

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

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**Meeting Date:** Friday, March 12, 2021  
**Location:** LCRA TEAMS MEETING  
**Meeting Time:** 1:30 p.m.-3:30 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-Law Department        | 10. Ron Anderson, LCRA   |
| 4. Teresa Lutes, Austin Water           | 11. Greg Graml, LCRA     |
| 5. Helen Gerlach, Austin Water          | 12. Valerie Miller, LCRA |
| 6. Marisa Flores-Gonzalez, Austin Water | 13. Debbie Crisp, LCRA   |
| 7. Anna Bryan-Borja, Austin Water       |                          |

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**Minutes:**

**1. Welcome & Agenda.**

John Hofmann opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. by presenting the Agenda. There were no suggested changes and the meeting commenced.

**2. December 2020 Minutes Approval.**

Kevin Critendon and Teresa Lutes had suggested edits. The changes were verbally accepted. All voted in favor of approving the minutes as amended. (Motion by Greg Meszaros; second by Monica Masters).

**3. Annual 2020 Report Approval.**

All voted in favor of approving the report. (Motion by Greg Meszaros; second by Monica Masters).

**4. Winter Storm Response.**

The group discussed the recent winter storm, including the demand for water as a result of dripping and streaming water to prevent freezes, as well as broken pipes. With regard to specific operations, John noted that the irrigation systems were generally shut down, with water maintained within the Gulf Coast canals for availability to LCRA's firm customers if needed. LCRA moved water through the Highland Lakes without any major issues. John noted the important work done by LCRA's environmental lab to test water samples after "boil water" notices had been issued in areas with disruptions to water service. Greg noted the significant efforts by Austin Water to make repairs to water lines quickly. The group agreed that for a future event the general public would benefit from information on how to winterize their homes.

**5. Updated on Basin Conditions.**

John discussed the results of the March 1 evaluation under the 2020 WMP. Storage was just above 1.5 million acre-feet. As a result, the water supply condition is "normal" (and no evaluation of inflows was necessary to determine if Less Severe

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Drought might be triggered.) The storage is based on the daily average storage of lakes Buchanan and Travis.

John said LCRA was presently working on agricultural contracts and mentioned that demand is expected to be similar to recent years, with Gulf Coast continuing to have low acreage. Models reflect, and the projection for the Spring is, a neutral ENSO position (April-June timeframe). John reported that, as of the meeting, combined storage was just under 1.5 million acre-feet.

**6. Committee Reports.**

1. Technical Committee.

Teresa Lutes gave a brief update noting recent and ongoing activity related to the Joint Application for Reuse and harmful algae incidents.

Ron Anderson noted that LCRA will be identifying a replacement for Rebecca Batchelder who left LCRA.

Regarding the 2021 Proposed Priorities list, the EMC approved the list as written.

Kevin Critendon suggested the discussions of harmful algae would be appropriate to hold as a meeting of the partnership's Water Quality Committee, rather than within the Technical Committee.

**7. Final Adjourn.**

The next regularly Quarterly EMC Meeting is set for June 11, 2021 (1:30-4:30 p.m.) and will be a Workshop Meeting. Topics will include an update of basin conditions and water use through the spring, and July 1 projections. The meeting location and format is to be determined but may be "in person." At 2:39 p.m., with there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.