#### AGENDA

Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group Meeting

#### January 26, 2022

The Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group (Region K) meeting will be held in Room A504/A505, LCRA Dalchau Service Center, at 3505 Montopolis Drive, Austin, Texas 78744, Travis County, at 10:00 a.m. Due to health and safety concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic, virtual attendance via Zoom webinar is encouraged. However, a member of the public wishing to address the planning group may do so via the Zoom webinar link or in person.

#### In-Person Meeting Option:

LCRA Dalchau Service Center 3505 Montopolis Drive Austin, TX 10:00 a.m.

#### Virtual Meeting Option:

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#### **Regular Meeting:**

- 1. Call to Order Vice Chair David Wheelock
- 2. Welcome and Introductions David Wheelock
- 3. Receive public comments on specific issues related to agenda items 4 through 19. (Public comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker.)
- 4. Consider approval of Minutes from the September 15, 2021 regular meeting Teresa Lutes
- 5. Attendance report Teresa Lutes

- 6. Discuss term expiration for several voting members and take action as needed Teresa Lutes
- 7. Report on Nominating Committee Recommendations Ann McElroy, Chair of Nominating Committee
  - a. Discuss and take action on election of Executive Committee and Officers for calendar year 2022
- 8. Committee Reports
  - a. Bylaws Committee
    - i. Report on recommendation for changes to the LCRWPG Bylaws Barbara Johnson, Chair of Bylaws Committee
    - ii. Discuss and take action on recommendation for changes to the LCRWPG Bylaws from Bylaws Committee – David Wheelock
  - b. Executive Committee

Report on January 6, 2022 Executive Committee meeting and recommendations to fill vacancies – Teresa Lutes

- 9. Consider election of voting members to fill vacancies David Wheelock
  - a. Discuss and take action on Counties interest representative vacancy
  - b. Discuss and take action on Water Utilities interest representative vacancy
- 10. Interregional Coordination Activities David Wheelock
  - a. Discuss and take action on selection of a representative and alternate for the Interregional Planning Council
  - b. Designate liaisons to neighboring water planning regions and take action as needed
- 11. Discuss certification of administrative expenses related to Task 10 work and take action as needed David Wheelock
- 12. Review, discuss, and update committee membership rosters as needed David Wheelock
- 13. Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Report
  - a. Update on regional water planning activities and schedules Lann Bookout
- 14. Consultant Report Stephanie Moore, INTERA
  - a. Progress to date
  - b. Upcoming efforts

- 15. Recognition of recently resigned Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group members - David Wheelock
- 16. Upcoming meetings:
  - a. Location and date of next RWPG meeting
  - b. Other committee meetings
- 17. New / Other Business (time permitting)
- 18. Public Comments limit 3 minutes per person
- 19. Adjourn

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#### Draft Meeting Minutes Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group Public Hearing and Regular Meeting September 15, 2021 LCRA Dalchau Service Center 3505 Montopolis Drive Austin, TX 10:00 a.m.

#### Public Hearing Minutes:

- Call to Order Chair David Van Dresar called the Public Hearing to order at 10:00 am. The purpose of the Public Hearing was conducted to receive public comments on issues or provisions to be Included in 6th cycle of water planning for Region K.
- 2. Welcome and Introductions Vice Chair David Wheelock shared information on the process to post notice for the Public Hearing.

# 3. Public Comments on Issues or Provisions to be Included in 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle of Water Planning

- Sue Thornton, representing Central Texas Water Coalition Ms. Thornton expressed that from her point of view the Region K Water Availability Model (WAM) is overly optimistic, and provided three specific recommendations:
  - i. Recommended taking more cautious approach to calculate water availability, including a preference for safe yield rather than firm yield
  - ii. Recommended further study of decreased inflows to the Highland Lakes
  - iii. Recommended consideration of conservation and reuse strategies, including water rates and pricing, gathering metrics on water use to assess success of conservation efforts. Noted that these rates and pricing metrics should be used across all types of water users.
- Andrew Wier, representing the Simsboro Aquifer Water Defense Fund (SAWDF), described the SAWDF goal of protecting groundwater rights in Simsboro, Lee, and Bastrop counties. Mr. Wier asked the planning group to emphasize reuse, conservation, and aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) strategies, and recommended that the regional water planning group (RWPG) look at the interaction between surface water and groundwater in more detail. The current plan shows a shift toward more use of Colorado River water as groundwater use is curtailed and recommended that the planning process be used to find a sustainable path forward.
- John Carlton, Special Counsel representing Travis County WCID No. 10, noted that they will have written comments before deadline. WCID No. 10 has been a wholesale customer of Austin Water since the 1950s. They will be submitting proposed corrections for the 2022 Region K plan, including population, water demand, and water management strategies.
- 4. **Adjourn** John Burke motioned to close the Public Hearing, David Lindsay seconded. All in favor. The Public Hearing closed at 10:16 am

#### **Regular Meeting Minutes:**

#### **Members Signed in:**

Jim Brasher John Burke Lauri Gillam Michael Redman (GMA 10) Barbara Johnson David Lindsay Jim Luther Mike Reagor Marisa Flores Gonzalez (Alternate for Teresa Lutes) Emil Uecker (Alternate for James Sultemeier) Robert Ruggiero Mitchell Sodek Byron Theodosis Paul Tybor David Van Dresar Jennifer Walker David Wheelock Paul Babb (Alternate for Ron Fieseler) Carol Olewin (Alternate for Karen Haschke)

#### Voting Members Absent

Daniel Berglund Jason Ludwig Ann McElroy

#### Support/Consultants/Visitors

Walt Smith, Hays County Lann Bookout, TWDB Lissa Gregg, FNI David Buzan, FNI Neil Deeds, INTERA Christianne Castleberry, CEG Robert Adams, Plummer Jason Afinowicz, FNI Cecilia Green, Blanton & Associates Blake Neffendorf, City of Buda Stephanie Moore, INTERA Helen Gerlach, Austin Water Vanessa Escobar, Blanton & Associates Katie Snyder, Black & Veatch Paul Sliva Jim Totten Charles Offers

Augusto Villalon, FNI John Carlton, Travis Co. WCID #10 Jamie Burke, B&V Andy Wier, SAWDF Rex Hunt, Plummer Tyler Hjorth, San Marcos Lauren Mayes, TDA David Marino, BSEACD Erin Swanson, BSEACD Erin Swanson, LCRA Sara Eatman, Austin Water Sara Hoes, Austin Water Velma Danielson, Blanton & Associates

#### Quorum

Quorum: yes Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: 19 Number required for quorum per current voting membership of 25: 13 Number of voting members required for 2/3 vote: 17

#### **Formal Actions Taken:**

- 1. Carol Olewin was elected to represent the Public interest category, replacing Karen Haschke
- 2. Minutes from the July 21, 2021 regular meeting were approved as written

#### Minutes:

- 1. Call to Order Chairman David Van Dresar called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m. A roll call of the planning group members was taken to record attendance.
- 2. Welcome and Introductions Chairman David Van Dresar welcomed all to the meeting.
  - Roll Call
- **3.** Introduction of new Region K consultant Chairman David Van Dresar introduced Barbara Johnson, Chair of the Consultant Selection Committee.
  - Barbara Johnson provided an overview of the process to review consultant applications, including listing Consultant Selection Committee members and describing LCRA support provided to ensure the committee was following purchasing rules and process. Two submissions were received, one from INTERA and one from Black and Veatch. INTERA scored higher in the selection process and the committee unanimously recommended INTERA.

Stephanie Moore introduced herself as a hydrologist as well as the Region K project manager for INTERA. She described INTERA's consultant team which includes INTERA, Plummer, Freese and Nichols, and Blanton & Associates. Ms, Moore mentioned resilience, conservation, and conjunctive management as key themes to incorporate in the next planning round. Stephanie Moore then introduced Project Principal Neil Deeds, PhD, P.E., and four senior team members, Van Kelley, Rex Hunt, PE, Simone Kiel, and Velma Danielson. Stephanie also introduced team members present at the meeting, including Jason Afinowicz PE, Lissa Gregg, PE, Robert Adams, PE, Cecilia Green, Vanessa Escobar and lastly Dave Buzan. Jennifer Walker requested a copy of the consultant presentation and asked for slides prior to and/or at the meetings; Stephanie noted that we will review standard practices for how and when to post information based on revised state guidance.

- **4.** Regional planning schedule for sixth round of Regional Water Planning Stephanie Moore provided a schedule for the sixth round of planning. The consultant team has divided the planning process into four phases:
  - Pre-planning: prior to TWDB draft data availability;
  - Core planning: begin when data is delivered from TWDB, and includes the Technical Memorandum, due 3/4/2024;
  - IPP: due 3/3/2025;
  - Final Plan: is due 10/20/2025.

Stephanie also noted that they would be happy to meet with the planning group members and share onboarding materials.

5. Discuss nominations received for Public Interest and Counties membership positions. Discuss and take action to fill Public Interest and Counties positions on Region K Group. – Vice Chair David Wheelock provided an overview of the vacancy postings, in accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act and TWDB rules. Chair David Van Dresar noted that election of a new voting member requires a 2/3 vote of the voting membership (17, based on voting membership of 25) to approve the nomination, and offered nominees the opportunity to speak to the planning group, if desired.

- <u>Public Interest</u>: Carol Olewin, Public Interest nominee, noted that she has served on various boards and is a long time Travis County resident, and expressed her interest in serving in this position. John Burke made a motion to approve the nomination and Lauri Gilliam seconded. During discussion, David Wheelock noted Karen Haschke's years of service. Motion was approved with all voting in favor.
- <u>Counties</u>. Chair David Van Dresar noted that three nominations were received for the Counties vacancy and gave the nominees an opportunity to speak to the group.
  - Emil Uecker, Blanco County Commissioner, spoke and is the current Counties alternate. He noted his 22 years working with James Avery and his experience in domestic water and industrial waste, including working to write procedures to recover industrial waste. His intention is to make things better for those that follow.
  - Walt Smith spoke and noted that he is County Commissioner for Hays County and noted the importance of water in his fast-growing county. He described his experience in the legislature as well as the agriculture commission. He worked in agriculture at Capitol Hill and had started the office for the National Rural Water Association in DC. He currently serves on the board of the Hays Caldwell Public Utility Agency (HCPUA) as secretary and treasurer. His focus in North Hays and Western Travis Counties is preservation of groundwater to support growth.
  - o Mayor Rachel Lumpee was not present to speak.

Chair David Van Dresar opened the floor for any other nominees beyond those already nominated, no other nominations were made.

Jennifer Walker nominated Walt Smith due to the growth of Hays County. Lauri Gillam seconded that nomination. Chairman David Van Dresar the opened up the floor for discussion. Barbara Johnson recognized Emil Uecker's service as alternate for James Sultemeier, former Blanco County Commissioner, who vacated the position that was posted for and noted that Walt Smith brings a depth and range of experience to this process and supported his nomination. Jim Brasher also noted that Hays County is heavily populated and expressed concern about rural counties not being sufficiently represented. Jennifer Walker noted that planning group has the latitude to review membership makeup and add/or change positions. It was also noted that we need representation from Blanco County. Jim Brasher sought clarification on the maximum total number of planning group members. Lann Bookout, TWDB, noted that he would check to see if there are any statutory or rule limits. It was noted that Region L has 30 planning group members. Jennifer Walker added that the bylaws currently limit the RWPG to 25 voting members; any additional members would require a change to the bylaws. It was also noted that GMA 9 represents Hays County. Planning group member Judge Byron Theodosis noted that he would like to have both Emil Uecker and Walt Smith serve on the group. Chairman Van Dresar called for a vote on the motion. The motion did not pass on a vote of six in favor and eleven opposed.

Chair Van Dresar called for any other nominations. There were none.

Judge Theodosis made a motion and Paul Tybor seconded the motion to nominate Emil Uecker for Counties interest vacancy. The motion did not pass on a vote of twelve in favor and five opposed.

Since a 2/3 majority was not achieved to elect a new Counties interest representative, the group consensus was to table the issue and re-visit it at the next meeting. The group discussed that the Bylaw Committee should convene to review the bylaws including a review of the number of voting members (see Agenda Item 10, below). It was noted that the Bylaws Committee should consider the number of voting members with respect to geographic representation. Members discussed the high quality of candidates.

- 6. Receive public comments on specific issues related to agenda items numbers 9 through 12 None.
- **7.** Attendance report and financial Report Marisa Flores Gonzalez called roll at the beginning of the meeting and referred individuals to the financial report included in the packet.
- 8. Approval of Minutes from the July 21, 2021 regular meeting John Burke moved approval of the minutes as written and the motion was Seconded by Michael Redman. The motion passed with none opposed.

#### 9. Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) -

a. <u>Update on regional water planning activities and schedules</u>: Lann Bookout provided a report on the status of the mining water use study being conducted with the University of Texas to update demand projections for the 2026 plan, the Interregional Planning Council (IPC) nomination process, the rulemaking process, updates to the Planning Round 6 website, and the status of an interactive site for the current state plan. Lann also provided a legislative update HB 1905, SB 669, HB 2225. Lann noted that funds would begin to populate the expense budget soon. Jim Brasher noted that Colorado County has significant sand and gravel mining and asked for process to gather information to make those numbers more accurate. Lann directed him to the study website and said he would make the slides available.

#### 10. Discussion of Region K bylaws. -

- a. <u>Bylaws Committee Membership</u>: Bylaws Committee Chair Barbara Johnson identified some areas where clarifications and updates may be considered in the current (2013) Bylaws. Current Bylaws Committee Members are Barbara Johnson, Teresa Lutes, Dave Lindsay, Rob Ruggiero, and Paul Tybor, all of whom are willing to continue sitting on the committee; Chair Van Dresar charged the committee with reviewing the bylaws to address membership and representation questions and a general review as mentioned by Ms. Johnson.
- b. <u>Contact information as required by the bylaws</u>: The group discussed what type of contact information is currently required by the bylaws and whether that needs to be updated.
- **11. Discussion of interregional coordination efforts** Vice Chair David Wheelock introduced the item as an introductory discussion with no action required. Stephanie Moore provided an

overview of the Interregional Coordination guidance from TWDB. She noted that many RWPGs have liaisons that attend adjacent RWPG meetings, although it is not required. The RWPG will be required to select a representative to serve on the Interregional Planning Council spring of 2022, but no action is required at this time.

12. Communications from neighboring regional water planning groups – Chair Van Dresar recognized Diane Wassenich, who serves on Region L. Region L has had a number of retirements, and therefore has many new members including leadership positions. Region L sought to choose their consultants through a new selection committee process which did not result in an approved selection; tabled for a future meeting.

#### 13. Agenda items for next meeting -

- LCRA's Dalchau Service Center, Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 10 am
- Bylaws Committee to meet before January 26, 2022
- **14. New/other business** David Lindsay asked how the public comments provided would be taken into account. Stephanie Moore noted that the comments will be compiled and provided to the group for consideration.

John Burke stated that he is resigning from the planning group and recommends his Designated Alternate Christianne Castleberry as his replacement. The consensus of the RWPG was that the position would need to be filled through a public notice and the nominations process.

- **15. Public Comments** None.
- **16. Adjourn** The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 pm

#### Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group Meeting Voting Member Attendance Record for Secretary's LCRWPG Voting Member Attendance Report on 1/26/2022 **Regular meetings held over the past 2 years are shown.**

		Voting Members											
Name		Interest		Year Term Expires*	1/15/2020 Dalchau Service Center Austin	02/05/2020 Redbud Center	7/15/2020 Virtual	8/12/2020 Virtual	9/15/2020 Virtual	10/14/2020 Virtual	1/27/2021 Virtual	7/21/2021 Virtual	9/15/2021 Dalchau Service Center Austin
1 Berglund,	Daniel	Small Business	Wharton	2026	Absent	х	Х	Absent	х	х	Absent	Absent	Absent
2 Brasher,	Jim	GMA 15	Colorado	2022	х	х	Х	х	х	х	х	х	х
3 Burke,	John	Water Utilities	Bastrop	2024	х	Х	Х	х	Х	х	х	х	Х
4 Escobar	Vanessa	GMA 10	Travis	2026							Х	Absent	Removed - Alternate Attended
5 Fieseler,	Ron	GMA 9	Blanco	2022	х	Х	Х	х	х	х	х	х	Absent - Alternate Attended
6 Gillam,	Lauri	Municipalities	Travis	2023	х	Х	х	х	х	х	х	х	Х
7 Haschke,	Karen	Public	Travis	2026	х	Х	Х	Absent - Alternate Attended	Х	х	х	х	Absent - Alternate Attended
8 Johnson,	Barbara	Industries	Travis	2022	х	Х	Х	х	Х	х	х	х	Х
9 Lindsay	David	Recreation	Travis	2024		Elected	Х	х	Х	х	х	х	Х
10 Ludwig,	Jason	Electric Gen. Utilities	Matagorda	2026	х	Х	Х	х	х	х	х		Absent
11 Luther	Jim	Counties	Burnet	2022	Х	Х	Absent	Absent	Х	х	Х		Х
12 Lutes,	Teresa	Municipalities	Williamson	2022	х	Х	Х	х	х	х	х	Absent - Alternate Attended	Absent - Alternate Attended
13 McElroy,	Ann	Environmental	San Saba	2022	х	Absent	Х	Absent	Х	х	х		Absent
14 Olfers,	Charles	Agriculture	Gillespie	2023	Absent	Х	Absent	Absent	х	Absent	х		Absent
15 Reagor,	Mike	Municipalities	Llano	2023	Х	Х	Х	х	Х	х	х		Х
16 Ruggiero,	Robert	Small Business	Travis	2024	х	Х	Х	х	Х	х	х	х	х
17 Sliva,	Paul	Agriculture	Matagorda	2026	х	Х	Absent	Absent	х	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
18 Sodek,	Mitchell	GMA 8	Burnet	2023	Х	Х	Х	Х	Absent	х	Х	х	Х
19 Sultemeie	r, James	Counties	Blanco	2022	Absent - Alternate Attended	Absent - Alternate Attended	Х	х	х	х	Absent	х	Absent - Alternate Attended
20 Theodosis	s, Byron	Counties	San Saba	2026	х	Х	Х	Absent	Х	Absent	х	Х	Х
21 Totten,	Jim	GMA 12	Bastrop	2022	х	Absent	Absent	х	х	х	х		Absent
22 Tybor,	Paul	GMA 7	Gillespie	2024	х	Х	Х	Absent	х	х	х	х	х
23 Van Dresa	ar, David	Water Districts	Fayette	2024	Absent	х	Absent	х	Х	х	х	х	х
24 Walker,	Jennifer	Environmental	Travis	2022	X	Absent - Alternate Attended	Х	X	X	X	Absent - Alternate Attended	x	X
25 Wheelock	, David	River Authorities	Travis	2023	X	Х	X	x	X	x	X	х	X

\*Jan. 1/Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> of previous year (for example, 2021 terms expire Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020)

#### ITEM 7

#### **Report on Nominating Committee Recommendations**

#### Nominating committee has put forward the following slate for the Executive Committee:

- 1. Chair: David Van Dresar
- 2. Vice Chair: David Wheelock
- 3. Secretary: Teresa Lutes
- 4. At-Large: Daniel Berglund
- 5. At-Large: Byron Theodosis
- 6. At-Large: Jennifer Walker

# Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group <u>Bylaws</u>

Adopted: April 22, 1998

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# **ARTICLE I. NAMES**

#### Section 1. Organization

The official name of this organization shall be the "Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group" (hereinafter "LCRWPG").

#### Section 2. Regional Water Planning Area

The official name of the regional water planning area designated as "Region K" by the Texas Water Development Board (hereinafter "TWDB") in accordance with 31 Texas Administrative Code (hereinafter "TAC") Chapter 357 on February 19, 1998, and any amendments thereto, shall be the "Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Area" (hereinafter "LCRWPA").

# **ARTICLE II. PURPOSE**

The purpose of the LCRWPG shall be to provide comprehensive regional water planning and to carry out the related responsibilities placed on regional water planning groups by applicable state law and TWDB rules in and for the LCRWPA.

# **ARTICLE III. PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

The principal administrative office of the LCRWPG is the principal business office of the Lower Colorado River Authority. The Chair of the LCRWPG shall ensure that the mailing address and physical address of the principal office and administrative officer are provided to all members of the LCRWPG and the Executive Administrator of the TWDB.

# **ARTICLE IV. RESPONSIBILITIES**

The LCRWPG shall have responsibility for performing the functions defined in applicable sections of the Texas Water Code, Chapter 16 and TWDB rules in 31 TAC Chapters 355, 357, and 358 related to

regional water planning groups for the LCRWPA. Foremost among those responsibilities shall be the development <u>of and updates to of</u> a regional water plan for the LCRWPA that identifies both short and long-term water supply needs and recommends water management strategies for addressing them.

# **ARTICLE V. VOTING MEMBERSHIP**

#### Section 1. Composition

The voting members of the LCRWPG shall ensure representation of the interests stated in Texas Water Code §16.053(c), if applicable to the region, and other interests determined by the LCRWPG. The number of voting members of the LCRWPG shall not exceed twenty-<u>six five</u> (2<u>6</u>5) persons and the voting membership of the LCRWPG shall include at least one person who represents each of the fourteen (14) counties located within the area encompassed by the LCRWPG and strive to achieve geographic, ethnic and gender diversity. If the LCRWPG solicitation of representation from a county produces no qualified applicants, representation of the county's interests<sup>1</sup> may be fulfilled by a current member.

#### Section 2. Terms of Office

Voting members serve for five-year staggered terms and are eligible to serve two consecutive terms. If a member desires to serve additional terms, that member may apply to the Executive Committee and the members of the LCRWPG for consideration of appointment by complying with the provisions of these bylaws. Outgoing voting members shall be given the opportunity to participate in the selection process for their successors and shall serve until their successors take office.

#### Section 3. Conditions of Membership

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Interest" does not refer to the interests named in the Texas Water Code, Section 16.053(c), but means the needs or concerns related to long term water supplies for the county

In order to be eligible for voting membership on the LCRWPG, a person must represent the interest for which a member is sought, be willing to participate in the regional water planning process, and abide by these bylaws.

#### Section 4. Selection of Members

No later than ninety calendar days prior to the expiration of a voting member's term, or <u>W</u>within fortyfive calendar days <u>of after</u> the removal or resignation of a voting member, the LCRWPG may post public notice of a solicitation of nominations in each county located in the LCRWPA by email notification to each County Clerk, and County Judge, soliciting nominations for a successor, identifying the particular interest for which nominations are sought, stating the conditions of membership, delineating the method for submitting nominations, and establishing a deadline for submission of nominations. Members of the LCRWPG may also submit nominations in the manner prescribed in the public notice.

Each groundwater management area within Region K will appoint a voting member to the planning group. The Planning Group shall notify each Groundwater Management Area of a vacancy created by resignation of its appointed member.

The Executive Committee shall review and process the nominations and shall recommend a nominee to the voting membership as a whole. The Executive Committee shall not be bound by the nominations received and may consider any person who meets the conditions of membership as a nominee. The voting membership as a whole shall not be bound by the recommendation of the Executive Committee and may consider any person who meets the conditions of membership as a nominee.

An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the total voting membership of the LCRWPG shall be required to elect a nominee as a new voting member. If voting fails to select a new voting member, the voting members shall consider other nominations until a new member can be selected by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the voting membership. In addition to selecting new voting members to fill vacancies caused by removal, resignation or the expiration of a term, the voting members may add members to ensure adequate representation of the interests comprising the LCRWPA by generally utilizing the selection process set forth in this section, with the exception of the ninety and forty-five day posting deadlines which shall not apply. If such a new member is added, the existing voting members shall determine by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the voting membership, the exact applicability of the membership term provisions and restrictions to the new member at the time of the new member's selection.

In both the consideration of nominees and the selection of new voting members, the Executive Committee and other voting members shall strive to achieve geographic, ethnic, and gender diversity.

Outgoing voting members shall be given the opportunity to fully participate in the selection process for their successors and shall serve until their successors take office. However, no member shall participate in a vote in which he or she is a nominee.

#### Section 5. Attendance

All members shall make a good faith effort to attend all LCRWPG meetings and hearings. Records of attendance shall be kept by the Secretary at all LCRWPG meetings and hearings and presented as part of the minutes. Voting members of the LCRWPG that have recorded absences from at least one-half of the sum of all regularly scheduled meetings and hearings in the preceding twelve months, shall be considered to have engaged in excessive absenteeism and shall be subject to removal from membership under Section 7 of this Article.

#### Section 6. Code of Conduct

Members and designated alternates of the LCRWPG shall ethically conduct the business of the LCRWPG and shall avoid any form or appearance of a conflict of interest, real or apparent, by observing the following:

(a) No member or designated alternate of the LCRWPG shall knowingly:

 Solicit or accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from suppliers or potential suppliers of services, materials, or equipment, including subcontractors under recipient contracts; or

(2) Participate in the selection, award, or administration of a procurement where the member or designated alternate has a financial or other substantive interest in the organization being considered for award. Such conflict may be due to any of the following having a financial or familial relationship with the organization:

- i) The member or designated alternate;
- ii) The member's or designated alternate's immediate family;
- iii) The member's or designated alternate's business partner(s); or
- iv) A person or organization that employs, or is about to employ, any of the persons listed in (i)-(iii), above.
- (3) Participate in any deliberation, decision, or vote that would constitute a conflict of interest under federal or state law.

(b) Potential conflicts of interest shall be clearly stated by the voting member or designated alternate prior to any deliberation or action on an agenda item with which the voting member or designated alternate may be in conflict. Where the potential conflict is restricted to a divisible portion of an agenda item, the Chair may divide the agenda item into parts, at the Chair's discretion, for deliberation and voting purposes. An abstention from participation in deliberations, decisions, or voting and the reasons therefor shall be noted in the minutes.

#### Section 7. Removal of Voting Members

(a) Grounds for Removal of Voting Members. The following shall constitute grounds for removal of a voting member:

(1) Excessive absenteeism as defined under Section 5 of this Article;

- (2) Failure to abide by the code of conduct provisions set forth under Section 6 of this Article;
- (3) The member no longer represents the interest he or she was selected to represent;
- (4) Falsifying documents; or
- (5) Any other serious violation of these bylaws as may be determined by the voting members.

(b) Process for Removing Voting Members. Voting members may be removed at any time for any of the grounds for removal of voting members set forth in subsection (a) of this section. Any member with knowledge or suspicion that a voting member or designated alternate has engaged in acts or that events have occurred constituting grounds for removal under subsection (a) of this section may report such information or suspicion to the Chair. The Chair, upon discovering or receiving such information, shall notify the Executive Committee and shall make a written request to that member for an explanation. The member shall provide a written response to the Chair within fifteen calendar days from the date of receipt of the Chair's request. Within five calendar days of receipt of the member's response, the Chair shall forward copies of the response to the Executive Committee members. If the Executive Committee continues to suspect that grounds for removal may exist, if the member fails to make a timely response to the Executive Committee's request, or if the Executive Committee requests its inclusion on the agenda after reviewing the written response from the affected member, the Chair shall place an item on the next subsequent meeting agenda calling for the removal of the member. At the meeting, the member subject to the possible removal action may present evidence of why he or she should not be removed. The voting members shall remove a member by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the voting membership. The member subject to the removal action shall not participate in the vote, nor shall his or her membership count as part of the total voting membership for purposes of calculating a two-thirds vote.

# **ARTICLE VI. NON-VOTING MEMBERSHIP**

#### **Section 1. Mandatory Members**

The voting members of the LCRWPG shall add the non-voting members set forth in 31 TAC §357.4(g) and accept the designees appointed by the entities set forth therein. Such designees shall have no terms of office and shall serve until replaced by the designating entity. However, if the voting members decide by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the voting membership, that a particular designee is hindering the regional water planning efforts of the LCRWPG, the Chair shall make a written request within ten calendar days to the entity requesting the designation of another person to serve as the entity's designee.

#### Section 2. Discretionary Members

The voting members of the LCRWPG may add or remove as a non-voting member an entity set forth in 31 TAC §357.4(h) by two-thirds vote of the voting membership. If an entity is added, the Chair shall make a written request within ten calendar days to the entity requesting the designation of a person to serve as the entity's designee. Such designees shall have no terms of office and shall serve until replaced by the designating entity or until the entity is removed as a non-voting member. However, if the voting members determine by an affirmative two-thirds vote of the voting membership that a particular designee is hindering the regional water planning efforts of the LCRWPG and that the entity should remain as a non-voting member, the Chair shall make a written request within ten calendar days to the entity requesting the designation of another person to serve as the entity's designee.

#### Section 3. Code of Conduct

All non-voting members shall comply with the code of conduct provisions under Section 6 of Article V of these bylaws.

# **ARTICLE VII. DESIGNATED ALTERNATES**

Each member shall designate an alternate to represent him/her when he/she is unable to attend a meeting or hearing. Each member must notify the Chair in writing of the name and address of the member's designated alternate at least forty-eight hours prior to the first meeting or hearing at which the designated alternate will appear on behalf of the member. If the member fails to provide such notice, the Chair may forbid the participation of the designated alternate at the meeting or hearing. The Chair shall not recognize the designation of more than one alternate per member at any given meeting. The Chair shall not recognize more than two alternate designations per member. In the absence of the member and the designated alternate, the second designated alternate shall be recognized by the Chair.

The designated alternate of a voting member shall have the same voting privileges and shall be bound by the same duties, terms, and conditions as the member they represent, except as otherwise provided in these bylaws. However, a designated alternate for a voting member who serves as <u>the Chair or Vice</u> <u>Chair an officer shall not be allowed to serve in the capacity as an officer Chair or Vice Chair in the member's absence.</u>

The LCRWPG shall regularly update the Region K website with a list of all members and their designated alternates.

# **ARTICLE VIII. OFFICERS**

#### Section 1. Officers, Restrictions, and Terms of Office

Voting members of the LCRWPG shall select from the voting membership a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary to serve as officers. Each officer shall serve a term of one calendar year. Except as provided under Section 4 of this Article, an officer shall serve until his or her successor takes office. No two voting members representing the same interest shall serve as officers at the same time. Elections shall be held annually, with no restrictions on the number of consecutive terms an individual may serve as an officer other than those that apply because of his or her status as a voting member under these bylaws.

#### Section 2. Selection

(a) Officers shall be selected at the first regular meeting of each calendar year. Written notice of the meeting to select officers shall be mailed, by first class U.S. Mail, facsimile, or electronic mail, to all members of the LCRWPG by the Secretary thirty-seven calendar days prior to the meeting.
(b) Nominating Committee. The Chair shall appoint aA nominating committee, made up of five persons, chosen at random from those members not presently holding an elected office (chair, vice-chair,-or secretary, or member at large of the executive committee)<sub>2</sub>, The Nominating committee shall (1) determine which voting members are interested in holding an elected office, and (2) compile a list of nominees. A list of nominees shall be mailed, by first class U.S. Mail, facsimile, or electronic mail, to planning group members 30-seven days prior to the meeting at which the officers are to be elected. Before nominations are closed, the chair shall call for nominations from the floor.

Nominees for uncontested positions may be elected as a group. Contested positions shall be voted on individually.

Nominees shall be elected by a simple majority of the voting membership. If a nominee does not receive the necessary majority vote, then the current officer shall remain in office until the required majority vote is obtained.

#### Section 3. Removal of Officers

Any officer may be removed from office for any of the grounds for removal of voting members set forth under Article V of these bylaws, or for repeated failure to carry out the duties of the office, by agreement of at least two-thirds of the voting membership. Removal of an officer shall be set as an agenda item at the next scheduled meeting upon written request signed by five voting members to the Chair or Secretary. The Chair or Secretary receiving the request shall notify the officer in writing that he or she shall be subject to a removal action at the next scheduled meeting. At the meeting, the officer subject to the possible removal action may present evidence of why he or she should not be removed. If the Chair is the subject of the possible removal action, the Vice-Chair shall preside over the meeting during the agenda item concerning the Chair's removal. The officer subject to the removal action shall not participate in any way in the vote, nor shall his or her membership count as part of the total membership for purposes of calculating a twothirds vote. The notice of the meeting shall be posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and shall state that the issue of possibly removing the officer will be on the agenda. Any vacancy caused by the removal shall be filled as provided under Section 4 of this Article.

#### Section 4. Vacancies of Officers

Whenever an officer vacancy exists because of death, resignation, or removal, the vacancy shall be filled at the next regular meeting following the thirty day notice of the event causing the vacancy. Nominations shall be made from the floor by voting members. The voting members shall select a replacement officer from among the nominees by a majority of the voting membership. The next highest ranking officer shall serve in the vacant position until a successor takes office, unless the office of the Secretary becomes vacant, in which case the Chair shall appoint a willing voting member to serve as interim Secretary until the successor to the Secretary takes office. The person selected to fill a vacancy for an officer shall serve for the unexpired term of his or her predecessor in office.

#### Section 5. Duties of Each Officer

(a) Chair. The Chair shall be the executive officer of the LCRWPG. The Chair will preside at all meetings of the LCRWPG and perform all duties provided by these bylaws. If the Chair is unable to carry out his/her duties, the Vice Chair shall assume the duties of the Chair.

(b) Vice Chair. The Vice Chair shall assist the Chair in the discharge of his/her duties and, in the absence of the Chair, shall assume the Chair's full responsibilities and duties. In the event the Chair is unable to carry out his/her duties, the Vice Chair shall serve as Chair until the LCRWPG elects a new Chair under Section 4 of this Article. The Vice-Chair shall perform other duties as assigned by the Chair, or these bylaws.

(c) Secretary. The Secretary shall maintain the minutes and take attendance of the LCRWPG meetings. The minutes and attendance shall be kept as part of the LCRWPG official records. The

Secretary shall ensure that all notices are properly posted as provided in the bylaws, as required by law, and as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act. The Secretary shall perform other duties as assigned by the Chair or these bylaws. If the Chair and Vice Chair are unable to carry out the duties of the Chair, the Secretary shall assume the duties of the Chair, <u>unless the Secretary is absent in which case the Executive</u> <u>Committee will select a Chair from the members at large of the Executive Committee</u>.

#### Section 6. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall be composed of six LCRWPG members, including the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and three members-at-large. No two voting members representing the same interest shall serve as members of the Executive Committee at the same time. The three members-at-large shall be selected, for one-year terms, but may not serve consecutive terms. Members-at-large shall be removed and their vacancies filled in the manner prescribed for officers under this Article.

When an officer is absent or otherwise unable to serve, the next highest ranking officer shall serve for the officer. If no lower ranking officer exists or can serve, then a member designated by the Chair or acting Chair shall serve for the officer.

In meetings of the Executive Committee, the Chair shall vote only when necessary to break tie votes.

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for carrying out the duties imposed on it in these bylaws. The voting members of the LCRWPG may delegate any administrative decisions to the Executive Committee unless provided otherwise in these bylaws.

All meetings of the Executive Committee shall comply with the provisions related to meetings generally as set forth in Article IX, Section 1 of these bylaws.

# ARTICLE IX. LCRWPG MEETINGS

#### Section 1. Open Meetings and Notice

In the manner of a governmental body under the Texas Open Meetings Act and as set forth in TWDB rules, meetings of the LCRWPG shall be posted and open to the public. All actions of the LCRWPG shall be deliberated and undertaken in open meeting, unless otherwise authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act. The time and place of LCRWPG meetings shall be set to facilitate, to the extent possible, the participation of the public in the regional water planning process. Comments, feedback, and suggestions may be made during the public comment period of each meeting; each speaker is limited to 3 minutes. Written comments may also be submitted. Copies of all materials presented and submitted electronically or in written form to the Region K planning group shall be made available for public inspection on the Region K's web site (http://regionk.org), as directed by the Chair.

#### Section 2. Regular Meetings

At least one regular meeting of the LCRWPG shall be scheduled per year. At the first meeting of each calendar year, the LCRWPG shall establish and adopt a regular meeting schedule for the ensuing year. The Secretary shall ensure that an advance notice and an agenda for regular meetings is provided to the full membership of the LCRWPG at least <u>five-seven</u> calendar days in advance of the meeting by first class U.S. Mail, facsimile, or electronic mail. In addition, material will be posted 72 hours in advance on the Region K website. Supporting information and member-requested materials shall be distributed to the full membership with the notice and agenda or at the meeting, as deemed appropriate by the Chair.

#### Section 3. Called (Special) Meetings

The Chair or a simple majority of the voting members of the LCRWPG may call special meetings of the LCRWPG. The Secretary shall ensure that advance notice and an agenda for the called meeting is provided to the full membership of the LCRWPG at least <u>five-seven</u> calendar days in advance of the meeting by first class U.S. Mail, facsimile, or electronic mail. In addition, material will be posted 72 hours in advance on the Region K website. Supporting information and member-requested materials shall be distributed to the full membership with the notice and agenda or at the meeting, as deemed appropriate by the Chair.

#### Section 4. Agenda

The Secretary of the LCRWPG shall ensure that an agenda is prepared and distributed for all meetings, in accordance with Sections 2 and 3 of this Article. Items shall be placed on the agenda by request of the Chair or by request of at least three voting members of the LCRWPG. Consideration for approval of the previous meeting's minutes, as applicable, shall always be among the first items on the agenda. Copies of the agenda and all supporting information provided to the full membership of the planning group shall be made available for public inspection on the Region K website.

#### Section 5. Quorum

A quorum shall be a simple majority of the voting membership, <u>inex</u>cluding vacancies. A quorum is required to conduct any business of the LCRWPG. The requirement for a quorum at a meeting may be satisfied with voting members or their designated alternates.

#### Section 6. Applicability of Robert's Rules of Order

Except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, meetings of the LCRWPG shall be conducted under the provisions of the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order. However, failure to follow such rules shall not constitute grounds for appeal of an action or a decision of the LCRWPG.

#### Section 7. Public Hearings/Meetings Required By Law

The LCRWPG shall post notice and conduct public hearings and public meetings that are specifically required by statute and/or TWDB rule, including those set forth for preplanning, draft regional water plan presentation, adoption of amendments to the regional water plan, and final regional water plan

adoption, in accordance with the requirements of the relevant state law and/or TWDB rules. Notification requirements may be different than those specified in Section 1 of this Article and are specifically required by state law and/or TWDB rule.

#### Section 8. Minutes

(a) The Secretary shall ensure that minutes of all meetings of the LCRWPG are prepared. The minutes shall:

- (1) State the subject of each deliberation;
- (2) Indicate the result of each vote, order, decision, or other action taken;
- (3) Indicate those members in attendance, noting the presence of a quorum, and noting

the presence of those members of the public who participate in the course of the meeting;

- (4) Represent an accurate summary of the meeting's record; and
- (5) State any other information required by these bylaws to be included in the minutes.

(b) The Secretary shall ensure that a draft of the minutes of a meeting is provided to the full membership as soon as possible following the meeting, but no later than <u>72 hours five calendar</u> days prior to the next regular meeting of the LCRWPG.

# **ARTICLE X. MAKING DECISIONS**

#### Section 1. Applicability; No Written Proxies

(a) Unless the method for making a particular decision is set forth in these bylaws, the LCRWPG, its committees, and subgroups shall make all decisions utilizing the process set forth in Section 2 of this Article.

(b) Written proxies shall not be allowed in any decision-making by the LCRWPG, its committees, or its subgroups. However, designated alternates shall be allowed to participate in decision making as set forth in these bylaws.

#### Section 2. Decision-Making Process

(a) Use of Consensus. The LCRWPG shall attempt, where possible or determined by the planning group to be needed, to make decisions using a consensus decision-making process.

Consensus for the purpose of these bylaws is defined as an agreement built by identifying and exploring all members' interests and by assembling a package agreement which satisfies these interests to the greatest extent possible. A consensus is reached when all voting members agree that their major interests have been taken into consideration and addressed in a satisfactory manner so that they can support the decision of the group. The process of building consensus should involve the development of alternatives and the assessment of the impacts of those alternatives.

Consensus does not necessarily mean unanimity. Some members may strongly endorse a particular solution while others may accept it as a workable agreement. A member can participate in the consensus without embracing each element of the agreement with the same fervor as other members, or necessarily having each of his or her interests satisfied to the fullest extent. In a consensus agreement, the members recognize that, given the combination of gains and trade-offs in the decision package and given the current circumstances and alternatives, the resulting agreement is the best one the voting members can make at this time.

(b) Use of Committee Process. The LCRWPG may vote to submit an issue to a committee to study and provide the planning group with a recommendation on how best to resolve an issue.

(c) Majority Vote: Unless set forth differently in these bylaws or as determined by vote of the LCRWPG for a specific process or purpose, the LCRWPG, its committees, and subgroups shall make decisions utilizing a majority vote of voting members present.

#### Section 3. Final Adoption of Regional Water Plan; Amendments

The voting members of the LCRWPG shall adopt the final regional water plan for the LCRWPA and any amendments thereto by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the voting membership.

# **ARTICLE XI. BOOKS AND RECORDS**

#### Section 1. Required Documents and Retainment

The following records of the LCRWPG shall be maintained as follows:

- Secretary: The official minutes and resolutions of the planning group;
- Website: A current membership list with addresses, interest affiliations, and phone numbers, if not unlisted; the current roster of officers, agendas, approved minutes, notices, bylaws, and the draft and final approved plans;
- Political Subdivision: A copy of the written record of designation of the political subdivision(s) as representative(s) of the LCRWPG; contracts, subcontracts, annual financial statements, and any and all financial records and supporting information; and appropriate records associated with public hearings conducted by the LCRWPG;
- Consultant of the LCRWPG: Any studies conducted on behalf of the LCRWPG; and any data and models used by the consultant in the regional planning process.

#### Section 2. Inspection and Copying

Records of the LCRWPG shall be available for inspection and copying at the principal place of business of the representative political subdivision during normal business hours. Procedures and fees for copying and inspection shall be the same as those used by the political subdivision housing the principal office of the LCRWPG for inspection and copying of its own public records.

#### Section 3. Availability of Reports

All reports, planning documents, and work products resulting from projects funded by the TWDB shall be made available to the TWDB, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality or their successor agencies. At least one copy of the approved regional water plan shall be placed in the county clerk's office for each county and in at least one public library of each county having land within the LCRWPA, in accordance with TWDB rules.

# **ARTICLE XII. COMMITTEES**

#### Section 1. Establishment

The Chair of the LCRWPG may establish committees and subgroups and appoint members to such committees and subgroups as necessary to assist and advise the LCRWPG in the development of the regional water management plan. The Chair of the LCRWPG shall appoint a chair or co-chairs for each committee or subgroup. A committee or subgroup may be formed to address specific issues assigned by the LCRWPG Chair and may have a specified term of membership.

#### Section 2. Membership

Membership in the committees and subgroups shall generally follow the requirements and procedures of Article V of these bylaws; membership of the committees and subgroups should be inclusive, rather than exclusive in nature; the interests identified in statute and TWDB rules will be invited to participate, as well as other interests that have been identified. The terms of office for all members of committees and subgroups shall be either upon the expiration of the term, if any, specified by the LCRWPG Chair, or upon expiration of membership in the LCRWPG.

#### **Section 3. Meetings**

Committees or subgroups may adopt their own rules of procedure, if the rules are not in conflict with state law, <u>Chapter 551 Open Meetings of the Government Code</u>, TWDB rules, or these bylaws. As explained in the Open Meetings 2012 Handbook published by the Attorney General of Texas, "meetings of less than a quorum of a governmental body are not subject

to the Act."

#### Section 4. Reports

Each committee or subgroup shall report its findings and recommendations to the full planning group either verbally or in writing.

#### Section 5. Code of Conduct

Members of a committee or subgroup are subject to the requirements of Article V, Section 6 of these bylaws.

# **ARTICLE XIII. COMPENSATION**

Members of the LCRWPG are not to be compensated for their services by the State of Texas.

# ARTICLE XIV. SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING

The voting members of the LCRWPG may maintain an account with funds from outside sources, including but not limited to contributions from tax-exempt organizations with which LCRWPG members are affiliated, other tax-exempt organizations, as well as outside foundations. Contributions or the absence of contributions from an organization will not influence decisions of the LCRWPG.

# **ARTICLE XIV. CONTRACTUAL SERVICES**

The voting members of the LCRWPG shall make all decisions related to final approval of persons or entities selected to provide contractual services for the LCRWPG, including all services related to preparation, development, or revisions of the regional water plan for the LCRWPA. However, the voting members may delegate to the Executive Committee the authority to make all administrative decisions concerning amendments to TWDB Research and Planning Fund grant contracts for services related to regional water planning, except those decisions concerning amendments related to scopes of work and budgets.

# ARTICLE XV. AMENDING THE BYLAWS

The voting members may amend these bylaws by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the

voting membership.

#### ITEM 8.b

#### Report on January 6, 2022 Meeting of the Executive Committee

All nominees are listed below. Recommendations from the Executive Committee are highlighted in bold.

- 1. Counties
  - a. Rachel Lumpee
  - b. Walt Smith Second recommendation of Executive Committee\*\*
  - c. Emil Uecker (Alternate) First recommendation of Executive Committee
- 2. Water Utilities
  - a. Christianne Castleberry (Alternate) Recommendation of Executive Committee
  - b. Jason Homan

\*\* Second recommendation subject to outcome of Agenda Item 8.a.

#### ITEM 10.a

#### **Interregional Coordination Activities**

# Discuss and take action on selection of a representative and alternate for the Interregional Planning Council (IRC)

The Council will consist of one member from each Regional Water Planning Group and its sole responsibility will be to provide a report to the TWDB which will be due in March 2024. As a reference, the Council's first report included recommendations on the topics of enhancing interregional coordination, planning water resources for the state, best practices for the future of planning, and addressing interregional conflict. The Council provided specific recommendations to the Legislature, the TWDB, regional water planning groups, and future Councils.

Please submit your interest to David Wheelock before the meeting (<u>David.Wheelock@LCRA.org</u>). Nominations will also be taken at the meeting.

#### ITEM 10.b

#### **Interregional Coordination Activities**

#### Designate liaisons to neighboring water planning regions and take action as needed.

TWDB guidance on interregional coordination at RWPG pre-planning meeting:

At a minimum, during the pre-planning meeting (§357.12(a)(1)), RWPGs must include a deliberate discussion on how the planning group will conduct interregional coordination and collaboration regarding water management strategies during development of the 2026 Regional Water Plans.

The RWPG may begin discussing a course of action for coordinating with the other RWPG(s). Actions may include but are not limited to

- forming a committee to meet with neighboring RWPG(s) or their representatives,
- authorizing RWPG administrators or planning group consultants to meet with neighboring regions or their representatives,
- utilizing RWPG liaisons and project sponsors to gather water management strategy information, meet with other liaisons from potentially affected regions, and report back to their planning group.

Neighboring Water Planning Regions include:

- Region F (Upper Colorado River)
- Region G (Brazos River)
- Region H (Houston)
- Region J (Edwards Plateau)
- Region L (Guadalupe and San Antonio Rivers)
- Region P (Lavaca River)

Liaisons will facilitate coordination and communications between adjacent planning regions. Please let David Wheelock know your interest in serving in this capacity via email at <u>David.Wheelock@LCRA.org</u>.

## The Lower Colorado River Water Planning Group (Region K)

## for the January 26, 2022 agenda packet

#### Administrative Expenses for Region K Grant Fund approval:

Task 10 – Cycle 6 - Admin Expense Budget	\$6,000.00
8/31/2021 LCRA – Blue Host Domain Name Registration for RegionK.org	\$17.99
8/24/2021 LCRA – Texas Press Invoice # 15355 Region K Public Notices	\$4,396.50
8/24/2021 LCRA – Postage for mailout	\$244.29
Task 10 – Cycle 6 - Admin Expense Total Remaining for future public notices/postage/website	\$1,341.22

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Region K Members Fund Balance 12/31/2021:	\$ 2,974.77
Region K Cycle 6 Grant Fund Balance 12/31/2021:	\$32,367.01

#### **ITEM 12**

#### Review, discuss, and update committee membership rosters as needed.

The following committee memberships need to be filled in order for Region K to conduct its business for the upcoming planning cycle and complete the 2026 regional water plan. The plan is to fill these spots at the upcoming January 26<sup>th</sup> Region K meeting.

#### Committee Membership

Membership on the following committees is open to voting members of Region K. Committee assignments are made by the Chair or the acting Chair and assignments to the committees will be an agenda item at the upcoming Region K meeting.

To streamline the meeting, it would helpful if you would send an email to David Wheelock (Region K vice chair) at <u>David.Wheelock@LCRA.org</u>, stating which committees you want to serve on. (You don't have to serve on any committees). <u>Even if you already serve on</u> <u>one of these committees, please send a note that you want to be re-appointed to the committee.</u>

Committees established and maintained by the Chair:

- Population and Water Demand Committee
- Water Modeling Committee
- Water Management Strategies Committee
- Legislation and Policy Committee
- Bylaws Committee

#### Sixth Cycle of Regional Water Planning (2026 Regional Water Plans) Working Schedule (as of October 2021)<sup>A</sup>

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Notes: A Estimated timeline based on currently available agency resources and subject to change

<sup>8</sup> Only Tasks included in the initial contract scope of work have task numbers in this initial timeline.

<sup>C</sup> DB27 is the updated, online water planning database for the 2027 State Water Plan

<sup>D</sup> Anticipated database availability dates are estimates based on currently available agency resources

<sup>£</sup> Subject to available funding