

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

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**Meeting Date:** Friday, December 11, 2020  
**Location:** LCRA TEAMS MEETING  
**Meeting Time:** 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

**Attendees:**

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| 1. Greg Meszaros, Austin Water                       | 10. John Hofmann, LCRA       |
| 2. Kevin Critendon, Austin Water                     | 11. Monica Masters, LCRA     |
| 3. Ross Crow, COA-Law Department                     | 12. Ron Anderson, LCRA       |
| 4. Teresa Lutes, Austin Water                        | 13. Greg Graml, LCRA         |
| 5. Helen Gerlach, Austin Water                       | 14. Lyn Clancy, LCRA         |
| 6. Marisa Flores-Gonzalez, Austin Water              | 15. Valerie Miller, LCRA     |
| 7. Anna Bryan-Borja, Austin Water                    | 16. David Wheelock, LCRA     |
| 8. Brent Bellinger, COA-Watershed<br>Department      | 17. Rebecca Batchelder, LCRA |
| 9. Richard Hoffpauir, Consultant for<br>Austin Water | 18. Debbie Crisp, LCRA       |
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**Minutes:**

**1. Welcome & Standing Items.**

1. Agenda: John opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. and mentioned that Teresa Lutes had requested a couple changes in the lineup of topics which was approved, and the meeting commenced.
2. Minutes from September 11, 2020: The minutes were unanimously approved as revised and circulated prior to the meeting.

**2. Update on Basin Conditions.**

John reported, at present, the water supply reservoirs are more that 75 percent full. Most of the drawdown has occurred in Lake Travis which has a more productive watershed. If the lakes continue to drop, more supply will shift to be from Lake Buchanan. La Niña is persistent and looks to continue through the Spring. The water supply for downstream agricultural customers will be determined based on Marcy 1 storage, consistent with the Water Management Plan (WMP). John stated that if it remains dry through the winter, there may be a reduction in supply for the farmers as compared to the maximum that the WMP allows. Questions and discussions then ensued about recent drought conditions; flow conditions; lessons learned from 2021; and the river flow in the Colorado Riverbend Park.

**3. Committee Reports.**

1. Technical Committee. Teresa Lutes reported they've been working on Harmful Algal Blooms (HAB), with the involvement of much of the Technical Committee, plus additional staff from both LCRA and Austin.
2. HAB Workgroup Update. Teresa gave a presentation and summary report on HAB, as a result of the collaboration between the groups. She mentioned that several departments within both LCRA and Austin have contributed. A draft document has been prepared that addresses risk assessment and risk management strategies. Strategies include prevention of HABs and responses in the event of an ongoing HAB. The City of Austin would like to continue the collaboration with LCRA and maintain ongoing reporting to the EMC. She requested feedback and guidance from the EMC members so they can develop future plans and time frames.

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**4. Other Business Items as Time Allows.**

John reported that LCRA has completed its process with the Sunset Commission and the State Auditor's office. Debbie Crisp is working with Chastity Hodges on the schedule for EMC meetings in 2021.

**5. Workshop Topic: David Wheelock WMP Review Meeting Presentation.**

David gave a presentation which included details of the 2020 Water Management Plan, water supply, firm water demands, water use & releases, and projected conditions. John and David both fielded questions.

**6. Workshop Topic: 2020 Water Forward Implementation Recap.**

Marisa gave a presentation on the Water Forward Plan Strategies covering the progress made, activities and future implementation steps. Several of the attendees commented on the presentation and responded to questions.

**7. Upcoming LCRA Board Items.**

John mentioned that in January, the Board will consider changes to the water rates. The agricultural interruptible water rate is projected to increase by 5%. There is no proposed increase to the firm water rate for next year (2021). For 2022, there may be an increase to the firm water rate. Major expenditures are being made for infrastructure at the dams as well as development of firm water supplies.

**8. Final Adjourn.**

The next regularly Quarterly EMC Meeting is set for March 12, 2021 (1:30-3:30 p.m.). With there being no further business to discuss, this meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.