

## BCRUA Informal Quarterly Breakfast

July 8, 2016 meeting and an update by email from Tom Gallier, General Manager - BCRUA

Note: This quarterly meeting is an informal, information-sharing meeting. Its purpose is to keep the lines of communication open between the BCRUA and the Village of Volente. BCRUA intends to build a new water intake into Lake Travis. The proposed access point will extend into the incorporated area of the Village of Volente. No permits have been requested and no construction has been approved by the Village of Volente as of this date.

### Update:

1. Phase 2 – BCRUA Preliminary Design Report – The report was completed and presented to the three member cities of BCRUA (Cedar Park, Leander, Round Rock). A presentation of the report is available online. It includes an overview of the components of the system (intake, maintenance building, tunnel, maps for their locations and projected timeline for construction). The presentation can be viewed or downloaded from the BCRUA website at the following link:  
[http://www.bcrua.org/wp-content/uploads/2007/10/2016.5.18\\_BCRUA-Board-PER-Presentation.pdf](http://www.bcrua.org/wp-content/uploads/2007/10/2016.5.18_BCRUA-Board-PER-Presentation.pdf)

The full engineering report is to be provided to the Village soon. Its size may prohibit its easy transfer through the Internet. When it is received, Village staff will determine, and post, how the public may get access to it.

2. Phase 1C and Phase 2 next steps – BCRUA – The next BCRUA phase sections require funding through the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT). The application must be submitted by end of February 2017. If this date is missed the next application opportunity is early 2018. Approval by all three BCRUA member cities is mandatory before the application can be filled. A “GO/NO GO” vote will likely occur in September 2016. Leander will likely be the critical vote as the majority of construction and cost will be within Leander jurisdiction.

- additional Phase 1C and Phase 2 information (as of August 19<sup>th</sup>): “Leander's position appears to be that they want to wait a year on Phase 2, and revisit the go/no go decision in August/September of 2017. There does appear to be informal consensus to move forward with Phase 1C, which would add two more pumps to the existing floating intake [on Lake Travis], and expand the water plant to 30 million gallons per day capacity. Therefore, it doesn't look like we'll be doing anything more on Phase 2 design until next year.”

3. BCRUA REQUEST – The BCRUA is requesting to begin discussions with the Village of Volente with the goal of creating an Inter-local agreement. See BCRUA 042116\_Informal Quarterly Breakfast update for more detail on the purpose for this request. The steps may include:

- 3.1. Create a simple agreement between BCRUA and the Village of Volente to define the “process” and “purpose” for a non-binding discussion. This may be described as a “scope” document.
- 3.2. After step one is completed, the two groups may choose to create an Inter-Local Agreement (ILA). This ILA would list items the BCRUA wishes to receive from the Village of Volente in their efforts to get access to Lake Travis water through the Village of Volente incorporated areas and, in return would list the items the Village of Volente would like in return for providing/allowing/regulating the BCRUA access. This may include payment for legal and engineering services that the Village of Volente would incur in negotiating with and monitoring the BCRUA, repair of roads damaged by BCRUA, restrictions and limitations, and other similar components.

(Note: An ILA is generally used between two local governments to define how they agree to buy and sell services, with each receiving some benefit.)

(Note: The ILA would be one of additional documents and agreements between the Village of Volente and the BCRUA. It would be in addition to and not supersede Village of Volente Ordinances or Permits)

(Note: No agreements will, or can, be entered into between the Village of Volente and the BCRUA without a passing vote of Council and with the appropriate legal review.)

- additional information on Gary Gross' Property (as of August 19<sup>th</sup>): “The judge approved the final settlement on the Gross property last week, and we're [BCRUA] in the process of finalizing the payment and documentation, in order to take full title to the property.”

The Gross' proposed is the proposed location for the water intake located to be located within the Village of Volente