

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

**Date:** September 10, 2010

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

**Meeting Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

**Attendees:**

Greg Meszaros, Austin	Suzanne Zarling, LCRA
Teresa Lutes, Austin	Becky Motal, LCRA
Daryl Slusher, Austin	James Kowis, LCRA
Ross Crow, Austin	Yvonne Davis, LCRA
Kathleen Garrett, Austin	Karen Bondy, LCRA
Jeff Fox, Austin	Lyn Clancy, LCRA
	Lisa Hatzenbuehler, LCRA

**Minutes:**

- I. **Agenda and Action Items from Last Meeting** – Greg Meszaros brought the meeting to order about 10:05 a.m.
  - a. Reviewed agenda
  - b. June 11, 2010 EMC Minutes to be approved by email or at next EMC meeting.
  - c. Action items listed in meeting minutes
    - i. Technical Committee to update EMC Committee on the status of the FPP sub-committee – item on this agenda
- II. **Longhorn Dam** – Suzanne Zarling requested advance coordination on dam operations for routine gate operations, flood coordination, and emergency management. The need for multi-points for contact was discussed. It was agreed that David Walker with LCRA could work with Bobby Gosey with Austin Energy on communication. Suzanne suggested that LCRA and AE coordinate on holding a drill. Kathleen Garrett (AE) provided information on dam maintenance and improvement plans.
- III. **Water Management Plan Revision status** – Greg Meszaros indicated that the Austin Water Utility may be updating City Council on the Water Management Plan (WMP) revision status. Various aspects of the WMP revision were discussed. Suzanne Zarling mentioned the tight timeframe of the WMP Revision process and the benefits of the ongoing open

communication dialogue amongst the stakeholder interest groups. Becky Motal asked about the Council update and Greg mentioned the purpose would be to generally inform Council on the WMP revision process and timeline. James Kowis stated that previous iterations of the WMP had shown more interruptible water available for the irrigation users but now with the increasing populations and firm demands there is less interruptible supply available therefore the WMP procedures need to be revised. Suzanne stressed LCRA's goal of protecting the firm supply. Suzanne said it would be helpful for the COA to address the need for more time in the WMP Revision process with an emphasis on potentially holding more frequent meetings to stay on track with the schedule.

**IV. COA Demand Projections** – Greg Meszaros addressed the COA demand projections timeline of a December delivery, and the ongoing 140 gpcd Water Conservation Plan Development process. City staff is expected to present a draft 140 gpcd plan to Council in mid December. Karen Bondy indicated that the COA demand projections would help in LCRA's analysis of demands used in the Water Supply Resource Plan. Greg said the City could submit preliminary demand projections with the understanding that changes will be likely once the Council makes its final determination on the gpcd recommendations and the approval process. Daryl Slusher stressed the importance of allowing time to conduct the associated public input processes including committees, boards and commissions. It was determined that Ross Crow and Lyn Clancy would review the submittal requirements of the Supplemental Agreement. Greg Meszaros suggested a goal of having a preliminary submittal in December with the understanding that the projections may likely change after the 140 gpcd plan process is conducted.

**V. Committee Reports:**

- a. Technical Committee: Lyn Clancy reviewed the activities of the Technical Committee during the past quarter:
  - i. The draft Lady Bird Lake Operational Protocol status was reviewed which is closer to completion
  - ii. Ross Crow and Richard Hoffpauir are working on some edits of the Joint Application for Reuse. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality requested a draft version for initial review.
  - iii. The Stoneledge Quarry Project agreement went to the City's Environmental Board and is being reviewed by Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District. It is anticipated to be on the LCRA Board agenda in October.
- b. Stakeholder Committee:

- i. The Stakeholder Committee presently has 2 vacancies to be filled.
- c. Water Conservation Committee:
  - i. Nora Mullarkey and Drema Gross are looking into a possible weather station location possibly co-located at a lift station. Drema Gross is now AWU's Conservation Division Manager.
- d. Water Quality Committee:
  - i. Lisa Hatzenbuehler updated the EMC on the Water Quality (WQ) Committee. The WQ Committee needs input from the EMC on the draft scope for the evaluation of water quality monitoring and assessment report. There is a WQ Committee Meeting scheduled for September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Lisa referred the group to the draft scope for the LCRA/COA Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Evaluation report. Lisa discussed the Texas Clean Rivers Program and a gap analysis to help determine what additional funding might be needed for monitoring and assessment. Becky Motal asked that the costs of what has already been undertaken be included. The EMC gave tentative approval to the scope.

## **VI. Updates:**

- a. LCRA Water Supply Resource Plan Process – the LCRA Water Supply Resource Plan (WSRP) has already been reviewed with the LCRA Board and staff expects approval by the Board this fall. Karen Bondy said the Board is especially interested in water conservation aspects of the Water Supply Resource Plan
- b. FPP Subcommittee progress – Staff at FPP are looking at changes in pumping operations to address reservoir storage. Karen Bondy stated that LCRA's Wholesale Power Services division is a customer of LCRA's Water Services. Technical analyses are pending.
- c. Permit Applications:
  - i. Waller Creek Permit – waiting on response from TCEQ
  - ii. Unappropriated Flows Permit – Still working through the process. The TCEQ abatement ends on September 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - iii. Garwood Permit – Pursuant to TCEQ's request LCRA submitted to TCEQ an accounting plan for review.
  - iv. Leander Inter-Basin Transfer (IBT) – no movement by TCEQ on the Leander IBT to report. There are a number of return flow related questions to be resolved.

**VII. Other business or news items:**

- a. LCRA staff is working on an Irrigation Customer report on Water Supply Strategies for Agriculture. James Kowis will bring additional information about this for the committee.
- b. Karen Bondy stated that LCRA staff expects the Board to approve the cost of raw water increases in an upcoming Board meeting ( \$151/AF or 9.5% increase for firm water customers)

**Action items from the meeting:**

- a. Have follow-up review and approval of June 11, 2010 EMC meeting minutes
- b. Longhorn Dam
  - i. AE to follow-up with City Management to determine potential timing and interest in formally pursuing long-term Longhorn Dam operational options with LCRA
  - ii. LCRA and AE will look at coordinating a Dam Operation Drill involving Longhorn Dam.
  - iii. AE to work with LCRA on multi-level communication procedures.
- c. Ross and Lyn to review requirements of City of Austin Demand Projection Submittal per the SWSA.
- d. James Kowis to bring to the EMC additional information on the LCRA's water supply strategies for agriculture study

**VIII. Meeting Adjourned approximately at 12:10**