

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

APPROVED MINUTES

Meeting Date: June 10, 2011

Location: Austin City Hall
Room 4101 (4th Floor)

Meeting Time: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Attendees:

Greg Meszaros, Austin

Rudy Garza, Austin

Daryl Slusher, Austin

Teresa Lutes, Austin

Ross Crow, Austin

Jeff Fox, Austin

Richard Hoffpauir, Consultant

Suzanne Zaring, LCRA

Karen Bondy, LCRA

James Kowis, LCRA

Yvonne Davis, LCRA

Bryan Cook, LCRA

Minutes:

I. Agenda and Minutes from Last Meeting – Greg Meszaros brought the meeting to order about 8:35 a.m.

a. Reviewed agenda

b. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously agreed to approve March 11, 2011 EMC Minutes.

II. Water Quality Committee Meeting Schedule Revision Request – Karen Bondy discussed the Water Quality Committee schedule change request. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously agreed to revise the EMC By-laws to require the Water Quality Committee to meet once a year, with a provision allowing a committee member to call for a special meeting as needed.

III. COA Demand Projection Discussion – Teresa Lutes reviewed the demand projection table and discussed incorporating a reworded footnote to the table to clarify the future indirect reuse project demand component. Greg Meszaros suggested the technical committee develop appropriate wording for the table and report back to the EMC.

Stakeholder Committee comments from the April 14th Stakeholder Committee meeting included noting the potential for climate change to impact the projection and the importance of conservation.

IV. Water Management Plan Revision Status - The status of the Water Management Plan Revision Advisory Committee was reviewed. James Kowis thanked the City for working hard on consensus with the Irrigation, Environmental and Lakes interest groups.

V. Committee Reports:

- a. Technical Committee – The committee is continuing to work on a number of issues. Karen Bondy discussed ongoing efforts between Austin Energy and LCRA’s Wholesale Services Division on water supply approaches for FPP. The Technical Committee has a scheduled subcommittee meeting next Wednesday June 15th to review draft Joint Application for Reuse permit revisions prior to meeting with the TCEQ Water Rights permitting team.
 - b. Stakeholder Committee – The upcoming June 15, 2011 LCRA Board meeting will recommend for approval five new members for the Stakeholder Committee, to include Robby Cook (Agriculture), Susan Butler (Conservation), Lonnie Moore (Environmental), Katherine Woerner (Ratepayers) and Rod Malone (Recreation). The need to outline the committee meeting interval was discussed. Greg Meszaros recommended keeping at least an annual meeting requirement.
 - c. Water Conservation Committee – Daryl Slusher said the regional conference Central Texas Water Conservation Symposium (Business Case for Water Conservation) held in Cedar Park went well. Daryl also noted that both LCRA and the City of Austin have been working independently on water conservation items.
 - d. Water Quality Committee – Bryan Cook said the committee has recently focused on code monitoring and will soon be addressing water quality monitoring in the Barton Creek watershed.
- VI. White Stallion Update** – The White Stallion Energy Center (WSEC) water supply contract application was received in 2008, for 22,000 AFY of firm water for industrial cooling. The proposed coal and petroleum coke fired plant is for a 1320 Megawatt power generating station located near Bay City. The Board will consider the application for firm water supply at their June 2011 Board meeting. As part of the application the WSEC would pay \$55 Million to LCRA within one year of the contract date. Some of this money could be used by LCRA to build up to a 5,000 AF off-channel reservoir. Karen Bondy added that any off-channel reservoir would probably be a 5 to 10 year project. In the interim water for WSEC could come from Highland Lake storage. Additionally, a \$250,000 annual payment would be made to LCRA which would be used for conservation and water supply projects. WSEC would be required to build a 500 AF pond located at the facility to hold a 7 day demand water supply volume which would account for the approximate 7 day travel time from the Highland Lakes.

VII. SB3 – Colorado/Lavaca Basin Bay Area Stakeholder Committee

Update – The Colorado/Lavaca BBASC Stakeholder Committee is in the final stages of their Environmental Flows Recommendation Report which is due to the State by September 1, 2011.

VIII. Permit Applications Status:

- a. Waller Creek – The Waller Creek permit amendment is currently in technical review at TCEQ and could be approved soon.
- b. Unappropriated Flows Permit - TCEQ granted approval of LCRA's permit number 14-5731 on April 20, 2011.
- c. Garwood – LCRA is still awaiting TCEQ feedback on the revised accounting plan submitted by LCRA.
- d. LCRA downstream water rights – LCRA staff submitted applications to amend the Gulf Coast and Lakeside permits to add additional downstream uses including municipal and industrial. LCRA expects a request for further information from TCEQ.
- e. Lometa – LCRA's application to amend the Lometa water right was granted.

IX. Workshop – draft LCRA Water Supply Strategies for Agriculture –

James Kowis did a presentation on the draft LCRA Water Supply Strategies for Agriculture. James pointed out that as firm demands increase over time the interruptible water supply reliability for Agricultural use is projected to decrease.

X. Other business or news items: No new business was discussed

XI. Meeting Adjourned at approximately 11:30