Executive Management Committee Quarterly Meeting
Austin-LCRA Water Partnership

APPROVED MINUTES

Meeting Date: September 7, 2012

Location: LCRA Board Conference Room
          Hancock Building

Meeting Time: 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Attendees:
Greg Meszaros, Austin Water       Lyn Clancy, LCRA
Robert Goode, Austin             Henry Eby, LCRA
Teresa Lutes, Austin Water       Karen Bondy, LCRA
Jeff Fox, Austin Water           Don Kizer, LCRA
Ross Crow, Austin                Tom Hegemier, LCRA
                                  David Wheelock, LCRA
                                  Gail Oliver, LCRA

Minutes:
I. Welcome – Henry Eby brought the meeting to order and welcomed
   everyone at about 2:00 p.m.

II. Agenda and Minutes from Last Meeting
   a. Reviewed agenda

   b. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously agreed to approve
      the June 8, 2012 EMC Minutes.

III. On-going Drought - Karen Bondy provided an update, stating that the
    combined storage of Lakes Buchanan and Travis is at about 890,000
    acre-feet which is about 44% of capacity. Lake Travis is at about
    elevation 634, which is about 30 feet below the monthly average and Lake
    Buchanan is at about elevation 994, which is about 17 feet below the
    monthly average. Lake inflows are about 10% of normal inflows and to
    date about 40,000 to 50,000 acre-feet was released past Tom Miller Dam
    to meet downstream needs, which includes about 6,000 acre-feet to the
    Garwood Irrigation Division. So far this year, almost 970,000 acre-feet
    has gone over the Bay City Dam into Matagorda Bay. Some discussion
    centered on the Water Management Plan Emergency Order issued by
    TCEQ for 2012. LCRA indicated its opinion that the Order has no
    operative provisions beyond December 31, 2012. The City indicated it is
    interested in extending relief from the current Water Management Plan
    through 2013 if reservoir conditions do not significantly improve. LCRA
    indicated that staff is monitoring reservoir levels and the long-term
    weather outlook and may consider options later this year.
IV. Water Management Plan Amendment – David Wheelock indicated that LCRA staff is responding to a Request for Information (RFI) related to the water model review. LCRA anticipates no further technical RFIs from TCEQ and believes we may see later this year an agenda item to the TCEQ Commission requesting approval.

V. Technical Committee Report – David Wheelock reported that the committee has worked on a number of issues with emphasis on the coordination of ongoing applications, namely, the joint application for reuse of Austin’s return flows. It was determined that this process can move forward without additional Executive Management Committee input.

VI. Stakeholder Committee Member Replacements– Karen Bondy noted that Daryl Slusher will coordinate with Yvonne Davis to replace two vacant seats, one for the High Growth Area and the other for the Industrial interest. Lyn Clancy will provide a summary of the stakeholder committee’s role to the EMC. It was noted that the City Council and LCRA Board must approve new committee members.

VII. Legislative Items – City staff indicated a recent presentation by State Representative Allan Ritter of District 21 (east of Houston) suggested that he may seek some level of funding for the state water plan to develop new supplies. It was also noted that some have heard about potential “lake level” legislation to maintain higher lake levels. In addition, LCRA recently hired Kathy Walt from Governor Perry’s office as the Executive Manager of Governmental Affairs.

VIII. Workshop – New Water Supply and Surface Water Supply Agreement Review – Karen Bondy gave an overview LCRA’s initiative to develop 100,000 acre-feet per year of new firm supply by 2017. This included the topics of potential downstream reservoirs and groundwater development. Lyn Clancy and Ross Crow provided a summary of the Supplemental Water Supply Agreement between LCRA and the City. In addition, they shared a summary of obligations related to new water supply as part of the Agreement.

IX. Other business or news items, as time allows – Lyn Clancy and Ross Crow will provide a presentation to the UT Law School on the Water Partnership. Also, Greg Meszaros noted that the City updated their Water Code Ordinance which better aligns water restrictions with lake levels and creates drip irrigation incentives. The City conservation effort has yielded a 13% reduction in per capita use over the past four years and is on track to reach the 140 gallons per capita per day goal. Finally, there was some discussion on the San Saba River, its current dry condition, water diversions, water rights and the TCEQ water master evaluation.

X. Meeting Adjourned at approximately 4:10 p.m.