Minutes

Meeting Date: Friday, June 3, 2016

Location: LCRA Board Conference Room - Hancock Building

Meeting Time: 2 to 4 p.m.

Attendees:
1. Jeff Fox, Austin Water
2. Teresa Lutes, Austin Water
3. Daryl Slusher, Austin Water
4. Marisa Flores Gonzalez, Austin Water
5. Ross Crow, City of Austin
6. Kevin Critendon, Austin Water
7. Robert Goode, Austin Water
8. John Hofmann, LCRA
9. Ron Anderson, LCRA
10. Karen Bondy, LCRA
11. Lyn Clancy, LCRA

Minutes:
1. Welcome:
Karen welcomed the attendees and called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

2. Review:
Karen reviewed the agenda and then asked everyone to review the minutes from the April 15, 2015, meeting. She said an email would be sent to everyone requesting their review and approval of the April minutes.

3. LCRA – Lake Condition Status Update: Karen led a general discussion about the conditions of the lakes as a result of the recent rains and mentioned how busy everyone was in the River Operations Center.

Teresa Lutes introduced Marisa Flores Gonzalez and they distributed a handout on Austin’s Water Forward Plan. Marisa gave an update and outlined the plan as well as discussing their upcoming meetings and the task force activities. Additionally, Teresa mentioned they would add a standing item on the Technical Committee Meeting agenda to review/update everyone on the meetings, as well as submitting information to gain input from the attendees. She mentioned the first task force meeting would be held in July.

Karen gave an update on LCRA’s activities with Brazos River Authority and spoke about BRA’s scope of work on developing a plan for bringing water from Williamson County.
5. Committee Reports: Technical Committee, other:
   - Update on EMC Assigned Tasks:
     Teresa Lutes gave an update and discussed the proposed EMC task assignments. She presented a handout of discussion items and current issues.
   - Water Rights Permit Updates: Teresa Lutes led a discussion on the status of the various water rights issues listed on the handout.

6. Update on Implementation of New City of Austin Watering Restrictions
   Discussion ensued on Austin’s new watering schedule and restrictions. City Council passed its recommendations on May 3. A handout was passed to the group which outlined the new conservation plan.

7. Workshop:
   - Potential for Soil Moisture Monitoring – Ron distributed an updated presentation he gave at the NASA SMAP Workshop in April. He walked through the presentation and discussed the role of soil moisture for determining water supply, drought and flood predictions. He clarified the definitions—soil moisture; shallow perched groundwater and groundwater and the ability to monitor each. Additionally, Ron outlined various gaps in understanding and the need for more information and data. He also talked about his discussions/conversations with the Texas Water Development Board.

8. Other Business or News Items, as time allows:
   No new items were discussed. However, John Hofmann discussed the plans for keeping the floodgates open on Lake Mansfield and/or how soon some of the gates can be closed.

9. Meeting Adjourns:
   There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.