

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

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**Meeting Date:** Friday, February 28, 2020  
**Location:** LCRA Board Executive Session Room - Hancock Building  
**Meeting Time:** 10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon

**Attendees:**

1. Greg Meszaros, Austin Water
  2. Kevin Critendon, Austin Water
  3. Ross Crow, COA
  4. Teresa Lutes, COA
  5. John Hofmann, LCRA
  6. Monica Masters, LCRA
  7. Greg Graml, LCRA
  8. Ron Anderson, LCRA
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**Minutes:**

**1. Welcome.**

John Hofmann, LCRA, welcomed the attendees and called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

**Standing Items: Review Agenda & Review/Approve Minutes.**

The agenda was reviewed and minutes from the September 6, 2019 meeting were approved and accepted with minor edits suggested by Teresa Lutes. Ron will make the edits and send out the revised minutes to all members.

**2. Update on Basin Conditions.**

John Hofmann provided a basin update, noting that in 2019 it started out wet, and turned dry in the second half of the year. In the first agricultural season of 2019, all demands were met with run-of-river water. For 2020, the long-term forecast is generally “neutral” with no strong indicators for wet or dry conditions, however the summer is forecast to be hot.

In 2019, planted acres were historically low. For 2020, the acres may increase, but that will not be known until later in March when contracts are signed.

The new Water Management Plan has been approved by TCEQ and it will be relied on for determining agricultural supplies on March 1.

Monica Masters reported on the progress on gate replacements at Tom Miller Dam, with a current estimated completion date of August 2020. Floodgate work also continues at Mansfield Dam (Lake Travis) and Buchanan Dam.

**3. Water Forward Update.**

Teresa Lutes updated the group on Austin Water Forward implementation. Next Task Force meeting is the first week of March and will be presenting the Water Forward annual report. Teresa noted that the City’s new Planning Development Center with an onsite Wastewater Treatment Plant is being constructed near the ACC

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Campus and will be operated by Austin Water. She said that people will be able to tour it; information will be available and demos will be provided.

**4. Committee Reports: Technical Committee & 2020 Committee Assignments.**

Teresa reported that the lead for the Technical Committee has shifted back to Austin Water for 2020. Recent meetings have included discussions about firm yield, water supply, Water Forward, and the supply needs for the future. She also noted the planned amendment will add recreational use to the water right for Decker Lake.

Ron Anderson shared a “draft” Technical Committee task list for 2020. Greg Meszaros made a motion to adopt this list as a new working plan for 2020. Motion was unanimously approved.

**5. Personnel Changes.**

Greg Meszaros noted Darrel Slusher's retirement and that Drema Gross had moved to Austin Energy. As a result, some responsibilities have been temporarily shifted. Austin will update LCRA as changes are finalized.

Monica Masters stated that Drema had been a committee member on LCRA's Conservation Incentives Committee and we would be looking for a replacement for her position. Valerie Miller is the point of contact for this change.

John Hofmann reported that David Walker will be working part-time for LCRA, going forward, focused on flood-related efforts. John requested that Ron Anderson send the current list of attendees for both the EMC & Technical Committee meetings to Austin/LCRA, so both attendee lists can be revised and updated.

**6. Other Business Items.**

John Hofmann suggested, at our next meeting, we have a high-level update on water supply projects and Arbuckle reservoir. Austin concurred.

Teresa reported they've coordinated with Chris Riley on the Water Use Report.

**7. Next Meeting.**

Teresa Lutes suggested a workshop on Zebra mussels at the next EMC Meeting scheduled for Friday, June 26, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

**8. Adjourn.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.