

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

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**Meeting Date:** Friday, June 26, 2020  
**Location:** LCRA TEAMS MEETING  
**Meeting Time:** 1:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

**Attendees:**

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| 1. Greg Meszaros, Austin Water   | 8. John Hofmann, LCRA    |
| 2. Kevin Critendon, Austin Water | 9. Monica Masters, LCRA  |
| 3. Ross Crow, COA                | 10. Greg Graml, LCRA     |
| 4. Teresa Lutes, COA             | 11. Ron Anderson, LCRA   |
| 5. Marisa Flores-Gonzalez, COA   | 12. Valerie Miller, LCRA |
| 6. Ann Bryan-Borja, COA          | 13. Debbie Crisp, LCRA   |
| 7. Helen Gerlach, COA            |                          |

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**Minutes:**

**1. Welcome.**

Greg Meszaros called the meeting to order, welcomed the attendees and began the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

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

The agenda was reviewed and minutes from the February 28, 2020, meeting were approved and accepted with no edits.

**2. Update on Basin Conditions.**

John Hofmann gave an update on the basin conditions. Water supply conditions are generally good, with storage in lakes Buchanan and Travis at close to 90 percent. The rice crops are ahead of schedule this year which means harvesting will begin in two to three weeks (earlier than normal), which may lead to a higher percentage of second crop than typical. There has been a good amount of flow in the rivers in the first half of the year. John noted that with run-of-river water meeting most of the agricultural demand, the largest releases from lakes Buchanan and Travis have been for environmental flows. There is some likelihood for the development of La Niña in the fall.

**3. Water Forward Update.**

Marisa Flores-Gonzalez gave the update on Austin Water Forward. Austin is working on the regulatory framework for onsite reuse and other code changes. Austin continues to move forward with Aquifer Storage and Recovery. Current activities include desktop modeling, and preparation for piloting and evaluation of locations. Greg Meszaros noted that the Advanced Meter Infrastructure project will begin with installation of about 5,000 meters in the next six months.

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

Teresa Lutes gave an update/overview on what they've been focused on. The approved Task List consisted of 12 items. She stated that the Technical Committee has been jointly working on most all of the items, especially water supply and water supply planning. She reported that the 2019 Annual report was completed and ready

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for review and/or approval by the EMC. The Lady Bird Lake project is close to coming together for a final review. The Waller Creek contract renewal is near completion. Ross Crow mentioned that there were some small edits to make before the contract is sent out for signatures. On the Joint Application for Reuse, a small group has begun focused discussions. Ross Crow noted that discussions have been beneficial. John Hofmann noted that the LCRA-Austin Water Partnership was specifically created to work through things like this. Regarding Supply Strategies, the organizations have shared background information related to Region K, as well as the planning efforts of each organization. This has improved the overall understanding of potential long-term water supply strategies. The Infrastructure Improvement projects at Tom Miller & Longhorn Dam are going well. Teresa also said that there has been continued information sharing on Zebra Mussels monitoring, and that is going well. She is hoping to have a future presentation at the next Technical committee meeting. As far as the other projects on the Tasks list, progress is on-going.

**5. Annual Report.**

John Hofmann suggested that we move to approve the report at our next EMC meeting, to allow for additional time to review the document. Motion was made and approved to table this to the next regularly scheduled EMC meeting.

**6. Personnel Changes.**

Greg Meszaros stated there had been several retirements in Austin Water and then introduced Anna Bryan-Borja to the group, explaining her new role and involvement in/with the EMC.

Greg also mentioned that Kevin Critendon's programs have been reorganized. He will be taking on an expanded executive role for the City with the environmental programs moving under Kevin.

The Special Services division (lake activities), formally managed by Darrel Slusher, has been moved under the Operations Group, however, they do not interface too much with EMC.

Teresa Lutes mentioned that Marisa Flores-Gonzalez received a promotion to Supervisor of Water Resources Planning. Within that role, she will be handling water supplies, Region K and various other programs. Additionally, she will back-fill Helen Gerlach's position.

On the LCRA side, Monica Masters reported that Chris Riley took over as Director of River Operations, following David Walker's transition. Dan Yates, was then promoted to manager of River Operations Center (ROCC). John Hofmann noted that David Walker is now actively devoted to various special projects.

**7. Other Items as Time Allows.**

COVID – John Hofmann and Greg Meszaros discussed the importance of employees taking precautions at home. They also discussed the requirements for employees in the workplace and the importance of separating workgroups.

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Then, Greg Meszaros asked Teresa Lutes for an update on the “workshop session.” Teresa reported that due to time constraints, the workshop session of this meeting has been rescheduled. She suggested a Zebra Mussel presentation, as well as possible discussion of the algae risk situation at Lady Bird Lake. Debbie Crisp confirmed that the “workshop session” has been rescheduled for August 7, 2020, from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., and that an updated Outlook invitation has been sent to all attendees.

**8. Adjourn.**

The next regular Quarterly EMC Meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2020, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. There being no further business, this meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.