



**AUSTIN INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCE PLANNING COMMUNITY TASK FORCE
REGULAR CALLED MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026**

The Austin Integrated Water Resource Planning Community Task Force convened in a Regular Called meeting on June 9, 2026, at Waller Creek Center, 625 E 10th Street, Austin, Texas.

Chair Walker called the Austin Integrated Water Resource Planning Community Task Force Meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

Members in Attendance: Chair Jennifer Walker, Vice Chair Robert Mace, Leah Martinsson, and Paul DiFiore, and Sarah Faust

Members in Attendance Remotely: Perry Lorenz and Todd Bartee

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

1. Valerie Menard, PODER, gave a public comment in-person.
2. Bianca Guerrero, PODER, gave a public comment in-person.
3. Kamil Cook gave a public comment in-person.
4. Rene Bartos gave a public comment in-person.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Austin Integrated Water Resource Planning Community Task Force Regular Called Meeting on April 14, 2026.

The minutes from the Austin Integrated Water Resource Planning Community Task Force regular called meeting on April 14, 2026, were approved on Vice Chair Mace's motion, Member DiFiore's second on a 7-0 vote. Members Hani Michel and Madelline Mathis absent.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff briefing regarding Update on Lower Colorado River and Highland Lakes water supply conditions.

The presentation was made by Emily Rafferty, Program Manager, Austin Water.

3. Staff briefing regarding highlights of Austin Water's 2026 Q1 Report on Water Management Strategy Implementation. **The presentation was made by Kevin Kluge, Water Conservation Division Manager, Austin Water.**

4. Staff briefing regarding large industrial and commercial customer water usage and conservation trends.

The presentation was made by Shay Ralls Roalson, Director; Christina Romero, Interim Assistant Director; Colleen Kirk, Division Manager; Katherine Jashinski, Supervising Engineer, Austin Water.

WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

5. Report on recommendations by Planning for Large Volume Users Working Group.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

6. Discussion and approval of a recommendation to Council regarding large water users.

A motion was made to approve the recommendation from the large water user working group was made by Member Paul DiFiore and seconded by Member Perry Lorenz.

The following amendment was made by Member Paul DiFiore and seconded by Chair Jennifer Walker.

The amendment was to accept the redline edits to the recommendation as shown in the meeting, update the “To” and “From” lines, and replace the introduction section of the recommendation with a “Summary of Recommendations” including the 5 bullet points from a “Suggested Actions” slide as presented in the meeting

The “Summary of Recommendations:

- Require non-potable water for data centers and more commercial and industrial cooling uses.
- Adapt Service Extension Request process to increase transparency and incentivize conserving potable water by establishing threshold potable water volume to qualify for waiver of board, commission, and city council process.
- Adopt commercial water budgeting and tiered rates for large water use customers by 2028.
- Expand triggers for reclaimed and onsite reuse ordinance to have larger distance allowances and a projected water use trigger (not based on square footage)
- Align economic development incentives with non-potable water goals, ensure centralized reclaimed is considered in real estate inventories and development pipelines.”

The amendment was approved on a 7-0 vote.

The motion to adopt the recommendation as amended was approved on Member Paul DiFiore’s motion, Member Perry Lorenz’s second on a 7-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Walker adjourned the meeting at 2:08pm.

The meeting minutes were approved at the October 13, 2026, meeting on Vice Chair Mace’s motion, Member Lorenz’s second on a 6-0 vote with two vacancies. Task Force Members Michel and Mathis absent.