

The E-Newsletter of the Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority

BCRUA NEWS

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Schedule

BCRUA
Board Meeting

Trails End Construction Timetable

About Ready to Roll

Final preparations are underway for construction of BCRUA's water pipeline up Trails End Road from Lake Travis to RM1431. Watch for news of a "Meet the Contractor" conference to be scheduled with area residents early in September. The meeting also will provide a chance for neighbors to meet **Michael Thuss, P.E.**, who will oversee the construction project as BCRUA's Program Manager. A contractor is expected to begin mobilizing equipment in the area at mid-September, with construction commencing on Trails End Road at mid-October.

Good News

Savings Keep Growing

As a result of current economic conditions, bids for the Trails End work have come in at less than two-thirds of the projected cost – **\$20 million versus \$32 million**. Another **\$31 million** has been saved over the life of bonds financing the first phase of the BCRUA project due to a very favorable interest rate received when those bonds were sold recently. [Learn more here.](#)

In addition, General Manager Chris Lippe has announced that he will remain in his BCRUA post, rather than retiring as he had planned. The move preserves Chris' extensive experience and institutional knowledge for the project.



A board meeting date in August has not yet been scheduled. Watch for an announcement of the date and the agenda on our web-site, www.bcrua.org.

Comment

SOMETHING TO SAY?

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Spotlight on Conservation

Katherine Woerner of Cedar Park



Katherine Woerner is the face of conservation in Cedar Park. As assistant to the city manager, she works closely with the city's senior leadership team on a variety of special projects, including Cedar Park's water conservation campaign.

"Water conservation has always been important, but in response to the severe drought and heightened environmental concerns, our City Council chose to implement the Water IQ Program," said Katherine.

"The campaign has successfully heightened residents' awareness of appropriate watering schedules and the importance of conservation. We're also counting on the program to help achieve our goals under the Drought Contingency and Water Emergency Plan," she added.

Katherine is a graduate of Hendrix College with a master's degree from the University of Kansas and experience working with the mayor and city manager in Little Rock, Arkansas.

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