

**Minutes**  
**Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group Regular Meeting**  
**April 13, 2016**  
**LCRA Dalchau Service Center**  
**3505 Montopolis Drive**  
**Austin, Texas**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**Members Signing In:**

Jim Barho, Environmental  
Jim Brasher, GMA 15  
John Burke, Water Utilities  
Ronald Gertson, Small Business  
Lauri Gillam, Municipalities  
Donna Klaeger, Counties  
Teresa Lutes, Municipalities  
Mike Reagor, Municipalities  
Robert Ruggiero, Small Business  
Charles Shell, GMA 8  
Haskell Simon, Agriculture  
James Sultemeier, Counties

Byron Theodosios, Counties  
Paul Tybor, GMA 7  
David Van Dresar, Water Districts  
Jennifer Walker, Environmental  
David Wheelock, River Authorities  
Lann Bookout, Non-voting, TWDB  
David Villarreal, Non-voting, TDA  
Paul Babb, GMA 9 Alternate  
Peggy Travis, Electric Generating Utilities  
Alternate  
David Lindsay, Recreation Alternate

**Voting Members Absent:**

John Dupnik, GMA 10  
Ron Fieseler, GMA 9, Alternate Attended  
Karen Haschke, Public Interest  
John Hoffman, Electric Generating  
Utilities, Alternate Attended  
Barbara Johnson, Industries

Doug Powell, Recreation, Alternate  
Attended  
Billy Roeder, Agriculture  
Jim Totten, GMA 12

**Consultants/Support/Visitors/Other:**

Rev. Carmen Retzlaff, New Life  
Lutheran in Dripping Springs  
Leonard Leinfelder, Kingsland WSE  
Brent Covert, Forestar Group  
Charlie Flatten, Hill Country Alliance  
Tommy Koch, C. Thomas Koch, Inc.  
Dorothy Taylor, Central Texas Water  
Coalition  
Jordan Furnans, LRE Water LLC  
Kevin Critendon, Austin Water  
Cindy Smiley, Smiley Law Firm  
Jim McMeans

Jason Ludwig, South Texas Nuclear Project  
Linda Raschke, Counties Alternate  
Reagan Burnham, No Colorado River Dam,  
Inc.  
Charles Shell, Central Texas GCD  
Kevin Kluge, TWDB  
Daniel Berglund, CBGCD  
Vicky Kennedy, Travis County  
Gary Bushell, Island on Lake Travis  
Jaime Burke, AECOM Region K consultant  
Jeff Fox, COA, Municipalities Alternate  
Gary Gold, COA

**Quorum:**

Quorum: Yes

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: 20

Number required for quorum per current voting membership of 25: 13

### **Formal Actions Taken:**

1. Approved Judge Byron Theodosis, representing the Counties interest category and San Saba County, continuing for a new term as a planning group voting member.
2. Approved a motion to elect Jason Ludwig with STPNOC as representative for the Electric Generation Utilities interest group, Matagorda County, with Peggy Travis as Designated Alternate.
3. Approved motion to adopt the February 10, 2016 meeting minutes as presented.

### **Regular Meeting:**

1. Call to Order – Chairman John Burke called the meeting to order.
2. Welcome and Introductions – Chairman John Burke welcomed all to the meeting.
3. Attendance Report – Teresa Lutes called attention to the attendance report that was included in the members' packets.
4. Discuss term expiration for San Saba County member representative and take action as needed – A motion for Judge Byron Theodosis, representing the Counties interest category and San Saba County, continuing for a new term as a planning group voting member was approved.
5. Discuss and take action on election of voting member Jason Ludwig with STPNOC as representative for the Electric Generation Utilities interest group and Peggy Travis as alternate – A motion to approve Jason Ludwig with STPNOC as representative for the Electric Generation Utilities interest group and Peggy Travis as alternate was approved. The Nominating Committee will recommend a member to replace John Hoffman on the Executive Committee. Ronald Gertson introduced the group to the new alternate for Small Business, Daniel Bergman.
6. Consent Agenda (5 minutes):
  - a. Approval of Minutes from the February 10, 2016 meeting – A motion to adopt the presented minutes was approved.
  - b. Financial/Budget Report – David Wheelock reported that there is \$24,128 remaining in the Grant Account and \$3,924 remaining in the Members' Account.
7. Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Update — update on regional water planning activities – Lann Bookout (TWDB) reported on TWDB activities to gather input on revisions to administrative rules governing Regional and State Water planning. Mr. Bookout reported that TWDB is planning to host a technical meeting with consulting engineers working with the Regional Planning groups. Mr. Bookout reported that the State Water Plan was posted for comments on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and TWDB will hold a public meeting on the State Water Plan on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bookout indicated that public comments will be accepted on the State Water Plan through

April 25<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bookout reported that TWDB received applications for the current round of SWIFT funding and the list of applications is available on the TWDB website.

8. Texas Water Development Board – Presentation on new “Utility” based planning approach – Kevin Kluge (TWDB) gave presentation on the new “Utility” based planning approach. The presentation included information on the development of water use estimates for the 4<sup>th</sup> planning cycle and changes that are planned to be included for the 5<sup>th</sup> planning cycle. These changes include population planning based on permanent resident population served within a utility service area and water demand planning based on volume of water to serve the utility’s retail customers (minus large industrial customers). Mr. Kluge discussed benefits and additional considerations associated with this revised planning process. Mr. Kluge discussed the tentative timeline for developing water demand projections.
9. Discuss any oral or written public comments received at the April 13, 2016 Public Meeting as requested by planning group members – John Burke gave planning group members the opportunity to discuss any public comments any oral or written public comments received at the April 13, 2016 Public Meeting. There was no additional discussion on comments from the Public Meeting.
10. Consider discussion of potential 5th cycle planning items received from public comments during the 4th cycle as requested by planning group members – The group will develop a strategic planning list of comprehensive items for the planning group to consider during the 5<sup>th</sup> planning cycle based on the items submitted by planning group members and both oral and written comments received from the public.
11. Bylaws update – Discuss Region K bylaws and determine if any updates are needed and take action as needed –This agenda item was postponed until the next Region K Planning group meeting.
12. Agenda items for next meeting
  - a. Location of next meeting - The next Region K Planning Group meetings are planned to be held on July 13, 2016 and October 12, 2016 at the LCRA Dalchau Service Center.
13. New / Other Business – Slides from the March 9, 2016 Water Planning 101 meeting will be posted on the Region K website.
14. Public Comments – None.
15. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned.