

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

Meeting Date: Friday, Sept. 10, 2021
Location: LCRA TEAMS MEETING
Meeting Time: 1:30 -3:30 p.m.

Attendees:

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| 1. Greg Meszaros, Austin Water | 7. John Hofmann, LCRA |
| 2. Kevin Critendon, Austin Water | 8. Monica Masters, LCRA |
| 3. Ross Crow, COA-Law Department | 9. Ron Anderson, LCRA |
| 4. Helen Gerlach, Austin Water | 10. Valerie Miller, LCRA |
| 5. Marisa Flores-Gonzalez, Austin Water | 11. Greg Graml, LCRA |
| 6. Sara Eatman, Austin Water | 12. Debbie Crisp, LCRA |
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Minutes:

1. Welcome and Minutes Approval (June 11, 2021, Meeting).

John Hofmann opened the meeting at 1:35 p.m. by welcoming everyone and calling the meeting to order. There were no edits or questions regarding the minutes from the June 11, 2021, meeting. Following a motion by Monica Masters and then second by Kevin Critendon, the minutes were approved.

2. Update on Basin Conditions.

Ron Anderson gave a presentation on the basin in which he discussed soil moisture conditions, rainfall/precipitation, model considerations, sea surface temperature anomalies, the history of El Nino and La Nino phases, model predictions, and inflows to date (January 1940-August 2020). John noted that recent rainfalls have been beneficial for our long-term water supply, particularly as we look forward to next year.

3. Committee Reports.

1. HAB Summary Report:

Sara Eatman gave a presentation entitled: Harmful Algae Workgroup Summary Report. She outlined the key takeaways and the potential impacts on the drinking water systems and protecting water quality in the greater Austin area. She discussed risk factors for HAB and HAP and stated that LCRA, the City of Austin Watershed Protection and Austin Water are working together on harmful algae with the main goal being the protection of the water basin. She discussed various programs they are working on and gave recommendations on what can be done to prevent algae blooms. Everyone remarked that the work being done so far has been good and working together on this issue has been very beneficial.

2. JAR Report:

Greg Graml and Ross Crow discussed this topic and briefly outlined the work that has been done thus far regarding the joint application and the possibility of withdrawing the application to allow attention on other water supply issues.

3. Climate & Hydrology Work:

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Helen Gerlach gave this update and said they are working with the UT research team and outside consultants to get a good scope of work. Marisa Flores-Gonzales also mentioned there is much analysis being done.

4. Region K Update:

Monica Masters noted the next Region K meeting is set for Wednesday (9/15/21) at LCRA's Service Center. This meeting is to discuss the next planning cycle, as well as addressing possible public comments that might be made. Monica reported there are two open seats in the planning group. She also said they will be making some introductions of the new engineering firms.

4. **Other Items.**

John Hofmann stated that at upcoming LCRA Board meetings, there will be discussion and possible action on a firm water rate increase. This would be the first rate change since rates were temporarily increased for 2015 and decreased beginning in 2016. Since 2016, the rate stabilization fund has been fully funded and rate increases have been delayed.

5. **Final Adjourn.**

The next regularly Quarterly EMC Meeting will be a workshop meeting and is set for December 3, 2021 (1:30-4:30 p.m.). The meeting location and format is to be determined.

At 2:50 p.m., with there being no further business to discuss, John asked for a motion to adjourn. Greg Meszaros made the motion, and it was seconded by Monica Masters with all voting to adjourn.