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**AUSTIN WATER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
October 28, 2020**

The Austin Water Oversight Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 via videoconference.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Chair Paige Ellis	Council Member Ann Kitchen
Vice Chair Leslie Pool	Council Member Alison Alter

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Paige Ellis called the committee meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Bobby Levinski of Save Our Springs Alliance spoke in support of the proposed on-site water reuse requirement being a voluntary program at first and then being fully implemented in 2023. He recommended several amendments for Water Forward Plan implementation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the August 20, 2020 Austin Water Oversight Committee

The minutes of the August 20, 2020 meeting were approved on **Council Member Alter's motion, and Council Member Pool's second, on a 4-0 vote.**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

2. Discussion and approval of the 2021 Austin Water Oversight Committee meeting schedule

The following schedule for 2021 meetings was approved on **Council Member Pool's motion, and Council Member Alter's second, on a 4-0 vote:**

**March 3, 2021 – 1:30pm
May 13, 2021 – 1:30pm
October 27, 2021 – 1:30pm**

DRAFT**BRIEFING****3. Director's Report: Upcoming recommendations for Council action, innovations, events and awards**

Austin Water Director Greg Meszaros reported on Austin Water's recognition as a Utility of the Future. He discussed innovations being implemented to address zebra mussels and new technology for high turbidity events. Upcoming council items will include expansion of Austin Water's low-income customer assistance program to include multi-family customers.

4. Water Forward Implementation Status

Kevin Critendon, Austin Water Assistant Director, Environmental, Planning and Development Services gave a presentation on proposed Austin City Code amendments for water conservation and a new chapter regarding on-site water reuse. Public input on the on-site water reuse framework can be provided at: <https://www.speakupaustin.org/proposed-regulatory-framework-onsite-water-reuse>

5. 2030 Water Savings Goal and related strategies included in the proposed 2020 Climate Equity Plan

Kevin Critendon, Austin Water Assistant Director, Environmental, Planning and Development Services gave a presentation. Public input on the Austin Climate Equity Plan can be provided at: <https://www.speakupaustin.org/community-climate-plan>

6. Toxic Algae in Lady Bird Lake

Brent Bellinger, Research Ecologist with the Watershed Protection Department, gave a presentation.

FUTURE ITEMS**7. Identify items to be discussed at future meetings**

Council members discussed the portions of the Land Development Code rewrite related to Water Forward implementation as a potential future agenda item.

ADJOURN

Chair Ellis adjourned the meeting at 3:57 p.m. without objection.

Link to meeting video and presentations: [October 28, 2020 Austin Water Oversight Committee Regular Meeting | AustinTexas.gov](#)