

# **Executive Management Committee Quarterly Meeting Austin-LCRA Water Partnership**

## **Approved Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** December 7, 2012  
**Location:** LCRA Board Conference Room  
Hancock Building  
**Meeting Time:** 2:00-4:00 p.m.

### **Attendees:**

Greg Meszaros, Austin Water	Lyn Clancy, LCRA
Robert Goode, City of Austin	Henry Eby, LCRA
Teresa Lutes, Austin Water	Karen Bondy, LCRA
Jeff Fox, Austin Water	Kyle Jensen, LCRA
Ross Crow, City of Austin Legal	Gail Oliver, LCRA
Richard Hoffpauir, Austin Consultant	Terry Zrubek, LCRA
Daryl Slusher, Austin Water	Yvonne Davis, LCRA
	David Wheelock, LCRA

### **Minutes:**

- I. **Welcome** - Kyle Jensen brought the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 2pm.
- II. **Agenda and Minutes from Last Meeting**
  - a. Reviewed agenda
  - b. Motion was made, seconded to approve the September 7, 2012 EMC Minutes with minor changes recommended by Greg Meszaros.
- III. **On-going Drought and Drought Relief Application** - Karen Bondy provided an update, stating the combined storage of Lakes Buchanan and Travis was at about 42% of capacity. Karen stated that the weather forecast was about the same or drier. The inflows to the Highland Lakes remained low. Karen stated the LCRA website would be updated with the most recent information.

- IV. Water Management Plan (WMP) Amendment Status** - David Wheelock provided an update on the WMP revision process. The Technical Review process of the application has been completed and TCEQ has provided a draft Final Order and Notice for the revisions to the WMP. David reported that LCRA is in the process of reviewing the draft documents and preparing comments.
- V. Drought Emergency Relief from the WMP.** David Wheelock reported that LCRA filed an application for an Emergency Order to deviate from the current WMP due to the severe drought conditions occurring in the basin. LCRA has learned that the TCEQ Executive Director is prepared to sign the Emergency Order in late December and the order would be reviewed and ratified by the TCEQ Commission at its first meeting in January. Greg Meszaros expressed the City's interest in keeping the existing temporary emergency relief order in place.
- VI. New Water Supply Update** - Karen Bondy provided an update on the project to develop off-channel reservoirs in Colorado, Wharton and Matagorda counties, as well as the groundwater project in Bastrop County. Karen also mentioned that due diligence is underway regarding the possible purchase of surface and groundwater resources in Milam and Lee counties.
- VII. Technical Committee Report** - David Wheelock provided an update on the EMC Annual Report, which will be drafted and due in January 2013. David also explained and provided an update on the filing of the Joint Reuse Application, which was declared administratively complete by TCEQ in July. On a related matter, David also reported that the four competing water reuse applications on file with TCEQ since around the 2002-2005 timeframe (two by City of Austin, two by LCRA) were withdrawn from TCEQ in October.
- VIII. Stakeholder Committee Member Replacements** - Yvonne Davis presented the EMC with a recommended list of possible replacements for the Industrial and High Growth interest groups. The EMC gave their approvals of the list of recommendations. Yvonne and Daryl are expected to go forward with the final process required to select one individual to fill each vacant interest group slot.
- IX. Legislative Items** - EMC members discussed working together in areas of common interests. Greg Meszaros explained various areas of possible interests the team should watch such as:

- H204Texas (advocacy group)
- Possible funds provided for future water supply projects using the State's "Rainy Day Fund"
- Senator Kirk Watson's potential interests in legislation regarding water

**X. 2013 Meeting Schedule for Consideration- All meetings to be held at LCRA** - The EMC members were provided with possible meeting dates for consideration. Each member was directed to review their schedules and notify Kyle's assistant of any critical issues or requests for changes.

**XI. Other business or news items, as time allows** - Greg Meszaros shared that he is planning to provide the City's annual COA and LCRA Water Partnership briefing to Water and Wastewater Commission and City Council sometime in early 2013. LCRA staff stated that updates will be provided to the Board of Directors as needed.

**XII. Meeting adjourned at approximately 4 p.m.**