

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

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**Meeting Date:** October 3, 2011

**Location:** Austin City Hall  
Room 4101 (4<sup>th</sup> Floor)

**Meeting Time:** 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

**Attendees:**

Greg Meszaros, Austin	Suzanne Zarling, LCRA
Rudy Garza, Austin	Kyle Jensen, LCRA
Teresa Lutes, Austin	Karen Bondy, LCRA
Jeff Fox, Austin	James Kowis, LCRA
Richard Hoffpauir, COA Consultant	Lyn Clancy, LCRA
	Yvonne Davis, LCRA

**Minutes:**

- I. **Welcome new EMC Member Kyle Jensen, LCRA, Executive Manager, External Affairs** - Greg Meszaros brought the meeting to order about 3:00 p.m. Greg and the committee welcomed Kyle Jensen to the partnership Executive Management Committee (EMC).
  
- II. **Agenda and Minutes from Last Meeting**
  - a. Reviewed agenda
  
  - b. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously agreed to approve the June 10, 2011 EMC Minutes.
  
- III. **Update on drought situation, including**
  - a. **LCRA Board's resolution regarding interruptible water for 2012** – Suzanne Zarling said the request for TCEQ emergency relief to allow LCRA to depart from the current 2010 Water Management Plan will be filed this week. The WMP departure relief request will be done with two requests, one addressing the stored interruptible water from Lakes Travis and Buchanan and one dealing with downstream water rights. Suzanne expects TCEQ to process the requests probably within several weeks. The request addressing the downstream water rights may take additional time for TCEQ to process.
  
  - b. **Discussion of possible required actions at 600,000 AF combined storage level, including pro rata curtailment of firm customers** – Greg Meszaros asked about the pro rata curtailment process status. Karen Bondy said the firm water customer meeting discussing pro rata curtailment will be in about 3 weeks on the morning of October

27th. There will be follow-up meetings with each customer to address specific issues. Greg Meszaros discussed the City's conservation credit based on measures already implemented by the City and the conservation achieved. Rudy Garza emphasized that this was an important issue for the City and that the City Council recently inquired about it. Suzanne Zarling added that she expects the LCRA Board to be responsive on the issue and that State rules provide for the allowance of conservation already achieved.

Rudy Garza said he was concerned with pro rata curtailment impacts particularly with respect to Fayette Power Project (FPP) and Decker Power Plant. Rudy asked about the status of Austin Energy seeking to increase the contract amount for FPP. Teresa Lutes mentioned that in wetter years the City of Austin run-of-river (ROR) water right AE uses at FPP provides a significant amount of water for AE's needs at FPP. However, in dry years there is less ROR water and the need for firm contract water goes up substantially. Greg added that AWU will work in conjunction with Austin Energy to better understand the possible pro rata curtailment impacts on Austin Energy.

- IV. Consider approval of Water Conservation Committee meeting frequency change** – The EMC discussed the change to allow the Conservation Committee to meet once per year or as directed by the EMC. Greg Meszaros concurred with the recommendation which will not require a change in the By-laws according to Lyn Clancy. The EMC voted unanimously in favor of the change.
- V. Joint Application for Reuse – discuss status of joint application for reuse of COA return flows** – COA and LCRA staff are working through final edits of the diversion map to be submitted with the permit application package and then plan to finalize putting all the documents together for submittal to TCEQ.
- VI. COA Demand Projection – follow up item** – Technical Committee members from COA and LCRA are drafting the footnote wording that will address future COA projects contemplated in the demand projection through year 2100. Final wording of the footnote will be reviewed either at the October 21<sup>st</sup> Technical Meeting later this month or by email. The footnote will not require formal EMC approval and can be approved through the Technical Committee.
- VII. Committee Reports:**
  - a. Technical Committee** – The Technical Committee has been working on various items including drought related items and finishing the Joint Reuse Application.

- b. Stakeholder Committee** – It was discussed that a possible Stakeholder Committee discussion topic could be providing the committee with a drought overview.
- c. Water Conservation** - The Water Conservation Committee has not met recently. Greg Meszaros discussed the increased number of water main breaks that AWU has been challenged with as a result of dry conditions and soil shrinkage during the ongoing drought. Rudy Garza discussed a customer billing system that would allow customers to track their usage on a real time basis through the internet.
- d. Water Quality** – No update to report. It was noted that Mike Personett is now the Assistant Director of the City's Watershed Protection Department having replaced Nancy McClintock who retired.

**VIII. Coordination of information exchange** – It was agreed upon by the EMC that Teresa Lutes and Karen Bondy would be the primary contacts to coordinate information between the City and LCRA.

**IX. Other business or news items, if time allows** – LCRA staff noted that the City of Sunset Valley has applied for their raw water contract with LCRA as the first City of Austin wholesale customer to apply directly to LCRA for their raw water contract as previously planned upon by the City and LCRA. James Kowis said the MAQ amount that Sunset Valley applied for is 775 AFY.

**X. Meeting Adjourned at approximately 4:30 p.m.**