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UPDATE

***LCRA BOARD OK's REVISIONS TO PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN***

The LCRA Board of Directors took action today to protect the water supply of the lower Colorado River basin. The Board unanimously:

Agreed to revise LCRA's 2012 proposed amendments to the Water Management Plan, which sets out how water from lakes Travis and Buchanan is managed. LCRA staff now will finalize the application, which will go to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for action.

The Board adopted revisions that would better protect the water supply for firm customers, mainly cities and industries that purchase "firm" water that is available without shortage during a repeat of the 1950s drought, which represents the worst drought conditions this region has seen.

The revisions allow LCRA to adapt its operations as drought conditions change. A primary goal of the revisions is to maintain combined storage in lakes Travis and Buchanan above 600,000 acre-feet through a repeat of historic hydrology, and establish three sets of operating conditions to be used to determine the amount of interruptible water available for agricultural use.

In the last month, LCRA held a series of meetings with stakeholders representing interests throughout the basin to explain the proposed amendments to the plan and seek their input. Through this process, the proposed amendments were changed slightly, resulting in widespread stakeholder support for the plan.

LCRA staff will finalize the revised application and submit it to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in the next month. TCEQ must approve all changes to the Water Management Plan, which governs LCRA's management of the Highland Lakes to meet the needs of major water users throughout the lower Colorado River basin.

See the letter to the LCRA Board from John Hofmann and Phil Wilson at:

<http://lcra.org/water/water-supply/Documents/Board-Memo-2014Sept11-LCRA-WMP-changes-since-August-9-11-14.pdf>

Once at TCEQ, you'll have an opportunity to send comments to TCEQ. CTWC WILL continue to work for improvements as needed for better protection.

all the details of the proposals are at: [LCRA 2014 WMP updates](#)

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