# Executive Management Committee Quarterly Meeting LCRA/Austin Water Partnership MINUTES

**Date:** April 24, 2009

Location: LCRA, Red Bud Center

Conference Room 108 North

3601 Lake Austin Blvd Austin, Texas 78703

Meeting Start: 2:00 p.m.

#### Attendees:

Ross Crow, Austin Teresa Lutes, Austin Richard Hoffpauir, Austin David Johns, Austin Greg Meszaros, Austin Perwez Moheet, Austin Ken Ramirez, Austin Daryl Slusher, Austin Suzanne Zarling, LCRA Yvonne Davis, LCRA Lyn Clancy, LCRA James Kowis, LCRA Karen Bondy, LCRA

#### Minutes:

# I. Agenda and Action Items from Last Meeting

- a. Followed up on action items listed in meeting notes:
  - i. Executive Management Committee (EMC) was copied on workshop meeting.
  - ii. Stakeholder committee discussion will be on regular agenda.
  - iii. Drought discussion was held with Greg Meszaros.

#### II. Status Reports

- a. LCRA Unappropriated Flows Application Lyn Clancy provided an update.
- b. City of Austin (Austin)/LCRA Joint Permit Application for Return Flows Lyn Clancy provided an update.
- c. Austin Energy (AE) Water Needs while discussions are being held on an ad-hoc basis, they may need more formal coordination. Greg Meszaros is to visit with AE and report back to EMC.
- d. LCRA-SAWS Water Project Suzanne Zarling gave an update on the status of the LCRA/SAWS Water Project.
- e. Proposed EMC Workshops LCRA will send out schedule of options to extend two EMC meetings for workshops.

### III. Technical Committee Update

- a. Status of Waller Creek Tunnel Project
  - Austin's application for a raw water contract for Waller Creek Tunnel Project is being processed. This information is posted on LCRA's website along with all other applications for raw water. This information was also included in a routine memo to LCRA's Board of Directors summarizing all contract applications.
  - ii. Austin will be applying to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for a water right amendment to impound additional water and is working on other water rights issues related to Lady Bird Lake.
  - iii. The Stakeholder Committee was briefed on this topic.
- b. Discussion and Possible Action on Stoneledge Recharge Project
  - James Kowis provided an overview of the project. LCRA is looking at the project as a pilot study to confirm the benefit of the recharge project to the river.
  - ii. If the EMC approves the pursuit of the project, staff will need to develop an interlocal agreement in order to have the Austin City Council, Barton Springs-Edwards Aquifer Conservation District Board and the LCRA Board to approve.
- c. Discussion on 2008 Annual Water Use Reporting to TCEQ
  - i. Teresa Lutes reported on good coordination between LCRA and Austin this year on the 2008 water use reports.
- d. Future Technical Committee Workshop (June 5<sup>th</sup>)
  - June 5 Technical Committee Workshop is planned and will focus on LCRA, including daily river management, drought, Water Supply Resource Plan, LCRA SAWS Water Project.
  - ii. An Austin focused Technical Committee Workshop will follow later.
  - iii. The Technical Committee is working on Lady Bird Lake issues and will report back its progress at next meeting.

#### IV. Committee Updates

- a. Revision of By-laws.
  - i. Ross Crow reported on revisions discussed at last meeting related to deadline on reaching agreement on Lady Bird Lake issues. Lyn Clancy and Ross Crow will draft proposed language changes to bylaws to change requirement for committees to meet at same

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frequency as EMC (quarterly or on a frequency otherwise determined by the EMC).

- b. Stakeholder Committee.
  - i. Joint Reuse Agreement may be a future topic of the Stakeholder Committee when the application is ready.
  - ii. Daryl Slusher and Karen Bondy are to bring recommendation to EMC on the role of Stakeholder Committee.

## V. Hot Topics

- a. Legislative updates were provided on various legislative topics.
- b. Drought Karen Bondy provided an update on increased outreach.
- c. LCRA Board approved LCRA's update to the Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plans. The Austin City Council approved Austin's Drought Contingency Plan and staff expects to complete the Water Conservation Plan in August.
- d. Discussed new proposed TCEQ Rules on Water Use Fees.
- e. Region K tabled update on Region K.
- f. Water Treatment Plant No. 4 tabled update on WTP No. 4.
- g. Lyn Clancy provided update on Fayette Power Project temporary water right permit application to increase storage for Cedar Creek reservoir.

#### VI. **Meeting Ended:** 4:15p.m.