

Process for Updating the Water Management Plan

Water Operations Committee
Meeting

Nov. 13, 2024



LCRA's Water Management Plan

- **Operations plan for supplying water from lakes Buchanan and Travis to users throughout the lower Colorado River basin**
- **Allows for supply of interruptible water provided we continue to meet the needs of our firm customers**
- **Helps meet the environmental needs of the lower Colorado River and Matagorda Bay**
- **Developed with significant input from participants, and approved by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality**

Water Management Plan Updates

- **State approved first WMP in 1989**
 - Approved updates in 1991, 1992, 1999, 2010, 2015 and 2020
- **LCRA is required to start the next update process early next year**
- **LCRA expects to submit application for next update to TCEQ in spring or summer 2026**

WMP: Water Management Plan

TCEQ: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Meetings and Communications

- **Initial discussion with TCEQ planned for November or December 2024**
- **Currently planning process and schedule for meeting with participants**
- **Will begin meeting individually with interested parties in January 2025**

Primary Participants

- Firm water customers
- Interruptible agricultural customers
- Power providers
- Environmental and lake interests

Updates and Potential Plan Design

- **Update:**
 - Hydrology to include 2017-2023
 - Firm and interruptible projected demands through 2032
- **Discuss basic framework with TCEQ**
- **Anticipate curtailment modifications**
- **Expect WMP to be in place until about 2032**

Anticipated Timeline

Meet with TCEQ to discuss framework	November or December 2024
Meet one-on-one with various interested parties	January and February 2025
Hold series of full participant meetings	March to May 2025
Update LCRA Board of Directors	June 2025
Continue full participant meetings	July through October 2025
Prepare and present draft staff recommended plan for Board discussion; obtain public input on draft staff recommended plan	November 2025 to January 2026
Seek Board action on staff recommended plan	Early 2026
Prepare and submit application to TCEQ	Spring or summer 2026

