



## **Board Agenda**

**Tuesday, October 11, 2011**

**1:00 p.m.**

**LCRA Board Conference Room**

**Austin**

### **Action / Discussion Item**

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### **Legal Notice**

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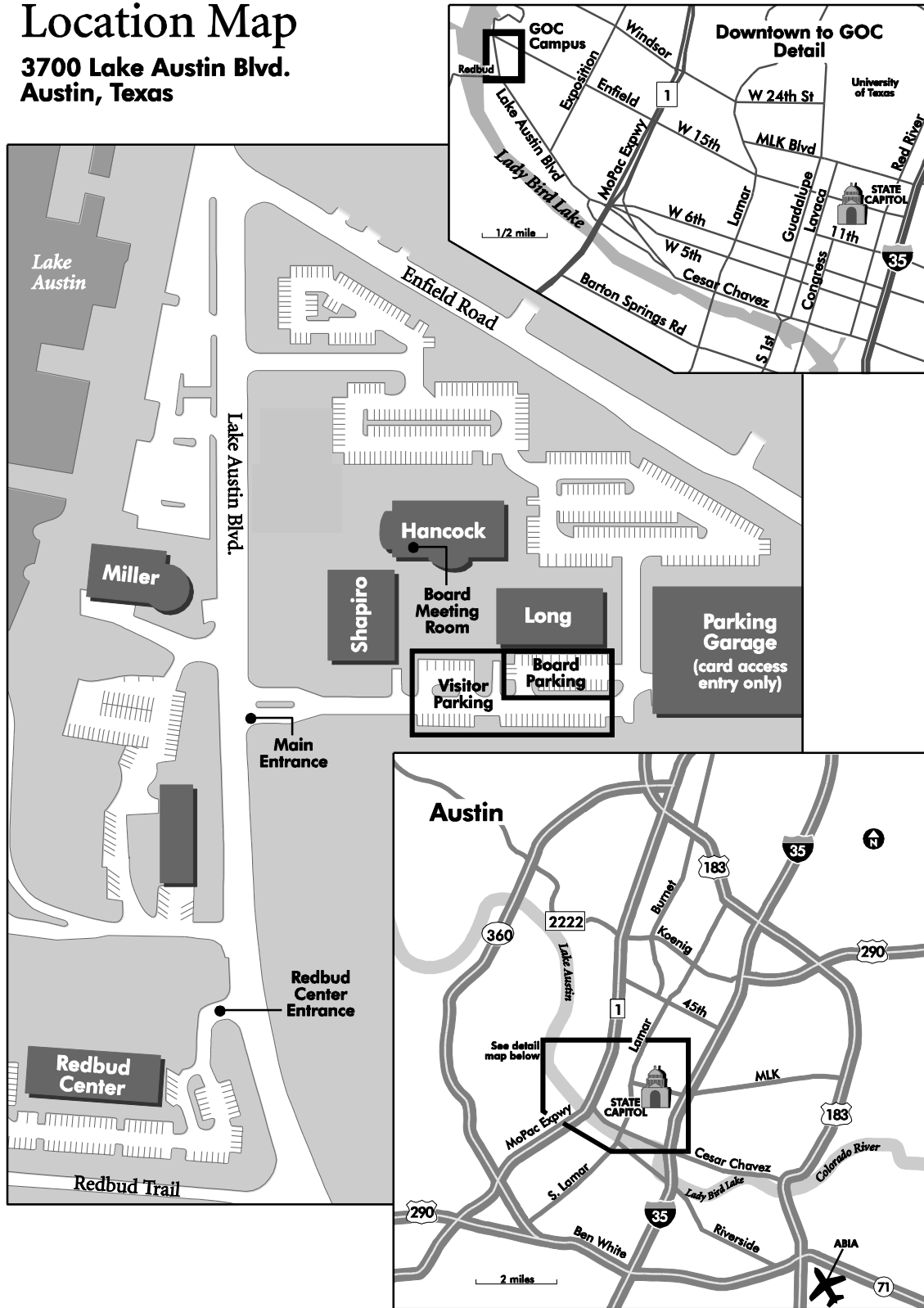
### **Executive Session**

The Board may go into executive session for deliberation on the matters listed in the legal notice posted pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

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# LCRA General Office Complex Location Map

3700 Lake Austin Blvd.  
Austin, Texas



## **FOR DISCUSSION / POSSIBLE ACTION**

# **1. Bastrop County Wildfires Recovery Assistance**

### **Proposed Motion**

Adopt a resolution creating an economic development grant program for financial and in-kind assistance to Bastrop County to serve as matching funds as the County seeks public assistance funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

### **Board Consideration**

Chapter 152 of the Texas Water Code requires Board approval for the grant of funds for economic development purposes.

### **Budget Status and Fiscal Impact**

Funding for this expenditure will come from Board-established reserves funded by the Public Service Fund over the last several years.

### **Summary**

The Bastrop County wildfires which began on September 4, 2011, have been described as the most devastating fire in the history of Texas. The fires burned over 34,000 acres and destroyed more than 1,600 homes. The fires have directly and indirectly created a negative economic effect on LCRA's electric and wastewater customers as well as short term and long term impacts on local governments. The potential impacts on water quality, the environment, tourism, and economic development in Bastrop County will require immediate efforts to mitigate such impacts. The fires impacted LCRA employees, LCRA customers, LCRA infrastructure, and, unless appropriate measures are taken, the water quality of the Colorado River may be negatively affected.

The County has been approved by FEMA for public assistance, which will provide federal funding to support clean-up efforts and infrastructure needs. However, the County will need matching funds that will allow them to accomplish the necessary clean up and restoration work. Bastrop County has been an integral part of LCRA since LCRA's creation, and it is in LCRA's best interest that the region fully recover and rebuild from these devastating fires.

### **Presenter(s)**

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