Executive Management Committee Quarterly Meeting
Austin-LCRA Water Partnership

Minutes

Meeting Date: Friday, June 2, 2017

Location: LCRA Board Conference Room - Hancock Building

Meeting Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Attendees:

1. Kevin Critendon, Austin
2. Ross Crow, Austin
3. Jeff Fox, Austin
4. Helen Gerlach, Austin
5. Marisa Flores-Gonzalez, Austin
6. Robert Goode, Austin
7. Teresa Lutes, Austin
8. Greg Meszaros, Austin
9. Daryl Slusher, Austin
10. Ron Anderson, LCRA
11. Karen Bondy, LCRA
12. Lyn Clancy, LCRA
13. John B. Hofmann, LCRA
14. Valerie Miller, LCRA
15. David Wheelock, LCRA

Minutes:

I. Welcome: John Hofmann welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

II. Review:
The Agenda for today’s meeting was quickly reviewed.

III. Committee Reports: Technical Committee/Others:

- Update on EMC Assigned Tasks:
  At the last Technical Committee meeting, staff worked through a list of priorities. The members are reviewing the list to make sure all topics are addressed. Ron Anderson said an updated list will be presented at the next EMC meeting for further discussion. John Hofmann asked that copies of the updated list be distributed beforehand for the member’s review.

- Water Rights Permit Updates:
  Lyn Clancy began with a discussion regarding the permit on Lane City Bed and Banks and the revisions to the draft permit to address the issues raised by Austin. The deadline is June 19th for protests to be withdrawn. John Hofmann stated that he feels LCRA should be able to work through any problems that may arise.

  Jeff Fox indicated that the City received a two-year extension of time to complete construction on the Waller Creek project.

  Ross Crow also reported that the City is working on revisions to the accounting plan for the Circle C Golf Course water right permit. A further abatement of the proceeding is being sought to allow time to resolve those issues.
IV. **Annual Reports:**
Ron Anderson reported that draft copies of the 2016 Annual Report had been distributed among the staff and no significant changes had been made. John Hofmann suggested that, if there were no new items requiring a discussion, the Committee could sign the Report at this meeting. Debbie Crisp passed out an original copy of the Agreement and all parties signed the document. It will be posted on LCRA’s website today. Ron Anderson confirmed that the 2015 Report had already been posted on LCRA’s website.

V. **Other Business or News Items:**
Greg Meszaros brought up the current water management plan and asked if LCRA was expecting or anticipated any new issues with TCEQ to work through. John Hofmann gave an update on LCRA’s plans. John said that he expects to have meetings and/or discussions with the various stakeholders to hear their particular concerns/issues. LCRA will initiate the WMP revision process on January 1, 2018 consistent with the TCEQ’s order.

VI. **WORKSHOP Topics:**
- **Austin Water Forward Update:**
  Teresa Lutes introduced Marisa Flores-Gonzalez, who is the project manager of the Water Forward project. Marisa presented a PowerPoint presentation explaining the timeline, demand options and steps that have been taken thus far on the project. She also passed around handouts that further explained the water supply options to be screened and measured. Additionally, a list describing the Top Ten Demand Management Options were distributed for everyone’s review.

  General discussion ensued among the group on various topics, including a discussion on potential listing of freshwater mussels as federally threatened or endangered species.

- **LCRA Soil Moisture Monitoring:**
  Ron Anderson gave an update and PowerPoint presentation on soil moisture sensing in the Lower Colorado River Basin and said much has happened since 2015. He explained how soil moisture affects many things LCRA does (flood forecasts, water supply, water, and power demands). Ron also reported that we are working with UT on this project and stated that TWDB has installed sensors in several areas around the basin. These sensors have proven to be helpful to the contractor working on the Lane City Project. He further explained how much water the soil can hold presenting statistics for different regions/areas; as well as displaying a graphic on how soil moisture reacts to rain and flooding. Ron also touched on the SMAP (NASA) project and the data.

VII. **Next meeting will be held on September 22, 2017.**
John Hofmann asked that we add the topic of freshwater mussels to our Agenda.

VIII. **Meeting Adjournment.**
With no further discussion or topics being presented the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.