Minutes:

1. **Welcome:** Greg Meszaros, Austin Water, welcomed the attendees and called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

2. **Review:** The agenda was reviewed, and minutes from the June 28, 2019 meeting were approved with minor edits.

3. **Update on basin conditions, hydro operations, and recap of LCRA Board Water Operations Committee Meeting:** John Hofmann provided the update, saying the basin was fairly wet through May but has been dry recently. LCRA plans to keep the irrigation canals open until October 31st this year since the weather affected planting times. The releases due to recent LCRA hydro operations for ERCOT were fully utilized downstream by a combination of uses. At the last Water Operations Committee meeting, LCRA updated the Board on climate, lake storage, and Arbuckle Reservoir. They are also planning to ask the Board at its next meeting to reduce the Board’s reserve storage from 50,000 acre-feet to 45,000 acre-feet. LCRA is planning to begin updates to their Water Resources Supply Plan this fall 2019.

4. **Water Forward update:** Helen Gerlach provided an update on the Water Forward process. The Water Forward implementation task force met on September 3, 2019. As part of the Aquifer Storage and Recovery implementation process, Austin Water met with an ASR technical advisory group in August and is working to release an RFQ for an ASR consultant this fall. AW is in the process of developing ordinances for on-site reuse in developments over 250,000 sq. ft. AW is performing additional stakeholder engagement activities for the ordinance development process on October 16th. The Water Forward implementation task force will meet again on November 5, 2019.

5. **Arbuckle Reservoir update:** John Hofmann informed the group that LCRA is targeting getting an RFP out by mid-October, but they are continuing geotechnical investigations in parallel with the RFP process.
6. **Committee Reports:** Ron Anderson gave an update on zebra mussels, informing the group that they had been found as far south as La Grange, in the main stem of the river.

- **Water rights permit updates:** Ross Crow updated the group on Austin’s steam-electric water right amendment to add recreational use to the Decker water right. Greg Graml provided an update on LCRA’s WMP, which is about to be released for public review by TCEQ. TCEQ is looking at public hearing dates in October. Monica Masters informed the group that there will be a discussion on the Joint Application for Reuse at the next technical committee meeting.

7. **Update on blue green algae bloom in Lady Bird Lake:** Liz Johnston and Brent Bellinger from Austin’s Watershed Protection Department provided an update to the group on the blue green algae bloom in Lady Bird Lake. They are not sure exactly what caused the bloom, but WPD is regularly testing the water to monitor the situation. The algae is not expected to dissipate until water temperatures drop in the fall, likely in the October timeframe. The blue-green algae is a benthic algae rather than planktonic algae, which is more common.

8. **Other Items:** None.

9. **Meeting adjourns:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m.