

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

**Date:** October 3, 2008

**Location:** LCRA Board Conference Room  
3700 Lake Austin Blvd.  
Austin, TX 78703

**Meeting Start:** 2:00 p.m.

**Attendees:**

EMC Members:

Becky Motal, LCRA  
Suzanne Zarling, LCRA  
Greg Meszaros, Austin  
Rudy Garza, Austin

Staff:

Yvonne Davis, LCRA  
Karen Bondy, LCRA  
James Kowis, LCRA  
Lyn Clancy, LCRA  
Perwez Moheet, Austin  
Daryl Slusher, Austin  
Teresa Lutes, Austin  
Ross Crow, Austin  
Richard Hoffpauir, Consultant (Austin)

**Minutes:**

**I. Technical Committee Updates**

- a. The City of Austin provided an update on its Waller Creek Tunnel Project and noted that staff is working with the Technical Committee to address any water rights and Austin-LCRA contract issues related to proposed impoundments and new use of Lady Bird Lake water.
- b. Discussion on Stoneledge Recharge Project
  - This item was postponed to the next Executive Management Committee meeting.
- c. Discussion on Annual Report of Water Partnership
  - The EMC's Technical Committee circulated a draft report for review and comment by the EMC.
  - Comments are due back to Teresa Lutes, Chair of the Technical Committee, by Friday, October 17.
  - The report has to be posted to LCRA and Austin websites by November 1.
  - The EMC discussed other reporting requirements under the Supplemental Water Supply Agreement and coordination of these reports between LCRA and City staff. These include reports to the City Council, LCRA Board, Region K, and City Water/Wastewater Commission.

- i. City staff will likely brief Council in December.
- ii. Teresa Lutes and James Kowis will handle the required annual briefing to Region K, probably in January. LCRA Staff will brief its Board on the Partnership in either November or December.
- iii. Reporting on Conservation activities under SWSA will likely be combined with the Board and Council annual update.
- iv. Teresa Lutes volunteered to circulate a draft proposed calendar of these presentations.

## **II. Stakeholder Committee**

- Karen Bondy and Daryl Slusher provided an overview of the first Stakeholder Committee, held on August 14 at LCRA.
- The EMC discussed the role of the Stakeholder Committee and possible activities of the committee to ensure continued engagement.
  - i. Karen Bondy and Daryl Slusher volunteered to put together a proposed agenda and calendar of future meeting dates and bring them back to the next Executive Management Committee meeting.
  - ii. Suggested topics include a history of LCRA and the City regarding water, water rights, working together, etc.
- The EMC discussed the possibility of creating a formal charter to more formally finalize the roles of the Committee.
  - i. Karen Bondy and Daryl Slusher will also explore the possibility of a joint workshop between the Executive Management Committee and the Stakeholder Committee.

## **III. Water Conservation**

### **a. Annual Report Discussion**

- The EMC discussed the content and timing of the annual report and coordination of this activity with other ongoing conservation efforts of the City and LCRA.
- Karen Bondy and Daryl Slusher will circulate a draft outline for the report for review and comment by the EMC.
- Approval of the draft report by the EMC will be coordinated via email.

## **IV. Water Quality**

- The Water Quality Committee has not officially convened yet, so there is no report.

## **V. Hot Topics**

- Lyn Clancy provided an update on the LCRA's efforts to settle the dispute over its application for unappropriated flows (Application No. 5731).

- Karen Bondy reported on the LCRA's recent adoption of a raw water increase of 9½% that will go into effect January 1, 2009.
- LCRA's annual water customer meeting will be held on Thursday, November 20.
- Suzanne Zarling provided a brief update related to LCRA's divestiture conversations with Brushy Creek.
- Becky Motal updated the group on LCRA's changes to its river and lake advisory panels.
- James Kowis provided an update on the Water Resource Supply Plan public forums that were held in July.
- Greg Meszaros said that the Green Water Plant is officially out of service forever as of last week (the week of September 22).
- Lyn Clancy provided an update on the status of LCRA's application to amend its inter-basin transfer permit to provide additional water to the City of Leander.

**Action items from the meeting:**

- Add David Johns' update on the Stoneledge Recharge Project to the next Executive Management Committee meeting agenda.
- The Executive Management Committee was asked to look over the Annual Report of Partnership and get back to Teresa Lutes with suggestions, edits, etc. by October 17.
- Teresa Lutes volunteered to put together a draft proposed calendar of presentations on the Annual Report of Partnership to the Austin City Council, City Boards, etc.
- Karen Bondy and Daryl Slusher volunteered to put together a proposed agenda and calendar of future meeting dates for the Stakeholder Committee and bring them back to the next Executive Management Committee meeting.
- Karen Bondy and Daryl Slusher will also explore the possibility of a joint workshop between the Executive Management Committee and the Stakeholder Committee.

**Meeting Ended:** 3:30 p.m.