Austin-LCRA Water Partnership

Executive Management Committee | Quarterly Meeting Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:	June 10, 2022
Location:	LCRA Redbud Center
Meeting Time:	1:30 p.m 3:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Robert Goode, Austin Water Kevin Critendon, Austin Water Anna Bryan-Borja, Austin Water Marisa Flores Gonzalez Jaynell Nicholson, Austin Water Sara Eatman, Austin Water Helen Gerlach, Austin Water Kathleen Garett, Austin Energy Ross Crow, City of Austin Michael Hoffman, Austin Energy John Hofmann, LCRA Monica Masters, LCRA Ron Anderson, LCRA

Meeting Minutes:

- 1. Standing Items:
 - a. <u>Review agenda</u>: Agenda was reviewed; no items added.
 - b. <u>Review/approve minutes</u>: Minutes were approved as written.
- 2. Update on basin conditions: John Hofmann discussed double year La Niña research and ENSO predictions. The U.S. drought monitor shows areas in the lower Colorado Basin in extreme and exceptional drought. The summer is projected to continue to be hot and dry. Inflows thus far in 2022 have been historically low, with the lowest January-May inflows on record. LCRA stochastic projections show lake storage levels continuing to drop unless we experience wet conditions.

3. Water planning updates:

- a. <u>Water Supply Resource Report next steps</u>: Monica Masters provided an update on the Water Supply Resource Report (WSRR) work that LCRA has been doing. LCRA met with their 15 largest customers and sent surveys to their next 20 largest customers to gather information about populations and demands to be included in the WSRR. LCRA will begin communicating with a larger stakeholder group through a series of stakeholder workshops and is planning on finalizing WSRR populations and demands in advance of the Region K planning cycle. Next steps include analyzing existing water supplies and determining water needs and strategies to meet those. The final element of the WSRR is an uncertainty analysis of firm yield, which is projected to wrap up by about next summer.
- b. <u>Water Forward 2024</u>: Marisa Flores Gonzalez provided an update to the group about Water Forward 2024 (WF24), which is an update to the 2018 Water Forward Plan. Population and employment projections for the plan are anticipated to be completed by winter 2022. This update of the plan will also incorporate ranges into the planning forecast to develop a cone of uncertainty, and will perform a vulnerability analysis to develop a true adaptive management plan.

4. Committee reports:

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- a. <u>Technical Committee</u>: Ron Anderson updated the group on Technical Committee items so far this year. The Committee has been discussing was to operationalize the water resources discussion item on the EMC priority list for 2022. The current plan is to have a subcommittee convene in a series of separate meetings to take up these items.
- b. <u>Water Quality Committee</u>: Kevin Critendon updated to group on the work of the Water Quality Committee. This group has not met since October 2021, so a meeting of the Committee will be scheduled in the upcoming months. In general, the areas of concern for this Committee are similar to last year and are reflected in the EMC assignments to the Committee. Austin's Watershed Protection Department and LCRA's water quality group meet regularly to coordinate on water quality testing and concerns in the basin.
- 5. Other Items: Robert Goode proposed changing the next EMC meeting time to Thursday afternoon on September 8th. Ron Anderson proposed incorporating a tour of Austin's onsite reuse facilities as part of the workshops.
- 6. Adjourn: The EMC meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.