LCRA
Gail Oliver, LCRA

Minutes:

I. Welcome – Kyle Jensen brought the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at about 2:00 p.m.

II. Agenda and Minutes from Last Meeting

a. Reviewed agenda – The agenda was reviewed.

b. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously agreed to approve the March 30, 2012 EMC Minutes.

III. Austin Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan – Daryl Slusher reviewed the City's recent progress in updating the City's Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plans. Drema Gross discussed the ongoing public stakeholder input process with monthly public meetings in January, February, and March of this year. The revised Water Conservation Plan Ordinance which incorporates citizen input and staff revisions is expected to go to City Council on June 28th. Drema outlined the plan's four stages including triggers and goals.

IV. On-going Drought - Karen Bondy discussed the on-going drought situation, stating that May and June are typically the area's wettest months and that in May 2012 the area received only 39 percent of average rainfall. Karen said that with current lake levels there is not expected to be pro rata curtailment during calendar year 2012. It was mentioned that Bob Rose's forecast is for a dry and hot summer with a return to El Nino conditions in the fall, which could result in wetter conditions. Kyle reported that the

LCRA Board approved 2nd crop contracts for the Garwood district based on LCRA's Garwood contract under current conditions (estimated to be about 20,000 acre-feet per year total for 1st and 2nd crops combined).

- V. Water Management Plan Amendment** – TCEQ has declared the WMP Amendment application to be administratively complete. The TCEQ technical review is now in progress. LCRA staff had several technical meetings with TCEQ and LCRA submitted a supplemental filing with updated technical information.

LCRA Water Supply Strategies - Kyle Jensen reviewed new supply strategies that LCRA is pursuing, including groundwater Bastrop area and downstream off-channel reservoirs working in conjunction with existing diversion pump stations to the extent possible.

Greg Meszaros noted that Austin is in a unique position of having already invested in the City's future water supply. However, as LCRA's project proceeds, the City will be interested in staying abreast of the process to be able to work through any jointly related issues that may arise along the way. It was discussed and agreed that the City and LCRA should continue to work together on issues of mutual interest and concern that may present themselves as LCRA's water supply project work proceeds.

- VI. Technical Committee Report** – David Wheelock reported that the committee has worked on a number of issues. At the April meeting the drought and LCRA's stochastic projection methodology was discussed. Other recent topics include an explanation of LCRA's 2013 Business Plan, the impact of hydrilla in Lake Austin, and the joint application for reuse of Austin's return flows.
- VII. Stakeholder Committee** – Karen Bondy and Daryl Slusher reported on the recent Stakeholder Committee meeting held on May 22, 2012. Karen said the meeting included updates on the purpose of the committee, a new water supply update, Water Management Plan update, and drought and water conservation updates. All Stakeholders expressed an interest in remaining on the committee.
- VIII. Workshop – Region K** – James Kowis and Teresa Lutes gave an overview of the regional water planning process, which has a 50 year planning horizon now extending to 2070 for the next plan.
- IX. Other business or news items, if time allows** – Henry Eby asked about the City's view on the domestic wells within the City. Greg Meszaros listed several emerging issues the City is working on including new well registration, cross connection protection, and developing a water well database.
- X. Meeting Adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.**