

**Minutes**  
**Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group Meeting**  
**November 12, 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  
Ron Fieseler, GMA 9  
Ronald Gertson, Small Business  
Lauri Gillam, Municipalities  
Karen Haschke, Public Interest  
John Hoffman, Electric Utilities  
Barbara Johnson, Industries  
Donna Klaeger, Counties  
Teresa Lutes, Municipalities  
Doug Powell, Recreation

Mike Reagor, Municipalities  
Billy Roeder, Agriculture  
Robert Ruggiero, Small Business  
Haskell Simon, Agriculture  
Charles Shell, GMA 8  
James Sultemeier, Counties  
Jim Totten, GMA 12  
Paul Tybor, GMA 7  
Jennifer Walker, Environmental  
David Wheelock, River Authorities  
Lann Bookout, Non-voting, TWDB  
Dan Hunter, TDA

**Voting Members Absent:**

John Dupnik, GMA 10  
Byron Theodosis, Counties

David Van Dresar, Water Districts

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

Tom Albin, City of Austin  
Robert Howard, Bluebonnet Electric  
David Lindsay, Recreation Alternate  
Cindy Smiley, Counties Alternate  
Jasper van Hersch, Omni Earth Data

Dianne Wheeler, Public Interest Alternate  
Jaime Burke, AECOM Region K consultant  
Jeff Fox, COA, Municipalities Alternate  
Gary Gold, Austin Water

**Quorum:**

Quorum: Yes

Number of voting members or alternates representing voting members present: 22

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

**Formal Actions Taken:**

1. Approved motion to adopt the October 14, 2015 meeting minutes with one spelling correction.
2. Approved motion to accept changes and additional text in Chapter 5 pertaining to information on environmental impacts.

3. Approved motion to authorize the Consultant to submit the adopted 2016 Region K Water Plan to TWDB by December 1, 2015 and to authorize the Consultant to make non-substantive edits after adoption, as needed or if requested by TWDB.
4. Approved motion to approve the Prioritization of Water Management Strategies in the 2016 Region K Water Plan and submit to TWDB.
5. Approved motion to continue with AECOM as the Region K Planning Group's consultant for the next planning cycle.

**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 member's packet.
4. Consent Agenda –
  - a. Approval the October 14, 2015 meeting minutes – A spelling error was identified and noted to be corrected. A motion to adopt the meeting minutes with one spelling correction was approved.
  - b. Financial/Budget Report – David Wheelock provided a financial and budget report. Mr. Wheelock informed the group that the balance remaining in the Member's Account is \$3,925 and \$56,697 in the Grant Account. There is less than \$10,000 remaining on the Consultant's contract.
5. Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Update – Kathleen Jackson (TWDB – Board Member) provided information on the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT). This information included a summary of the first round of funding as well as the upcoming timeline for the second round of funding. Lann Bookout (TWDB) provided information on the schedule for TWDB's review of adopted Regional Water Plans.
6. Discussion and consideration of all proposed edits to Final 2016 Region K Water Plan. Take action as necessary – Jaime Burke (AECOM) presented additional edits that were proposed to the chapters provided to all planning group members for review prior to the meeting. Additionally, Ms. Burke went through each of the 11 chapters and gave planning group members the opportunity to provide additional comments. David Wheelock drafted additional text to be included in Chapter 5 to discuss the methodology behind how the Region K 2016 Regional Water Plan quantifies environmental impacts of water management strategies that were added since the Region K 2011 Regional Water Plan. Mr. Wheelock presented proposed changes and additional text in Chapter 5 regarding environmental impacts to the group for consideration. A motion to accept changes to Chapter 5 pertaining to information on environmental impacts was approved.
7. Discuss and Take Action regarding the adoption of the 2016 Region K Water Plan. Authorize Consultant to submit adopted 2016 Region K Water Plan to TWDB by

December 1, 2015. Consider authorizing Consultant to make non-substantive edits after adoption, as needed or if requested by TWDB – A motion to authorize the Consultant to submit the adopted 2016 Region K Water Plan to TWDB by December 1, 2015 and to authorize the Consultant to make non-substantive edits after adoption, as needed or if requested by TWDB, was approved.

8. Prioritization Committee report and update
  - a. Discussion and consideration of any proposed edits to the Prioritization of Water Management Strategies in the 2016 Region K Water Plan – Jennifer Walker explained the process for Prioritization of Water Management Strategies. Ms. Walker summarized the work that the Water Management Strategies committee performed to score and rank the water management strategies based on the prioritization criteria. Jeff Fox agreed to send planning group members the full Region K 2016 Plan prioritization scoring spreadsheet.
  - b. Take action to approve the Prioritization of Water Management Strategies in the 2016 Region K Water Plan – A motion to approve the Prioritization of Water Management Strategies in the 2016 Region K Water Plan and submit to TWDB was approved.
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9. Discuss Consultant Procurement process for next round of regional water planning. Take action as necessary – David Wheelock explained the process and potential options for procuring a consultant for the next round of regional water planning. A motion to continue with AECOM as the Region K Planning Group’s consultant for the next planning cycle was approved.
10. Agenda items for next meeting – The next meeting will be held on February 10, 2016.
11. New / Other Business – Jim Barho suggested an orientation program for new members for the next planning cycle. There was general agreement among the planning group that such an orientation would be beneficial.
12. Public Comments – None.
13. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned.