

Minutes
Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group Regular Meeting
January 11, 2017
LCRA Dalchau Service Center
3505 Montopolis Drive
Austin, Texas
10:00 a.m.

Members Signing In:

Jim Barho, Environmental
Daniel Berglund, Small Business
Jim Brasher, GMA 15
John Burke, Water Utilities
Ron Fieseler, GMA 9
Lauri Gillam, Municipalities
Karen Haschke, Public Interest
Donna Klaeger, Counties
Jason Ludwig, Electric Gen. Utilities
Barbara Johnson, Industries
Teresa Lutes, Municipalities
Doug Powell, Recreation
Mike Reagor, Municipalities

Robert Ruggiero, Small Business
Charles Shell, GMA 8
Paul Sliva, Agriculture
James Sultemeier, Counties
Jim Totten, GMA 12
Byron Theodosis, Counties
Paul Tybor, GMA 7
David Van Dresar, Water Districts
Jennifer Walker, Environmental
David Wheelock, River Authorities
David Bradsby, Non-Voting, TPWD
Lann Bookout, Non-voting, TWDB
Russ Robertson, Non-Voting Alternate, TDA

Voting Members Absent:

John Dupnik, GMA 10
Billy Roeder, Agriculture

Consultants/Support/Visitors/Other:

Christianne Castleberry Water Utilities
Alternate
Jaime Burke, AECOM Region K
consultant
Jeff Fox, COA, Municipalities, Alternate
Vanessa Benavides, AECOM
Stephen Cortes, Averitt and Associates
Cindy Smiley, Smiley Law Firm

David Lindsay, Recreation Alternate
Charlie Flatten, Environmental Alternate
Michelle Camp, Watersmart
Lyda Creus Molanphy, Watersmart
Mitchell Sodek, CTGCD, GMA 8 Alternate
David Villarreal, TDA
Greg Swoboda, Garver
Pat Womack, City of Leander

Quorum:

Quorum: Yes

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: 23

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

Formal Actions Taken:

1. All ten planning group members with expiring terms were reconfirmed with term extensions to 2022.
2. Approved motion to elect Executive Committee Members and Officers: John Burke, Chair, David Wheelock, Vice Chair, Teresa Lutes, Secretary and at-large members Lauri Gillam, John Dupnik and Ron Fieseler.
3. Approved minutes from the October 12, 2016 regular meeting as presented.
4. Approved the following:
 - a. Submittal of revised Creedmoor-Maha Water Supply Corporation regional water plan amendment request and ask TWDB to review as a minor amendment request.
 - b. Authorize Chair to hold a public meeting to receive comments on amended plan if TWDB concurs that the Creedmoor-Maha request would be a minor amendment.

At the end of the public comment period, comments will be summarized and proposed amended plan will be presented for LCRWPG approval. If necessary, a special called LCRWPG meeting will be held to consider approval of the proposed amended plan. The requesting entity will be responsible for reimbursing for costs associated with this plan amendment request.

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 – The item was not specifically reviewed during the meeting; however, the attendance report information was provided in the meeting packet.
4. Discuss term expiration for member representatives – All ten planning group members with expiring terms were reconfirmed with term extensions to 2022.
5. Report on Nominating Committee Recommendations
 - a. Discuss and take action on election of Executive Committee and Officers – A motion to elect John Burke for Chair, David Wheelock for Vice Chair, Teresa Lutes for Secretary, and at-large members Lauri Gillam, John Dupnik and Ron Fieseler was approved.
6. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of Minutes from the October 12, 2016 regular meeting – A motion to approve minutes from the October 12, 2016 regular meeting as presented was approved.
 - b. Financial/Budget Report – David Wheelock reported that 20% or \$21,209 of the total budget authorization of \$104,356 has been spent on consultant efforts. The Members account has a balance of \$3,538 and the grant account (cash on hand to pay the consultant) has a balance of \$26,187. An application requesting additional funding in the amount of \$800,000 has been submitted to TWDB to fund the next ten task. A final application is planned to be submitted towards the end of the process.

7. Discuss resignation of Jim Barho representative of Environmental Interest group – Jim Barho was presented a plaque in appreciation of his efforts as a member of the planning group. Jim has served on the Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group as an original appointed member since 1998. The vacated Environmental Interest group position will be advertised in the Austin American Statesman and notice will be sent to all County judges.
8. Presentation by WaterSmart – Michelle Camp, WaterSmart Software, presented information on strategies to provide targeted information to customers to encourage water conservation, including information about how these strategies are being used in the City of Leander.
9. Texas Water Development Board Update - Update on regional water planning activities, schedules and planning group grant funding status and notifications - Lann Bookout, TWDB, provided an update on regional water planning activities including past and future TWDB-held financial workshops (schedule posted online) and the upcoming Water For Texas Conference. Lann provided reminders about upcoming deadlines related to State Revolving Fund and SWIFT applications as well as deadlines for comments on the revised general guidelines for the regional water planning process. Lann also offered updates related to ongoing work on the draft population and demands.
10. Update on TWDB Executive Administrator Jeff Walker's determination regarding Creedmoor-Maha WSC initial amendment request; and discuss new request from Creedmoor-Maha WSC for Region K to consider submitting a new amendment request to the TWDB for review. Take action as necessary. – James Kowis, AECOM, Wade Wheatley, GDS & Assoc., and Ricky Anderson, RSAH20, LLC, presented an update on TWDB's determination of Creedmoor Maha's initial request, finding that only a portion of the request could be considered for a minor amendment request. James Kowis also provided information on a revised request from Creedmoor-Maha which is being resubmitted as a minor amendment request. The planning group discussed the new request, the process for resubmittal, the process to gather public comment, and the process to conduct a vote to approve the revised request.

A motion to approve submittal of revised Creedmoor-Maha Water Supply Corporation regional water plan amendment request and ask TWDB to review as a minor amendment request and authorize the Chair to hold a public meeting to receive comments on amended plan if TWDB concurs that the Creedmoor-Maha request would be a minor amendment was approved. Additionally, at the end of the public comment period, comments will be summarized and proposed amended plan will be presented for LCRWPG approval. If necessary, a special called LCRWPG meeting will be held to consider approval of the proposed amended plan. The requesting entity will be responsible for reimbursing for costs associated with this plan amendment request.

11. Consultant Status Report – Jaime Burke, AECOM, provided an update on the consultant status. The update included information on the status of tasks listed in the Scope of Work, a summary of work conducted since the October 12th meeting, a Population and Demand Committee update, and information on upcoming efforts.

12. Summary of draft population, municipal, and mining water demand projections to be included in the 2021 regional water plans and the 2022 state water plan for the planning groups review received from TWDB late December 2016. Discuss process for moving forward – Jaime Burke, AECOM, provided a summary of the draft projections based on the consultant’s initial review and also provided information on the draft projection review process and schedule, including the process to provide feedback and request changes.
13. Committee updates – None.
14. Agenda items for next meeting – to be determined closer to the meeting date
 - a. Location of next meeting – The location and date of the next regular meeting will be at LCRA’s Dalchau Service Center in Austin on April 26, 2017.
15. New / Other Business – None.
16. Public Comments – Steven Cortez, Averitt and Associates, provided information on a statewide study to quantify water savings from planned water conservation efforts in the regional plans. David Lindsay provided comments on behalf of the Central Texas Water Coalition (CTWC) related to comments provided on water demand projections for irrigation. Mr. Lindsey indicated that CTWC submitted comments to TWDB on changing the basis for the agricultural irrigation methodology aimed at building a stronger baseline for projections.
17. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned.