

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

APPROVED MINUTES

Date: March 11, 2011

Location: Austin City Hall
Room 4125 (4th Floor)

Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Attendees:

Greg Meszaros, Austin	Suzanne Zarling, LCRA
Rudy Garza, Austin	Becky Motal, LCRA
Teresa Lutes, Austin	Lyn Clancy, LCRA
Daryl Slusher, Austin	James Kowis, LCRA
Ross Crow, Austin	Karen Bondy, LCRA
Jeff Fox, Austin	Yvonne Davis, LCRA

Minutes:

- I. **Agenda and Action Items from Last Meeting** – Greg Meszaros brought the meeting to order about 9:10 a.m.
 - a. Reviewed agenda
 - b. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously agreed to approve December 10, 2010 EMC Minutes.
 - c. Action items from last meeting – Greg Meszaros said AWU will plan on giving the annual City Council briefing probably in February 2011. The annual briefing was given to City Council on March 2, 2011. Teresa Lutes reported that the City of Austin demand projections to the year 2100 are to be scheduled to be reviewed with the Stakeholder Committee at the April 14, 2010 COA-LCRA Water Partnership Stakeholder Committee meeting. Rudy Garza requested that an update on the WMP be added to the 2010 Annual Report including reference to COA participation in the WMP Revision as a firm interest representative. Text was added to the 2010 Annual Partnership Report reflecting the WMP Revision update.
- II. **COA Demand Projections Status** – Teresa Lutes discussed the scheduled April 14th Stakeholder Committee meeting and the need to address input and comments from the Stakeholders about the COA demand projections. Suzanne Zarling requested the COA provide LCRA with a draft of the demand projections prior to the Stakeholder Committee

meeting. It was agreed that the COA would target March 31, 2011 for the delivery of those draft projections to the Water Partnership EMC.

III. Water Management Plan (WMP) Revision Status -

James Kowis noted that there is a work session next Monday with the Environmental Interest group to explore the possibility of incorporating aspects of the Matagorda Bay Health Evaluation (MBHE) environmental flows like the "Op 60" approach. This alternate environmental flows approach will be discussed in a full Water Availability Modeling (WAM) WMP work session on Wednesday March 16th at Redbud while looking at modeling results. March 29th will be a regular WMP meeting and will include a presentation by Freese and Nichols of the recently completed draft Method to Determine Drought Worse than Drought of Record report prepared for LCRA. The Advisory Committee will also focus on what issues remain to reach a consensus. Becky Motal said the interest groups have done a good job of defining what their issues are. Issues related to the drought worse than the drought of record were discussed. Suzanne Zarling suggested and there was EMC concurrence that a focused technical staff work-group discussion should follow to fully explore the technical issues to ensure mutual understanding of the related criteria, procedures, etc.

IV. WTP 4 Update:

- a. **Requirements of 1999 Agreement** – The EMC directed the Technical Committee to review requirements and report back.

V. Committee Reports:

- a. Technical Committee – Teresa Lutes said the COA took over the lead this year. The Technical Committee has a number of activities and discussions underway including the Fayette Power Plant (FPP) water use optimization, Lady Bird Lake operating protocols, COA demands, development of the joint application for indirect reuse of return flows, among others. Karen Bondy said LCRA made a presentation to the FPP Operating Committee last week. The option of being able to use more run of river water for storage in Cedar Creek Reservoir is being explored. The FPP Subcommittee (of the Technical Committee) is tasked with exploring Cedar Creek reservoir operations and water use optimization.
- b. Stakeholder Committee – April 14th is the scheduled Stakeholder Committee meeting to be held at the LCRA Redbud Center. Recommendations are needed to fill several openings on the committee. Nominee recommendations should be directed to the EMC. Subsequent approval by the Austin City Council and LCRA Board will be required.
- c. Water Conservation Committee – Greg Meszaros expressed an interest in better understanding the direction of joint conservation

education funding. Suzanne Zarling said that LCRA is currently focusing on individual conservation behavior and hopes to continue the joint funding for conservation communication.

- d. Water Quality Committee – Karen Bondy noted that the 2010 Water Quality Report was recently published. Karen said there will likely be a proposal for the Water Quality Committee to meet less often than the current quarterly meetings. Suzanne Zarling made note that the City of Burnet, COA and LCRA recently approved an agreement related to the City of Burnet wastewater discharge permit amendment application.

VI. Permit Applications Status:

- a. Waller Creek - Ross Crow said the COA Waller Creek permit has been declared administratively complete by the TCEQ.
- b. Stoneledge Quarry – David Johns currently has the Agreement and it is waiting on BSEACD signatures
- c. Joint Application for Reuse – the COA is working on the final draft permit application for LCRA review before submittal to TCEQ. Suzanne Zarling said the LCRA Board is requesting LCRA staff to move permits through the permitting process. Greg Meszaros said that a schedule should be decided upon with a goal of filing the permit application by the next EMC meeting in June. The EMC agreed with the goal of filing by the next EMC meeting, scheduled for June 10, 2011.
- d. Unappropriated Flows Permit – TCEQ is scheduled to consider approval of the permit at their April 20, 2011 meeting.
- e. Fayette Power Project – Lyn Clancy said LCRA expects to have public notices in the Fayette County area within the next two weeks addressing their permit amendment for the Cedar Creek Reservoir.
- f. Garwood – Lyn indicated that TCEQ feedback on the revised accounting plan submitted by LCRA is expected soon.
- g. Leander Inter-basin flow transfer – It was noted that TCEQ has indicated that Brazos River Authority has the rights to water Leander is discharging in the Brazos Basin.
- h. LCRA downstream water rights – LCRA Board to address staff proposal to amend the use designation for LCRA's Gulf Coast and Lakeside permits. If the amendment application is approved by the Board and subsequently by TCEQ this amendment would benefit the system.
- i. Lometa – Lyn Clancy said LCRA filed an application to amend the Lometa water right because of the drought in the upper basin.
- j. Upstream senior water right - LCRA is also looking at another upstream senior water right that could possibly be leased by the owner to LCRA which would require the addition of municipal as a beneficial use. Such an amendment could possibly be filed with TCEQ as early as June of this year.

VII. Other business or news items: No new business was discussed

VIII. Meeting Adjourned at approximately 11:50