

**Final Minutes**  
**Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group Meeting**  
**October 14, 2015**  
**LCRA Dalchau Service Center**  
**3505 Montopolis Drive**  
**Austin, Texas**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**Members Signing In:**

Jim Barho, Environmental  
Jim Brasher, GMA 15  
John Burke, Water Utilities  
John Dupnik, GMA 10  
Ron Fieseler, GMA 9  
Lauri Gillam, Municipalities  
Karen Haschke, Public Interest  
John Hoffman, Electric Utilities  
Barbara Johnson, Industries  
Donna Klaeger, Counties  
Mike Reagor, Municipalities  
Billy Roeder, Agriculture  
Robert Ruggiero, Small Business

Haskell Simon, Agriculture  
James Sultemeier, Counties  
Jim Totten, GMA 12  
Byron Theodosis, Counties  
Paul Tybor, GMA 7  
Jennifer Walker, Environmental  
David Wheelock, River Authorities  
David Bradsby, Non-voting, TPWD  
Lann Bookout, Non-voting, TWDB  
Jeff Fox, Municipalities Alternate  
Neil Hudgins, Small Business Alternate  
David Lindsay, Recreation Alternate  
Charles Shell, GMA 8

**Voting Members Absent:**

Ronald Gertson, Small Business, alternate attended  
Teresa Lutes, Municipalities, alternate attended

Doug Powell, Recreation, alternate attended  
David Van Dresar, Water Districts

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

Bruk Berhanu, UT-Austin  
Reagan Burnham  
Angela Kennedy  
Stacy Oliver  
Tim Loftus, TX State University  
David Meesey  
Martha Bohrt, UT-Austin

Charlie Flatten, Environmental Alternate  
Tommy Koch  
Cindy Smiley, Counties Alternate  
Heather Cooke, Austin Water  
Cynthia Kirby, Mayor of City of Lometa  
Dianne Wheeler, League of Women Voters

**Quorum:**

Quorum: Yes

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: 24

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

**Formal Actions Taken:**

1. Approved motion to adopt the April 8, April 22, and July 8, 2015 meeting minutes.

2. Approved motion to approve Mike Reagor as a Region K Water Planning Group voting member from Llano County.
3. Approved motion to follow the recommendation of the Water Management Strategies Committee on the City of Goldthwaite Channel Dam.

Water Management Strategies Committee Recommendation: for the proposed City of Goldthwaite Channel Dam, “the Committee recommends the removal of this proposed dam from the list of municipal water management strategies in the Final Region K Plan”.

4. Approved motion to include the Raw Water Supply Line from San Saba as an existing supply versus a water management strategy.
5. Approved motion to follow the recommendation of the Water Management Strategies committee on the City of Wharton Water Supply Strategy.

Water Management Strategies Committee Recommendation: for the proposed City of Wharton Water Supply Strategy, “the Committee recommends that the proposed City of Wharton Water Supply Strategy be mentioned in the 2016 Plan as a strategy that was considered but not recommended”.

6. Approved motion to incorporate into the 2016 plan the new route and modified cost for the Hays County Pipeline.
7. Approved motion to include the City of Buda Direct Potable Reuse project as an alternate water management strategy.
8. Approved motion to include the City of Marble Falls Direct Reuse Strategy as a recommended water management strategy.
9. Approved motion to mention the STP Nuclear Operating Company’s “currently under technical review with TCEQ” 5-year joint water right application with LCRA in the 2016 Region K Water Plan.
10. Approved motion to include an appendix proposed by the Central Texas Water Coalition entitled “The Highland Lakes: History and Social and Economic Importance” as an appendix to Chapter 1 and to check if the proposed appendix conflicts with the Region K Socioeconomic Impact Analysis of Unmet Water Needs report and to make amendments to the proposed appendix, as needed.

**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 – Chairman John Burke called attention to the attendance report that was included in the member’s packet.
4. Consent Agenda –
  - a. Approval of Minutes from the April 8, April 22, and July 8, 2015 meetings – A motion to adopt the meeting minutes for these three meetings was approved.

- b. Financial/Budget Report – David Wheelock provided a financial and budget report.
5. Texas Water Development Board Communications – Lann Bookout (TWDB) provided an update on the Texas Water Development Board’s meeting to discuss planning boundaries on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The TWDB approved a motion to leave the boundaries the same for the next planning cycle. Mr. Bookout reminded the group that the next round of SWIFT funding starts in December 2015.
6. Discuss and take action on approval of new RWPG member from Llano County – A motion to approve Mike Reagor as a Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group (LCRWPG) voting member from Llano County was approved.
7. Water Management Strategies Committee Update. Take action as necessary – Jim Barho summarized key recommendations from the Water Management Strategy Committee meeting held on September 9, 2015. This summary included the following recommendations: for the proposed City of Goldthwaite Channel Dam, “the Committee recommends the removal of this proposed dam from the list of municipal water management strategies in the Final Region K Plan” and for the proposed City of Wharton Water Supply Strategy, “the Committee recommends that the proposed City of Wharton Water Supply Strategy be mentioned in the 2016 Plan as a strategy that was considered but not recommended”.
8. Discuss and take action on the water management strategies for the City of Goldthwaite
  - a. Goldthwaite Channel Dam – Russ Johnson spoke on behalf of the City of Goldthwaite. Mr. Johnson summarized a written statement provided to planning group members by the City of Goldthwaite and asked the group to defer action until they had the opportunity to review the written statement. Ann McElroy, a representative from Texans for Open Water Ways, spoke on behalf of those opposed to the proposed City of Goldthwaite Channel Dam. Jim Barho read a resolution provided by the City of Lometa in opposition to the City of Goldthwaite Channel Dam. A motion to follow the recommendation of the Water Management Strategies Committee on the City of Goldthwaite Channel Dam (see below) was approved. David Wheelock voted in opposition to the motion.

Water Management Strategies Committee Recommendation: for the proposed City of Goldthwaite Channel Dam, “the Committee recommends the removal of this proposed dam from the list of municipal water management strategies in the Final Region K Plan”.

- b. Raw water supply line from San Saba as an existing supply versus a strategy – A motion to include the raw water supply line from San Saba as an existing supply versus a strategy was approved.

9. Discuss City of Wharton water supply strategy text edits for Chapter 5. Take action as necessary - A motion to follow the recommendation of the Water Management Strategies Committee on the City of Wharton Water Supply Strategy (see below) was approved.

Water Management Strategies Committee Recommendation: for the proposed City of Wharton Water Supply Strategy, “the Committee recommends that the proposed City of Wharton Water Supply Strategy be mentioned in the 2016 Plan as a strategy that was considered but not recommended”.

10. Discuss Chapter 8 revisions – Jaime Burke summarized edits to Chapter 8 recommended by the Policy Committee. These edits include: 1) addition of Appendix 8A, Unique Stream Segment Recommendations from the 2006 Region K Plan, 2) rewrite of Section 8.1.2.4.8 Funding and Technical Assistance for GMA Planning, 3) removal of sentence referencing the TWCAC in Section 8.1.7.1.1, which is no longer relevant, 4) addition of “and other watersheds in the region” to Item #3 in Section 8.1.9.3 to encourage brush control feasibility studies in additional portions of the region, and 5) clarification in Section 8.3 that Region K is not recommending any potential reservoir sites for unique designation. There was no formal action taken on these edits; the revised Chapter 8 will be considered along with other chapters when the final plan is voted upon.

#### 11. Consultant Status Report

- a. Work effort since July 8<sup>th</sup> Region K meeting – Jaime Burke provided a summary of the recent consultant work effort, which has included: 1) 2017 Regional Water Planning Application (DB17) database entry, 2) Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) Public Meeting in Wharton, 3) receipt of, review of, and effort towards responses to public and Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) comments on the IPP, 4) survey of implementation of projects from 2011 Plan, 5) Infrastructure Financing Report (IFR) surveys, 6) development of data and information for determining prioritization of 2016 Plan water management strategies, 7) receipt of Socioeconomic Impact Analysis of Unmet Water Needs from TWDB.
- b. Summary of agency and public comments received on IPP. Discussion of potential revisions to the Final 2016 Region K Plan for comments. – Jaime Burke presented comments from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and summarized responses to these comments to explain how they may be addressed in the final Region K Water Plan. Jaime Burke then presented updates on proposed water management strategies that are new or have changed since the IPP, which include 1) the proposed Goldthwaite Channel Dam, 2) the Hays County Pipeline, 3) Water Management Strategy Requests from Buda, Marble Falls, and STP Nuclear Operating Company, and 4) City of Austin Direct Reuse cost. The Goldthwaite Channel Dam was discussed in Agenda Item 8a and not revisited. Jaime Burke mentioned that City of Austin would be providing

updated cost information for its Direct Reuse strategy. Ms. Burke presented details on a modified route for the proposed Hays County Pipeline. Ms. Burke indicated that the project description and project cost would need to be updated to reflect the proposed route modification. A motion to incorporate into the 2016 plan the new route and modified cost for the Hays County Pipeline was approved.

Jaime Burke presented a summary of the proposed City of Buda Direct Potable Reuse project. Brian Lillibridge spoke on behalf of the City of Buda in support of including the project as a recommended strategy. There was discussion about including the City of Buda Direct Reuse project as a recommended or alternate strategy. A motion to include the City of Buda Direct Potable Reuse project as an alternate strategy was approved.

Jaime Burke summarized a request from the City of Marble Falls to add a Water Management Strategy to expand their existing direct reuse program. A motion to include the City of Marble Falls Direct Reuse Strategy as a recommended strategy was approved. Ms. Burke summarized a request from STP Nuclear Operating Company to mention their “currently under technical review with TCEQ” 5-year joint application with LCRA in the 2016 Region K Water Plan. A motion to mention the STP Nuclear Operating Company’s “currently under technical review with TCEQ” 5-year joint water right application with LCRA in the 2016 Region K Plan was approved.

Jaime Burke summarized comments on the IPP from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Sierra Club and National Wildlife Federation, Lower Colorado River Authority, Central Texas Water Coalition, Hill Country Alliance, and individual stakeholders. A motion to include an appendix proposed by the Central Texas Water Coalition entitled “The Highland Lakes: History and Social and Economic Importance” as an appendix to Chapter 1 and to check if the proposed appendix conflicts with the Region K Socioeconomic Impact Analysis of Unmet Water Needs and to make amendments to the proposed appendix, as needed, was approved.

- c. Presentation of TWDB Socioeconomic Impact Analysis of Not Meeting Water Needs for the 2016 Region K Plan – Jaime Burke explained that the Region K Socioeconomic Impact Analysis of Unmet Water Needs was prepared by TWDB and will be included as an appendix in Chapter 6 of the Region K Water Plan.
- d. Discussion of Implementation of Infrastructure Financing Surveys – Jaime Burke explained that the Implementation of Infrastructure Financing Surveys will be included in Chapter 11 to provide information on whether the 2011 Region K Water Plan projects have been completed. Jaime Burke explained that the Infrastructure Financing Surveys are required by TWDB to find out whether an entity plans to apply for State funding for a project in 2016 Region K Water Plan. Ms. Burke said that some surveys

have been sent out and some are still waiting to be sent and Region K Water Planning Group members can fill out the surveys if they have knowledge of the projects.

- e. Schedule and Upcoming Work/Deliverables – The November 4<sup>th</sup> Region K Water Planning Group meeting was moved to November 12<sup>th</sup> and the location is to be determined. Jaime Burke summarized the upcoming schedule which will include sending out red-lined chapter text updates over the next couple of weeks for Region K Planning Group members to review, completing TWDB Infrastructure Financing Report (IFR) survey efforts and compiling results, completing prioritization of 2016 Region K Water Plan projects, potentially adopting the Final Region K Water Plan and approving the prioritization. Jaime Burke explained that the Final 2016 Region K Water Plan and the prioritized water management strategy list are due to TWDB on December 1, 2015.
12. Agenda items for next meeting – None discussed.
  13. New / Other Business – Barbara Johnson, John Hoffman, John Dupnik, and Donna Klaeger were added to the Nominating Committee.
  14. Public Comments – None.
  15. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned.