

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

Meeting Date: Friday, September 11, 2020
Location: LCRA TEAMS MEETING
Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m.

Attendees:

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| 1. Greg Meszaros, Austin Water | 10. Monica Masters, LCRA |
| 2. Kevin Critendon, Austin Water | 11. Ron Anderson, LCRA |
| 3. Ross Crow, COA | 12. Greg Graml, LCRA |
| 4. Teresa Lutes, COA | 13. Lyn Clancy, LCRA |
| 5. Helen Gerlach, COA | 14. Valerie Miller, LCRA |
| 6. Marisa Flores-Gonzalez, COA | 15. David Wheelock, LCRA |
| 7. Anna Bryan-Borja, Austin Water | 16. Rebecca Batchelder, LCRA |
| 8. Richard Hoffpauir, Consultant | 17. Debbie Crisp, LCRA |
| 9. John Hofmann, LCRA | |

Minutes:

1. Welcome.

Monica Masters called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. John Hofmann was delayed and unable to attend.

2. 2019 Annual Report.

The parties discussed the 2019 Annual Report. Ron noted that it was similar to prior years and that the Technical Committee had prepared it. The parties agreed to delay voting until the end of the meeting.

3. Update on Basin Conditions.

Kelly Payne, Vice President of River Operations provided Monica Masters with information on Basin Conditions. He will be making a formal presentation on conditions to LCRA's Board meeting on the 23rd. Prior to the recent rains, 73% of the State was suffering drought conditions and that West Texas has suffered the worst of it. Within our basin, 40% of the area was considered to be in moderate drought. Throughout August inflows to the Highland Lakes were low. As of September 1, the combined storage is at about 80% full. Ron Anderson pointed out that there has been a substantial change in soil moisture in the basin as a result of the recent rains. With additional rain, we will start seeing more inflows. Lake Travis is down 13 feet compared to last September; Lake Buchanan is down about 2 feet from last September; so, the overall combined storage is down a little from last year. Ron reported that in the last week, there has been plenty of water in the lower basin to meet farmers' needs.

4. Water Forward Update.

Marisa Flores-Gonzalez reported on Water Forward and gave an update on their last task force meeting. The S pilot program has started for the deployment of the smart water metering system.

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Kevin Critendon noted that Austin's new facility at the former Highland Mall location is up and running. This facility includes numerous water conservation features. A future tour will be planned once the parties return to more normal working conditions.

5. Committee Reports. Technical Committee.

Teresa Lutes gave a high-level overview of the Technical Committee tasks. Regarding Harmful Algal Blooms, a subgroup is looking into the risks to water supply, as well as potential strategies to mitigate the risks. The participants include representatives of Austin Watershed Protection and LCRA Water Quality. They will bring this topic back to the EMC at an upcoming meeting for further discussion.

The 2019 Annual Report was reviewed for final approval. Other ongoing activities include the Lady Bird Lake protocols, a new water contract for the Waller Creek Tunnel project, and the Joint Application for Reuse.

6. Committee Composition Evaluation.

The attendees reviewed the committee composition, referring to the table in the Annual Report for reference. For the Technical Committee, Monica stated that LCRA would continue with Ron Anderson, but would replace Lyn Clancy with Greg Graml and replace Stephen Kellicker with Rebecca Batchelder. Teresa said after reviewing Austin's membership makeup, they would like to keep their Technical Committee members unchanged for the immediate future.

For the Water Conservation Committee, Monica stated that for LCRA, Valerie Miller would continue as the LCRA representative. Kevin stated that he would be the Austin representative, replacing Daryl Slusher.

For the Water Quality Committee, Monica stated that for LCRA, Bryan Cook would continue and that she would replace Vic Ramirez. Kevin stated that for Austin, Mike Kelly will replace Mike Personnett, and he will replace Daryl Slusher.

The parties discussed the Stakeholder Committee which has not met for several years. Greg Meszaros noted that the stakeholder process was tied to supplemental water supply decisions. Greg Graml agreed. The parties agreed that there was no need for that committee to meet at this time as there are no pending supplemental water supply decisions involving Austin and LCRA.

7. Other Business Items.

Monica Masters gave a brief update on LCRA's return-to-work status. This week LCRA began Phase 1, a voluntary phase with two teams of employees alternating weeks. Approximately 20 percent of employees plan to return in this phase. The timing for the next phase has not been determined. Greg Meszaros stated that Austin is remaining in a work-from-home posture, with office employees likely to remain out until the end of November.

Monica gave a brief update on construction activities at Arbuckle Reservoir.

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8. Vote on Minutes and Annual Report.

Greg Meszaros made a motion to approve the minutes from the meetings on June 26, 2020 and August 7, 2020, and the 2019 Annual Report. Monica seconded. All present voted in favor. John Hofmann's approval will be sought via email.

9. Adjourn.

The next regularly scheduled Quarterly EMC Meeting is set for December 4, 2020, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. With there being no further business to discuss, this meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.