
LCRA BOARD POLICY
405 – PROPERTY RIGHTS

Sept. 21, 2016

405.10 PURPOSE

LCRA's activities, performed in the best interest of the general public, may affect the manner in which people use their private property and may require that LCRA use or acquire private property for public purposes.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the protection of private property rights in the course of LCRA business and completion of LCRA business in the manner least disruptive to private property rights and the general public.

405.20 POLICY

In order to serve the public and fulfill its statutory mission, LCRA will strive to earn public support for its programs, construction projects, ordinances and other projects and work to:

1. Minimize disruptions to business and intrusions into private lives caused by LCRA activities;
2. Provide appropriate notification of LCRA activities to affected parties and provide opportunity for affected parties to provide input to LCRA;
3. Respond to requests for information about LCRA projects and programs in compliance with the Texas Open Records Act; and
4. Identify LCRA staff and agents as LCRA representatives in interactions with owners and occupiers of private property affected by LCRA projects or programs.

The LCRA Board of Directors recognizes that not every person's expectations can be fully met by an organization entrusted with the job of constructing large-scale public facilities, enforcing environmental regulations and performing other tasks that have substantial public impact authorized by its enabling legislation. In each case, however, staff is directed to consider the impact on property owners and the public in determining whether planned actions are in the public interest.

In no case should this policy prevent LCRA from responding to electric system emergencies, environmental emergencies, fires, floods or other instances in which prompt action to protect property, health or human safety is required.

405.30 AUTHORITY

LCRA enabling legislation, Chapter 8503, Texas Special District Local Laws Code

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