



SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY MEETING

September 22, 2014
8637 Spicewood Springs Rd.
6:30-8:30 PM

This month's meeting was focused on water, especially the drought, WTP4, and future plans for Austin Water and LCRA. The meeting began with brief introductions and a review of NWAC's history and mission. Jimmy Flannigan gave an update on traffic and the latest on Prop 1 and 183 North Mobility. There was also a brief discussion on the property crime problem.

Austin Water Director Greg Meszaros gave a presentation¹ on the state of the utility and local water resources. He gave a quick overview of utility resources and existing systems that deliver water. An extended discussion was had about the new WTP4 which should be coming online in the next few weeks. He then explained the LCRA system and the pressures of delivering water downstream to agriculture and environmental needs at Matagorda Bay. Information about recent lake levels and historical lake levels shows that we are likely in the worst drought on record. He then explained how the utility budget is affected by the expenses of infrastructure and the variability of revenues, as well as how Austin Water cut back its budget for 2015. The presentation ended with a discussion on options for the future, covering reusable water systems like purple pipe and grey water, possibilities for expanding water sources beyond the Highland lakes, and how financial issues will necessitate continuing changes in how we charge for and supply water to Austin.

This meeting represented a year-long record of meeting the mission, with presentations on traffic, water, wildfires, and public safety. The group decided to postpone future meetings until after the election so that future meetings will feature our new district council members.

Our Mission: To support leaders in Northwest Austin and address the needs of our communities through collaboration, communication, and education.

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¹ <https://www.dropbox.com/s/832s1yx5oexnmil/09-22-14%20Northwest%20Austin%20Coalition.pptx?dl=0>