

Meeting Minutes
Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group Regular Meeting
October 14, 2020
10:00 a.m.
Zoom Virtual Meeting

Members Signing In:

Daniel Berglund, Small Business
Jim Brasher, GMA 15
John Burke, Water Utilities
Ron Fieseler, GMA 9
Lauri Gillam, Municipalities
Karen Haschke, Public Interest
Barbara Johnson, Industries
David Lindsay, Recreation
Jason Ludwig, Elect. Generating Utilities
Jim Luther, Counties
Teresa Lutes, Municipalities
Ann McElroy, Environmental
Mike Reagor, Municipalities

Robert Ruggiero, Small Business
Mitchel Sodek, GMA 8
James Sulzemeier, Counties
Jim Totten, GMA 12
Paul Tybor, GMA 7
David Van Dresar, Water Districts
Jennifer Walker, Environmental
David Wheelock, River Authorities
Lann Bookout, Non-Voting, TWDB
Rusty Ray, Non-Voting, TSSWCB
Rob Barthen, Non-Voting, TDA
David Bradsby, Non-Voting, TPWD

Voting Members Absent:

David Caldwell, GMA 10
Charles Olfers, Agriculture

Paul Sliva, Agriculture
Byron Theodosis, Counties

Consultants/Support/Visitors/Other (as of start of virtual meeting)*:

Ron A	Rex Hunt
Ellen McDonald	Richard Hoffpauir, Hoffpauir Consulting
Feather	Sarah Backhouse, TWDB
Jason Afinowiz	Sarah Hoes, Austin Water
Michael Redman	Temple McKinnon, TWDB
Blake Neffendorf, City of Buda	Marcin Tyszka, LCRA
Carol Olewin, Alternate for Public Interest	Juston McMahon, LCRA
Jordan Furnans, LRE Water	Helen Gerlach, Austin Water
Marcus Richardson, Alt. for Small Business	Jaime Burke, AECOM
Monica Masters, LCRA	Alicia Smiley, AECOM
Paul	Stacy Pandey, LCRA
Patrick Lopez	

*Consultants/support/visitors/other information was gathered from Zoom for attendees that entered a name.

Quorum:

Quorum: Yes

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: 21

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

Formal Actions Taken:

1. The minutes from the September 15, 2020 Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group (LCRWPG) meeting were approved, as amended, on a motion by Daniel Berglund and seconded by David Wheelock.
2. The LCRWPG voted to approve a motion by David Wheelock and seconded by Ron Fieseler to adopt the 2021 Region K Water Plan as edited, to authorize the consultant to submit the adopted plan to TWDB by November 5, 2020, and to authorize the consultant to make non-substantive edits after adoption, as needed.
3. The LCRWPG voted to approve a motion by Jennifer Walker and seconded by Daniel Berglund to approve the Prioritization of Water Management Strategies in the 2021 Region K Water Plan.

Regular Meeting:

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman John Burke called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. A roll call of the planning group members was taken to record attendance.
2. **Welcome and Introductions** – Chairman John Burke welcomed all to the meeting.
3. **Receive public comments on specific issues related to agenda items numbers 6 through 10** – No public comments.
4. **Attendance Report** – The Secretary’s attendance report and budget report from LCRA were included in the members’ packets for review.
5. **Approval of Minutes from the September 15, 2020 regular meeting** – The LCRWPG approved a motion by Daniel Berglund and seconded by David Wheelock to approve the amended minutes as presented from the regular September 15, 2020 meeting.
6. **Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) –**
 - a. Update on regional water planning activities and schedules: Lann Bookout, TWDB, updated the group on regional water planning activities. Lann informed the group that TWDB is working on a regional boundary review process and has briefed the board. The review will open for public input in October. The plan is to make a recommendation to the board in early 2020 about the regional boundary review process. The draft proposal is available on their website.

The Interregional Planning Council has a draft report out for review and comment. This draft report will be presented to the TWDB at an upcoming Board meeting.

- 7. Discussion and consideration of all proposed edits to Final 2021 Region K Water Plan. Take action as necessary.** – Jamie Burke, AECOM, updated the group on proposed edits to the final 2021 Region K Water Plan. AECOM has made database edits in coordination with TWDB staff as discussed in the Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) comment responses. Edits were made to the Executive Summary, and Chapters 1, 3, and 4 all had tables updated. In Chapter 5, Austin requested removing yield volumes from Austin Return Flows strategy from DB22 and adding language to Table 5.2. In Chapter 8, David Lindsay requested that the Regional Water Planning Group (RWPG) include new language to policy recommendation 8.1.10 referencing a new study. Chapter 9 now includes costs for all projects. Chapter 10 was updated to summarize recent Region K meetings.

Region K received public information request for emails on September 29, 2020. This public information request is related to a Bertram water management strategy that pumps, treats, and transports water from a quarry pit/reservoir. Jaime suggested to the group that Region K coordination with and further response from the requestor may have risen to the level of public comment that potentially should be included in Chapter 10. After discussion, the group decided to add an appendix to discuss the request. Lann Bookout also reminded the group that the entity could request an amendment, as needed.

- 8. Discuss and take action regarding the adoption of the 2021 Region K Water Plan. Authorize Consultant to submit adopted 2021 Region K Water Plan to TWDB by November 5, 2020. Consider authorizing Consultant to make non-substantive edits after adoption, as needed or if requested by TWDB.** – A motion by David Wheelock and seconded by Ron Fieseler to adopt the 2021 Region K Water Plan as edited, to authorize the consultant to submit the adopted plan to TWDB by November 5, 2020, and to authorize the consultant to make non-substantive edits after adoption, as needed, was voted on and approved by the Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group.
- 9. Discussion and consideration of any proposed edits to the Prioritization of Water Management Strategies in the 2021 Region K Water Plan.** – Jaime Burke, AECOM, updated the group on the Prioritization Spreadsheet. No changes have been made since the previous meeting.
- 10. Take action to approve the Prioritization of Water Management Strategies in the 2021 Region K Water Plan.** – Jennifer Walker made a motion to approve the prioritization of water management strategies in the Region K Plan. Daniel Berglund seconded the motion, and the LCRWPG voted to approve.
- 11. Agenda items for next meeting.**
 - a. Location and date of next meeting: The next Region K meeting will be held January 27, 2021. The location will be virtual or at the LCRA Dalchau Service Center, if able.
 - b. Other committee meetings: None.

12. New / Other Business (time permitting) – Chairman John Burke announced that he will be stepping down as Chairman of the LCRWPG for the next cycle. Anyone who is interested in the Chairman position should contact Ann McElroy, Chair of the Nominating Committee.

13. Public Comments – limit 3 minutes per person – None.

14. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned by Chairman John Burke at 10:43 a.m.