

#### Board Agenda Tuesday, April 22, 2025 Commerce Hall 118 S. Commerce St. Lockhart, TX 78644 Earliest start time: 12:45 p.m.

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### \*This agenda item requires the approval of at least 12 members of the Board.

#### **Executive Session**

- 1. Competitive Electric Matters
- 2. Telecommunications Update
- 3. Litigation Update
- 4. Legal Advice on Legal Matters
- 5. Fiscal Year 2026 Business and Capital Plans
  - LCRA (Wholesale Power portion)
  - LCRA WSC Energy
  - WSC Energy II
  - GenTex Power Corporation

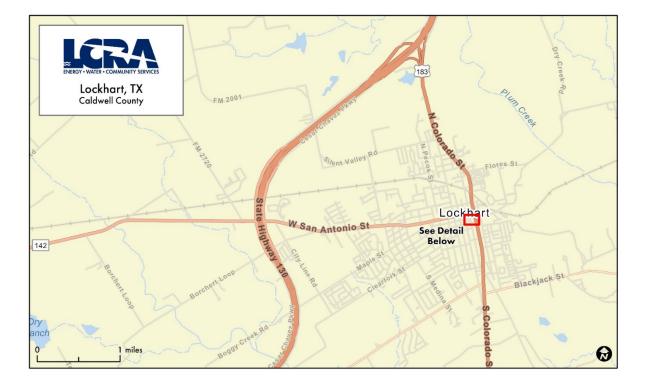
The Board also may go into executive session on any item listed above, pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, including, but not limited to, sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.076, 551.086, 551.089 and 418.183(f) of the Texas Government Code.

#### Legal Notice

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## **Commerce Hall**

118 S. Commerce St. Lockhart, TX 78644





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# 1. Comments From the Public

## Summary

This part of the meeting is intended for comments from the public on topics under LCRA's jurisdiction but not related to an item on the Board of Directors agenda. No responses or action may be taken by the Board during public comments.

In order to address the Board, a member of the public is required to sign and complete the registration form at the entrance to the meeting room. Please see the Protocols for Public Communication at Board and Committee Meetings as shown in Exhibit A for details.

Any member of the public wishing to comment on an item listed on this agenda will be called to make comments at the appropriate time.

### Exhibit(s)

A – Protocols for Public Communication at Board and Committee Meetings

#### PROTOCOLS FOR PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AT BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS Approved by the LCRA Board of Directors on Dec. 11, 2018

**1. Oral Presentations on Issues Under LCRA's Jurisdiction**. Any person wishing to make an oral presentation at a Board meeting on any matter under LCRA's jurisdiction must complete a registration form that indicates the agenda item or other topic on which they wish to comment, along with the speaker's name, address and other relevant information. Any person making an oral presentation to the Board may distribute related materials to the Board at the meeting.

**2. Time Allocation**. The presiding officer may limit the length of time for each speaker. Speakers may not trade or donate time to other speakers without permission from the presiding officer, and repetitive testimony shall be minimized.

**3. Rules of Decorum**. Speakers and members of the audience must avoid disruptive behavior that interferes with the orderly conduct of a public meeting. Placards, banners, and hand-held signs are not allowed in Board or committee meetings, and speakers and members of the audience must avoid personal affronts, profanity, booing, excessive noise, and other disruptive conduct. The presiding officer may direct that anyone who disrupts a meeting be removed from the room.

**4. Recording**. Any person making an audio or video recording of all or any part of a Board meeting must do so in a manner that is not disruptive to the meeting. During a meeting, members of the public must remain in or behind the public seating area and are not permitted to record from any other area of the meeting room.

**5. Committee Meetings**. The protocols outlined in 1-4 above also apply to members of the public wishing to address any LCRA Board committee whose membership comprises the entirety of the LCRA Board on matters within the scope of each of those committees.

# 2. Appointment of Directors to GenTex Power Corporation Board of Directors

## **Proposed Motion**

Appoint or reappoint four customer directors to the GenTex Power Corporation Board of Directors to serve two-year terms expiring Dec. 31, 2026.

## **Board Consideration**

Section 2.01 of the GenTex bylaws requires that the LCRA Board of Directors appoint two directors representing electric cooperative customers and two representing municipal customers who serve two-year terms beginning Jan. 1 of odd-numbered years.

## **Budget Status and Fiscal Impact**

Approval of this item will have no budgetary or fiscal impact.

## Summary

Customer representative directors' terms have expired, although directors continue to serve until successors are appointed. The LCRA Board now needs to appoint or reappoint four directors representing LCRA's wholesale electric customers to serve on the GenTex Board as shown in Exhibit A. Each appointment is effective immediately.

## Exhibit(s)

A – Recommendation of Directors to GenTex Power Corporation Board

#### **Recommendation of Directors to GenTex Power Corporation Board**

Wayne Berger Grant Gutierrez Robert Lindsey III Rob Strobel City of Cuero Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative City of Goldthwaite Pedernales Electric Cooperative

# 3. Sale of Land in Burnet County (Parcel BE-19)

### **Proposed Motion**

Declare an approximately 0.048-acre tract of land, being a portion of LCRA Parcel BE-19 in Burnet County, nonessential, and authorize the general manager or his designee to sell the land to the adjoining landowner.

#### **Board Consideration**

Section 8503.020(b) of the Texas Special District Local Laws Code requires the approval of at least 12 members of the LCRA Board of Directors to convey any interest in real property. LCRA Board Policy 401 – Land Resources requires at least 12 members of the LCRA Board to declare the land no longer necessary or of beneficial use to the business of LCRA before conveyance. Additionally, Section 8503.020 of the Texas Special District Local Laws Code and LCRA Board Policy 401 require Board approval of the terms of all land sales before conveyance.

#### **Budget Status and Fiscal Impact**

The administrative costs associated with the sale of this land are contained in the fiscal year 2025 business plan. The proceeds of \$55,411 will be credited to the LCRA Strategic Reserve Fund.

#### Summary

Mark Lane, the adjacent landowner, has agreed to purchase an approximately 0.048-acre tract of land, which will permanently resolve the encroachment. The sale price of the 0.048-acre tract is \$55,411. Real Estate Services staff determined the price based on the Burnet County Appraisal District's assessed values of the adjacent lot and other nearby waterfront lots.

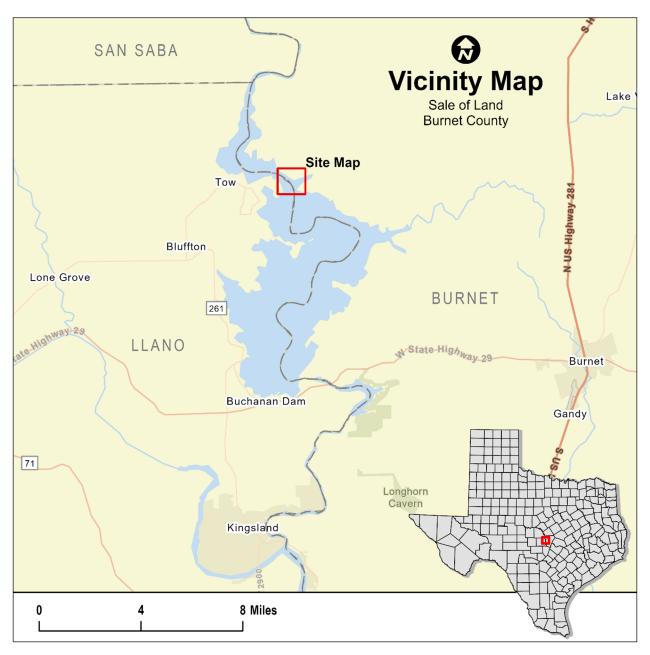
The property will be sold subject to the following reservations and restrictions:

- 1. LCRA will reserve all presently held oil, gas and other mineral rights of every kind or character in, on and under the property, provided that LCRA shall not be permitted to drill or excavate for minerals on the surface of the property.
- LCRA will retain a 20-foot-wide recreation easement abutting the high-water line of Lake Buchanan for use by the public as required by Section 8503.023(d) of the Texas Special District Local Laws Code.
- 3. LCRA will retain the right to inundate with water all or any part of the property from time to time without any compensation.

LCRA staff will complete environmental and cultural resource due diligence assessments in accordance with Board Policy 401.403 – Land Disposition prior to the sale of the property.

### Exhibit(s)

A – Vicinity Map B – Site Map



## EXHIBIT B



# 4. Sale of Land in Llano County (Parcel JW-06)

### **Proposed Motion**

Declare an approximately 0.009-acre tract of land, being a portion of LCRA Parcel JW-06 in Llano County, nonessential, and authorize the general manager or his designee to sell the land to the adjoining landowner.

### **Board Consideration**

Section 8503.020(b) of the Texas Special District Local Laws Code requires the approval of at least 12 members of the LCRA Board of Directors to convey any interest in real property. LCRA Board Policy 401 – Land Resources requires at least 12 members of the LCRA Board to declare the land no longer necessary or of beneficial use to the business of LCRA before conveyance. Additionally, Section 8503.020 of the Texas Special District Local Laws Code and LCRA Board Policy 401 require Board approval of the terms of all land sales before conveyance.

#### **Budget Status and Fiscal Impact**

The administrative costs associated with the sale of this land are contained in the fiscal year 2025 business plan. The proceeds of \$19,065 will be credited to the LCRA Strategic Reserve Fund.

#### Summary

Homer Ahr, the adjacent landowner, has agreed to purchase an approximately 0.009-acre tract of land, which will permanently resolve the encroachment. The sale price of the 0.009-acre tract is \$19,065. Real Estate Services staff determined the price based on the Llano County Appraisal District's assessed values of the adjacent lot and other nearby waterfront lots.

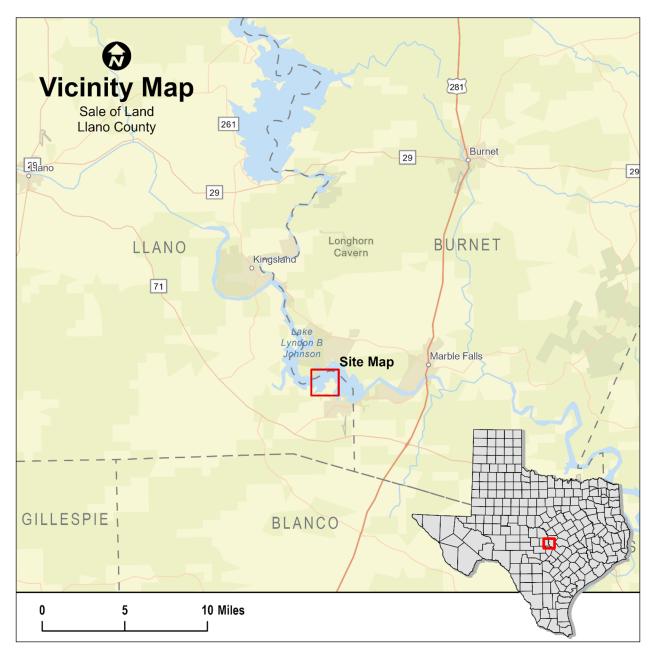
The property will be sold subject to the following reservations and restrictions:

- 4. LCRA will reserve all presently held oil, gas and other mineral rights of every kind or character in, on and under the property, provided that LCRA shall not be permitted to drill or excavate for minerals on the surface of the property.
- 5. LCRA will retain a 20-foot-wide recreation easement abutting the high-water line of Lake LBJ for use by the public as required by Section 8503.023(d) of the Texas Special District Local Laws Code.
- 6. LCRA will retain the right to inundate with water all or any part of the property from time to time without any compensation.

LCRA staff will complete environmental and cultural resource due diligence assessments in accordance with Board Policy 401.403 – Land Disposition prior to the sale of the property.

## Exhibit(s)

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# EXHIBIT B



NOTE: All acreages are approximate.



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## FOR ACTION (CONSENT)

# 5. Minutes of Prior Meeting

#### **Proposed Motion**

Approve the minutes of the March 26, 2025, LCRA Board of Directors meeting.

#### **Board Consideration**

Section 2.04 of the LCRA bylaws requires the secretary to keep minutes of all meetings of the Board.

#### **Budget Status and Fiscal Impact**

Approval of this item will have no budgetary or fiscal impact.

#### Summary

Staff presents the minutes of each meeting to the Board for approval.

#### Exhibit(s)

A - Minutes of March 26, 2025, LCRA Board meeting

LCRA Board of Directors Minutes Digest March 26, 2025

- 25-10 Approval of a resolution honoring Carroll Cowan, LCRA retiree.
- 25-11 Reaffirmation, effective at the conclusion of the March 26, 2025, meeting, without substantive changes of LCRA Board policies 201 Employment Practices, 209 Environmental Stewardship and 303 Banking and Investments; approval of proposed amendments to LCRA Board policies 207 Legal Matters and Alternative Dispute Resolution, 220 Telecommunications, 221 Auditors (renamed Independent and Internal Auditors), 222 Risk Management, 223 Cybersecurity, 308 Purchasing Contracts (renamed Procurement) and 602 LCRA Wholesale Power Customer Input; and authorization for the general counsel to approve minor, nonsubstantive or necessary conforming changes to Board policies throughout this (Board policy review) project.
- 25-12 Approval of the minutes of the Feb. 19, 2025, LCRA Board of Directors meeting.
- 25-13 Authorization for the general manager or his designee to negotiate and execute the following contracts and contract changes: Contract No. 6665 (Irby Construction Company); Contract No. 6766 (Power Standard, LLC); Contract No. 6767 (Saber Power Services, LLC); Contract No. 6782 (Burns and McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc.); Contract No. 6783 (Zapalac/Reed Construction Company, LP); Contract No. 6289 (Locweld, Inc.); Contract No. 5839 (Hyundai Electric America Corporation); Contract No. 5747 (TESSCO, Inc.); and Contract No. 5798 (McGriff Insurance Services, Inc.).
- No Action: Agenda Item 6 Oil and Gas Mineral Leases in Fayette County was postponed until April 22, 2025.

#### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY Austin, Texas March 26, 2025

Pursuant to notice posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Board of Directors (Board) of the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) convened in a regular meeting at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, March 26, 2025, in the Board Room of the Hancock Building, at the principal office of LCRA, 3700 Lake Austin Blvd., Austin, Travis County, Texas. The following directors were present, constituting a quorum:

> Timothy Timmerman, Chair Stephen F. Cooper, Vice Chair Joseph M. "Joe" Crane, Secretary Melissa K. Blanding Carol Freeman Robert "Bobby" Lewis Thomas Michael Martine Margaret D. "Meg" Voelter Martha Leigh M. Whitten [attended via videoconference] David R. Willmann Nancy Eckert Yeary

Absent: Michael L. "Mike" Allen Matthew L. "Matt" Arthur Thomas L. "Tom" Kelley

Chair Timmerman convened the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

The Board heard public comments [Agenda Item 1]. Shannon Hamilton, executive director of Central Texas Water Coalition, commented about the transfer of water out of the Colorado River basin pursuant to House Bill 1437 (1999) and requested that LCRA use its authority to ensure that all cities benefiting from the basin water follow the same drought contingency plans and water conservation practices.

<u>25-10</u> General Manager Phil Wilson presented for consideration a staff recommendation that the Board approve a resolution [attached hereto as Exhibit A] honoring Carroll Cowan for his service to LCRA. Upon motion by Vice Chair Cooper, seconded by Director Lewis, the recommendation was unanimously approved by a vote of 11 to 0.

The Board next took action on the consent agenda. Upon motion by Director Voelter, seconded by Director Crane, the Board unanimously approved consent items 3 and 4 by a vote of 11 to 0 as follows:

<u>25-11</u> Reaffirmation, effective at the conclusion of the March 26, 2025, meeting, without substantive changes of LCRA Board policies 201 – Employment Practices, 209 – Environmental Stewardship and 303 – Banking and Investments; approval of proposed amendments to LCRA Board policies 207 – Legal Matters and Alternative Dispute Resolution, 220 – Telecommunications, 221 – Auditors (renamed Independent and Internal Auditors), 222 – Risk Management, 223 – Cybersecurity, 308 – Purchasing Contracts (renamed Procurement) and 602 – LCRA Wholesale Power Customer Input; and authorization for the general counsel to approve minor, nonsubstantive or necessary conforming changes to Board policies throughout this (Board policy review) project, as recommended by staff in Consent Item 3 [attached hereto as Exhibit B].

<u>25-12</u> Approval of the minutes of the Feb. 19, 2025, LCRA Board meeting [Consent Item 4].

Vice President of Water Operations Kelly D. Payne presented an update on basin conditions [Agenda Item 5].

<u>25-13</u> Senior Vice President of Supply Chain Matt Chavez presented for consideration a staff recommendation, described in Agenda Item 7 [attached hereto as Exhibit C], that the Board authorize the general manager or his designee to negotiate and execute the following contracts and contract changes: Contract No. 6665 (Irby Construction Company); Contract No. 6766 (Power Standard, LLC); Contract No. 6767 (Saber Power Services, LLC); Contract No. 6782 (Burns and McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc.); Contract No. 6783 (Zapalac/Reed Construction Company, LP); Contract No. 6289 (Locweld, Inc.); Contract No. 5839 (Hyundai Electric America Corporation); Contract No. 5747 (TESSCO, Inc.); and Contract No. 5798 (McGriff Insurance Services, Inc.). Upon motion by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Yeary, the recommendation was unanimously approved by a vote of 11 to 0.

Chair Timmerman declared the meeting to be in executive session at 11:50 a.m. pursuant to sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.076, 551.086, 551.089 and 418.183(f) of the Texas Government Code. Executive session ended, and Chair Timmerman declared the meeting to be in public session at 12:53 p.m.

Chair Timmerman recessed the meeting at 12:54 p.m., and he reconvened the meeting at 1:09 p.m. The Board met over lunch with Dr. David Staack of the Texas A&M University System to discuss research topics and results in electric energy technology.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Joseph M. Crane Secretary LCRA Board of Directors Approved: April 22, 2025

## FOR DISCUSSION

# 6. Basin Conditions Update

# Summary

Staff will answer any questions the Board may have on basin conditions.

# Presenter(s)

Kelly D. Payne Vice President, Water Operations

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## FOR ACTION

# 7. Oil and Gas Mineral Leases in Fayette County

#### **Proposed Motion**

Authorize the general manager or his designee to publish notice, accept bids, select the highest and best bid, and negotiate and execute oil and gas mineral leases on three properties in Fayette County.

#### **Board Consideration**

Section 8503.020(b) of the Texas Special District Local Laws Code requires the approval of 12 members of the LCRA Board of Directors prior to the conveyance of any interest in real property. Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapter 71, requires the governing body of a political subdivision to approve the lease of its lands for mineral development and to meet minimum requirements for notice and selection of the best and highest bidder.

#### **Budget Status and Fiscal Impact**

The administrative costs associated with the execution of these leases are contained within the fiscal year 2025 business plan. The lease bonuses and royalties, if produced, will be credited to LCRA's Wholesale Power business unit. The lifetime revenue for the three properties is projected to be up to \$1.1 million.

#### Summary

LCRA holds mineral interests in various unleased tracts throughout Fayette County. The general vicinity has experienced an increase in oil and gas production in recent years. Approval of this item would authorize staff to publish notice of bid solicitation on the mineral properties depicted in the exhibits and to negotiate and execute leases on these properties. In accordance with Texas Natural Resources Code Section 71.005, notices will be published once a week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in Fayette County.

Staff will ensure that only the highest and best bid is accepted and may reject all bids if the highest and best bid is not deemed adequate. Pursuant to Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapter 71, the lease must provide for a one-eighth royalty interest and a primary term of 10 years or less. LCRA will require a one-fourth cost-free royalty interest and a three-year primary term. LCRA does not own the surface for the three properties.

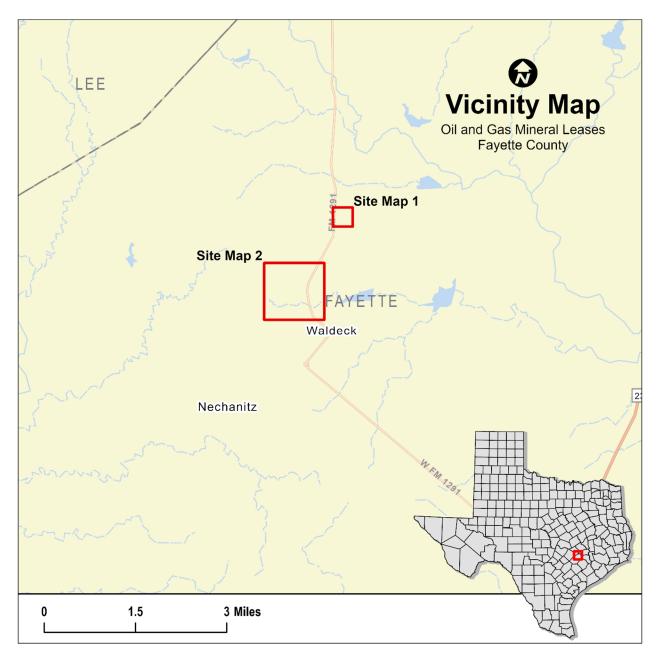
Appropriate due diligence assessments of the property will be conducted in accordance with Board Policy 401 – Land Resources to the extent applicable prior to the execution of any lease.

#### Presenter(s)

Glenn Williams Senior Vice President, Commercial Operations

# Exhibit(s)

- A Vicinity Map B Site Map 1 C Site Map 2



## EXHIBIT B



## EXHIBIT C



# 8. Fiscal Year 2025 LCRA Business Plan Amendment

#### **Proposed Motion**

Approve an amendment to the fiscal year 2025 LCRA business plan to increase authorization for spending in FY 2025 from \$576.8 million to \$595.1 million.

#### **Board Consideration**

LCRA Board Policy 301 – Finance requires annual approval of a business plan by the LCRA Board of Directors. The policy requires additional Board approval if annual expenditures for operations or capital are expected to exceed Board-authorized levels. LCRA operations expenditures will exceed the Board-approved amounts, and staff is seeking approval to increase the FY 2025 operations budget.

#### **Budget Status and Fiscal Impact**

Staff expects LCRA's year-end actual spending for FY 2025 operations expense to exceed the business plan operations budget of \$576.8 million by \$18.3 million. This variance primarily is due to Austin Energy's share of the costs for the Fayette Power Project Yard 2 to Lytton Springs Transmission Line Overhaul capital project. LCRA Transmission Services Corporation is performing all of the work for this project and will be reimbursed by Austin Energy for its appropriate share of the costs. Those costs are recognized as operations and maintenance costs for LCRA TSC and were not included in the approved FY 2025 budget.

#### Summary

Because LCRA anticipates exceeding the operations budget, staff is seeking approval to increase the FY 2025 business plan budget. The increase in FY 2025 spending primarily is the result of higher-than-budgeted expenses.

The LCRA Board of Directors approved the FY 2025 business and capital plans in May 2024, establishing a spending limit for FY 2025 operations of \$576.8 million. The current year-end actual spending for FY 2025 operations is expected to be \$595.1 million, an increase of \$18.3 million or about 3.2%.

#### Presenter(s)

Jim Travis Chief Financial Officer

## FOR ACTION

# 9. Contracts and Contract Changes

#### **Proposed Motion**

Authorize the general manager or his designee to negotiate and execute the following contracts and contract changes as described in the attached exhibits.

#### **Board Consideration**

LCRA Board Policy 308 – Procurement requires Board of Directors approval for any contract for goods or services with projected expenditures exceeding \$5 million, whether under the original contract or as a result of a change.

#### **Budget Status and Fiscal Impact**

Board of Directors approval of contracts and contract changes does not create a commitment to spend funds. All commitments made under these contracts will be for budgeted items contained in separately authorized operations and capital budgets or pre-spending requirements as outlined in LCRA Board Policy 301 – Finance.

#### Summary

Each month the Board approves the contracts and contract changes in accordance with LCRA Board Policy 308.

#### Presenter(s)

Matt Chavez Senior Vice President, Supply Chain

#### Exhibit(s)

A – New Contracts B – Contract Changes

# **New Contracts**

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### EXHIBIT B

## **Contract Changes**

Contract Number: 6022

Supplier Name: Aquitas Solutions, LLC Current Approved Contract Amount: \$3.5 million Requested Change: \$3 million New Contract Amount: \$6.5 million

**Description:** This master contract was entered into in April 2022 and provides Maximo-managed service support expertise necessary to ensure seamless integration, configuration and customization of Maximo in alignment with LCRA's operational needs. The contract term is one year with annual renewal options for up to five years. Staff has exercised two renewal options and intends to exercise a third in April 2025. Due to the continued expansion of LCRA's Digital Services Maximo road map, including an upgrade to the new application points model, projected contract expenditures are expected to exceed the original contract value in the coming years. Staff is requesting Board approval to add \$3 million to the existing approved contract amount.

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