Water Operations Committee Agenda

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2022
LCRA General Office Complex
Board Room – Hancock Building
3700 Lake Austin Blvd.
Earliest start time: 10 a.m.

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Executive Session
The committee may meet in executive session on any item listed above, pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, including, but not limited to, sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.076, 551.086, 551.089 and 418.183(f) of the Texas Government Code.

Legal Notice
Legal notices are available on the Texas secretary of state website 72 hours prior to the meeting at the following link: https://www.sos.texas.gov/open/index.shtml
FOR DISCUSSION

1. Comments From the Public

Summary
This part of the meeting is intended for comments from the public on topics within the scope of the Water Operations Committee but not related to an item on the committee agenda. No responses or action may be taken by the committee during public comments.

In order to address the committee, a member of the public is required to sign and complete the registration form at the entrance to the meeting room. Please see the Protocols for Public Communication at Board and Committee Meetings as shown in Exhibit A for details.

Any member of the public wishing to comment on an item listed on this agenda will be called to make comments at the appropriate time.

Exhibit(s)
A – Protocols for Public Communication at Board and Committee Meetings
EXHIBIT A

PROTOCOLS FOR PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AT BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS
Approved by the LCRA Board of Directors on Dec. 11, 2018

1. Oral Presentations on Issues Under LCRA’s Jurisdiction. Any person wishing to make an oral presentation at a Board meeting on any matter under LCRA’s jurisdiction must complete a registration form that indicates the agenda item or other topic on which they wish to comment, along with the speaker’s name, address and other relevant information. Any person making an oral presentation to the Board may distribute related materials to the Board at the meeting.

2. Time Allocation. The presiding officer may limit the length of time for each speaker. Speakers may not trade or donate time to other speakers without permission from the presiding officer, and repetitive testimony shall be minimized.

3. Rules of Decorum. Speakers and members of the audience must avoid disruptive behavior that interferes with the orderly conduct of a public meeting. Placards, banners, and hand-held signs are not allowed in Board or committee meetings, and speakers and members of the audience must avoid personal affronts, profanity, booing, excessive noise, and other disruptive conduct. The presiding officer may direct that anyone who disrupts a meeting be removed from the room.

4. Recording. Any person making an audio or video recording of all or any part of a Board meeting must do so in a manner that is not disruptive to the meeting. During a meeting, members of the public must remain in or behind the public seating area and are not permitted to record from any other area of the meeting room.

5. Committee Meetings. The protocols outlined in 1-4 above also apply to members of the public wishing to address any LCRA Board committee whose membership comprises the entirety of the LCRA Board on matters within the scope of each of those committees.
FOR ACTION

2. Approve Committee Meeting Minutes

Proposed Motion
Approve the minutes of the Aug. 16, 2022, meeting.

Committee Consideration
Section 2.09(d) of the LCRA bylaws states the committee may approve meeting minutes.

Budget Status and Fiscal Impact
Approval of this item will have no budgetary or fiscal impact.

Summary
Staff presents the minutes of each meeting to the committee for approval.

Exhibit(s)
A – Minutes of Aug. 16, 2022, meeting
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 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2022, 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:

Thomas Michael Martine, committee chair
Joseph M. “Joe” Crane, committee vice chair
Michael L. “Mike” Allen
Matthew L. “Matt” Arthur
Melissa K. Blanding [joined the meeting at 10:45 a.m.]
Stephen F. Cooper
Laura D. Figueroa
Carol Freeman
Robert “Bobby” Lewis
Timothy Timmerman
Margaret D. “Meg” Voelter
Martha Leigh M. Whitten
Nancy Eckert Yeary

Absent: Raymond A. “Ray” Gill Jr.
Thomas L. “Tom” Kelley

Chair Martine convened the meeting at 10 a.m.

The committee heard public comments [Agenda Item 1]. Cindy Smiley, an attorney representing the Central Texas Water Coalition, commented on the posted agenda and notice for this meeting, and she expressed concerns about the need to initiate an update of LCRA’s Water Management Plan.

Bob Leonard, owner of West Beach Marina on Lake Travis, commented on proposed changes to the Highland Lakes Marina Ordinance regarding enclosing unencapsulated floats.
22-03  Upon motion by Vice Chair Crane, seconded by Director Whitten, the committee unanimously approved the minutes of its last meeting, held May 17, 2022, as presented.

Vice President of Water Operations Kelly Payne presented an update on basin conditions. Executive Vice President of Water John B. Hofmann provided an update on water supply conditions and status, and discussed how the Water Management Plan functions.

Director of Strategic Water Initiatives Lauren Graber presented a summary of proposed amendments to the Highland Lakes Marina Ordinance. She also noted the agenda item regarding a temporary moratorium for new applications for community marinas on the Highland Lakes pursuant to the ordinance [which appeared on the Aug. 17 LCRA Board meeting agenda].

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

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Thomas Michael Martine, Chair
Water Operations Committee

Approved: Oct. 18, 2022