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Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group Population and Demand Committee Meeting November 2, 2022

INTERA Incorporated Offices 9600 Great Hills Plaza, Suite 300W Austin, TX 78759 1:00 P.M.

Meeting Minutes:

1. Call to Order, Introductions and Roll Call – Lauri Gillam, Committee Chair Meeting was called to order at approximately 1:00 P.M.

Attendance:

Committee Members and Alternates: Lauri Gillam, Small Municipalities, Committee Chair Christina Castleberry, Water Utilities Barbara Johnson, Industry Jennifer Walker, Environmental David Lindsay, Recreation Monica Masters, River Authorities Jason Homan. Alternate for Environmental Sue Thorton, Alternate for Recreation **Other Planning Group Members** Daniel Berglund, Small Business Other attendees: Marisa Florez Gonzalez, Austin Water Sara Eatman, Austin Water Stacy Pandey, LCRA Annette Keaveny, LCRA Robert Adams, Plummer, Consulting Team Neil Deeds, INTERA, Consulting Team

Public Comments
No public comments were offered for this item.

3. Review Draft Irrigation Projections

Consulting team presented TWDB draft irrigation demand projections.

Committee discussion focused on differences between the current TWDB projections and the last round of projections promulgated by the committee. Lauri Gillam noted that during the last round, Daniel Berglund and Stacy Pandey led an effort to develop irrigation demand numbers that were more representative than those estimated by TWDB. During the last round, the TWDB ultimately accepted these irrigation demand numbers developed by the committee.

Action Item: Lauri Gillam proposed that Daniel and Stacy perform a similar analysis with the newer data. A timeline was proposed where the draft demands could be available in late January.

4. Review Draft Mining Projections

Consulting team presented TWDB draft mining demand projections.

Committee discussion focused on differences between the current TWDB mining projections and the projections from the previous round. The demand projections from the TWDB are generally lower in the current round than in the previous round.

General discussion occurred on the drivers of mining demand in Region K, including the growth in aggregate mining, and the change (decline?) in water use for oil and gas.

Action Item: Consulting team was asked to explore the reason for the decrease and provide an explanation to the committee.

 Review planning cycle schedule. Consider and plan for future meetings of Population and Demand Committee, as needed. Consider report(s) to and request(s) of the full Region K Regional Water Planning Group.

Consulting team presented key upcoming dates for planning cycle. The next committee meeting was projected for February, 2023, and a "doodle poll" was suggested to help schedule the meeting. Another committee meeting in early to mid-March was suggested to review draft municipal demands (expected from TWDB in February) and continue work on non-municipal demands.

Action Item: Consulting team work to schedule next committee meeting, with help from COA and LCRA in announcements and postings.

6. New/other business

None, other than action items from previous discussions.

7. Receive public comments

No public comments were offered for this item.

8. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:45 P.M.