

ANGELINA AND NECHES RIVER AUTHORITY

House Bill 1520 by Kitzman (Blanco et al.)

LOWER NECHES VALLEY AUTHORITY

Senate Bill 2407 by Sparks et al. (Kitzman)

Issue 1 — ANRA Must Improve and Expand Its Planning Efforts to Fully Support Its Organizational Goals.

Recommendation 1.1, Adopted — Direct ANRA to develop and institute a strategic planning process that supports achieving the authority's long-term objectives. (Management action – nonstatutory)

Recommendation 1.2, Adopted — Direct ANRA to develop and institute a formal, documented planning process for facility acquisitions. (Management action – nonstatutory)

Recommendation 1.3, Adopted — Direct ANRA to develop and institute a formal, documented budget planning process that ensures its annual budget is structurally balanced. (Management action – nonstatutory)

Issue 2 — An Improved Procurement and Contracting Process Would Better Protect ANRA from Unnecessary Risks.

Recommendation 2.1, Adopted — Direct ANRA to periodically conduct formal solicitations for utility repairs to ensure the authority receives fair and competitive pricing. (Management action – nonstatutory)

Recommendation 2.2, Adopted — Direct ANRA to consider developing and using umbrella agreements to procure utility repairs services. (Management action – nonstatutory)

Recommendation 2.3, Adopted — Direct ANRA to formally document and evaluate vendor performance. (Management action – nonstatutory)

Recommendation 2.4, Adopted — Direct ANRA to adopt contracting best practices to ensure consistency. (Management action – nonstatutory)

Issue 3 — A More Robust and Comprehensive Strategic Planning Process Would Better Position LNVA for Continued Long-Term Success.

Recommendation 3.1, Adopted — Direct LNVA to develop an authority-wide strategic planning process that more thoroughly contemplates all aspects of its operations. (Management action – nonstatutory)

Issue 4 — LNVA's Procurement and Contracting Process Would Benefit from Additional Best Practices.

Recommendation 4.1, Adopted — Direct LNVA to ensure key procurement and contract management staff receives appropriate training. (Management action – nonstatutory)

Recommendation 4.2, Adopted — Direct LNVA to adopt a formal contract management policy. (Management action – nonstatutory)

Recommendation 4.3, Adopted — Direct LNVA to adopt a formal escalation policy to prevent contract compliance issues. (Management action – nonstatutory)

Recommendation 4.4, Adopted — Direct LNVA to formally document and evaluate vendor performance. (Management action – nonstatutory)

Recommendation 4.5, Adopted — Direct LNVA to improve certain contracting activities to ensure consistency and enhance monitoring. (Management action – nonstatutory)

Issue 5 — ANRA's and LNVA's Statutes and LNVA's Grant Process Do Not Reflect Some Standard Elements of Sunset Reviews.

Recommendation 5.1, Adopted — Apply the standard across-the-board requirement regarding the governor's appointment of the presiding officer to the boards of ANRA and LNVA.

Recommendation 5.2, Adopted — Apply the standard across-the-board requirement regarding grounds for removal of a board member to ANRA and LNVA.

Recommendation 5.3, Adopted — Apply the standard across-the-board requirement regarding board member training to ANRA and LNVA.

Recommendation 5.4, Adopted — Apply the standard across-the-board requirement regarding the separation of duties of board members from those of staff to ANRA and LNVA.

Recommendation 5.5, Adopted — Apply the standard across-the-board requirement regarding public testimony to ANRA and LNVA.

Recommendation 5.6, Adopted — Apply the standard across-the-board requirement related to developing and maintaining an authority complaints system and making information on complaint procedures available to the public.

Recommendation 5.7, Adopted — Update ANRA’s statute to reflect the requirements of the person-first respectful language initiative.

Recommendation 5.8, Adopted — Amend the Sunset review dates of ANRA and LNVA to 2037.

Recommendation 5.9, Adopted — Direct LNVA to review and, as necessary, adopt grant administration best practices and develop loan-making policies and processes before issuing loans. (Management action – nonstatutory)

Recommendation 5.10, Adopted — Direct LNVA to conduct TCEQ-required management audits. (Management action – nonstatutory)

Recommendation 5.11, Adopted — Direct LNVA to file with TSLAC information regarding the authority’s compliance with records control schedules. (Management action – nonstatutory)

Provisions Added by the Legislature

Board Member Terms — Update ANRA’s and LNVA’s board member terms to four years to comply with constitutional requirements. See *River Authority Uniformity Study with Final Results* for information about this provision’s adoption.