

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
WATER OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY

Austin, Texas

Jan. 22, 2019

Pursuant to notice posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Water Operations Committee (committee) of the Board of Directors (Board) of the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) convened in a meeting at 10:06 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019, in the Board Room of the Hancock Building, at the principal office of LCRA, 3700 Lake Austin Blvd., Austin, Travis County, Texas. The meeting was open to the public, and the following committee members were present, constituting a quorum:

Franklin Scott Spears Jr., committee chair
Thomas Michael Martine, committee vice chair
Lori A. Berger
Stephen F. Cooper
Pamela Jo "PJ" Ellison
Laura D. Figueroa
Charles B. "Bart" Johnson
Thomas L. "Tom" Kelley
Robert "Bobby" Lewis
George W. Russell
Timothy Timmerman
Nancy Eckert Yeary

Absent: Joseph M. "Joe" Crane
Raymond A "Ray" Gill Jr.
Martha Leigh M. Whitten

Chair Spears convened the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

The committee heard general public comment. Al Braden, an Austin resident, addressed the committee regarding water conservation issues and the need for more long-term planning.

19-01 Upon motion by Director Ellison, seconded by Director Berger, the committee unanimously approved the minutes of its last meeting, held Nov. 14, 2018, as presented.

Vice President of Water Operations Kelly Payne gave an update on basin and water supply conditions.

The committee next took up the following agenda items, which included public comments followed by a staff presentation:

- Proposed updated LCRA interruptible agricultural Drought Contingency Plan for customers in the Garwood, Gulf Coast and Lakeside agricultural divisions and Pierce Ranch.
- Proposed updated LCRA interruptible agricultural water contract rules and rates for the Garwood, Gulf Coast and Lakeside agricultural divisions.

The following speakers addressed the committee regarding the proposed interruptible agricultural water contract rules and rates, and the need for more public engagement and transparency: Cindy Smiley, attorney representing the Central Texas Water Coalition; Frank Cooley, vice president of Legal Services for the Central Texas Water Coalition; and David Lindsay, vice president of Technical Research for the Central Texas Water Coalition.

The committee also received written comments from the Central Texas Water Coalition on the agenda items.

Executive Vice President of Water John Hofmann discussed the items with the committee. Hofmann and General Manager Phil Wilson responded to questions from the committee, including questions concerning interruptible agricultural water rates. [The LCRA Board considered and approved the items, which were included on the Board's agenda as items 8 and 9, at its Jan. 23 meeting.]

Chair Spears declared the meeting to be in executive session at 11:06 a.m., pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code (Open Meetings Act). Executive session ended, and the committee reconvened in public session at 11:25 a.m.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Thomas Michael Martine, Vice Chair
Water Operations Committee

Approved: May 21, 2019