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VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING

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All agenda items are subject to possible discussion, questions, consideration, and action by the Council. Agenda item numbers are assigned for ease of reference only and do not necessarily reflect the order of their consideration by the Council. Presentations may be made by the identified staff or Council member or others as needed.

ITEM

I. Call to Order

II. Chair welcome, remarks and roll call

III. Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Minutes from the Council meeting on September 16, 2021 (Draft available at <https://gov.texas.gov/business/page/governors-broadband-development-council>).

IV. Comments by Erik Andersen, Director of Business Development, Lower Colorado River Authority, providing information relating to an overview of LCRA's Broadband Initiatives, and Council review, discussion, consideration and/or possible action regarding same (Slides available in Tab 1).

V. Comments by Greg Conte, Director of the Texas Broadband Development Office, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. Provide an update of this office's newest developments, including items such as status of major projects, formation of new board, and new staff, and Council review, discussion, consideration and/or possible action regarding same

VI. Discussion of the 2022 electronic report due to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the members of the legislature from the Council under Section 490H.007 of the Texas Government Code.

VII. Review, Discussion, Consideration and/or Possible Action on Council Next Steps for Following Meeting(s) - Chairman Sproull

VIII. Comments without Deliberation:

Public comment may be received on any matter under the Council's jurisdiction without regard to whether the item was posted on the agenda.

IX. Adjournment

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting, who may need auxiliary aids or services, or who need assistance in having English translated into Spanish, should contact Sonia Gaillard at 512-463-2981 at least 2 days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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TAB 1

LCRA's Expanded Mission

Connecting Central Texas
to Reliable Broadband

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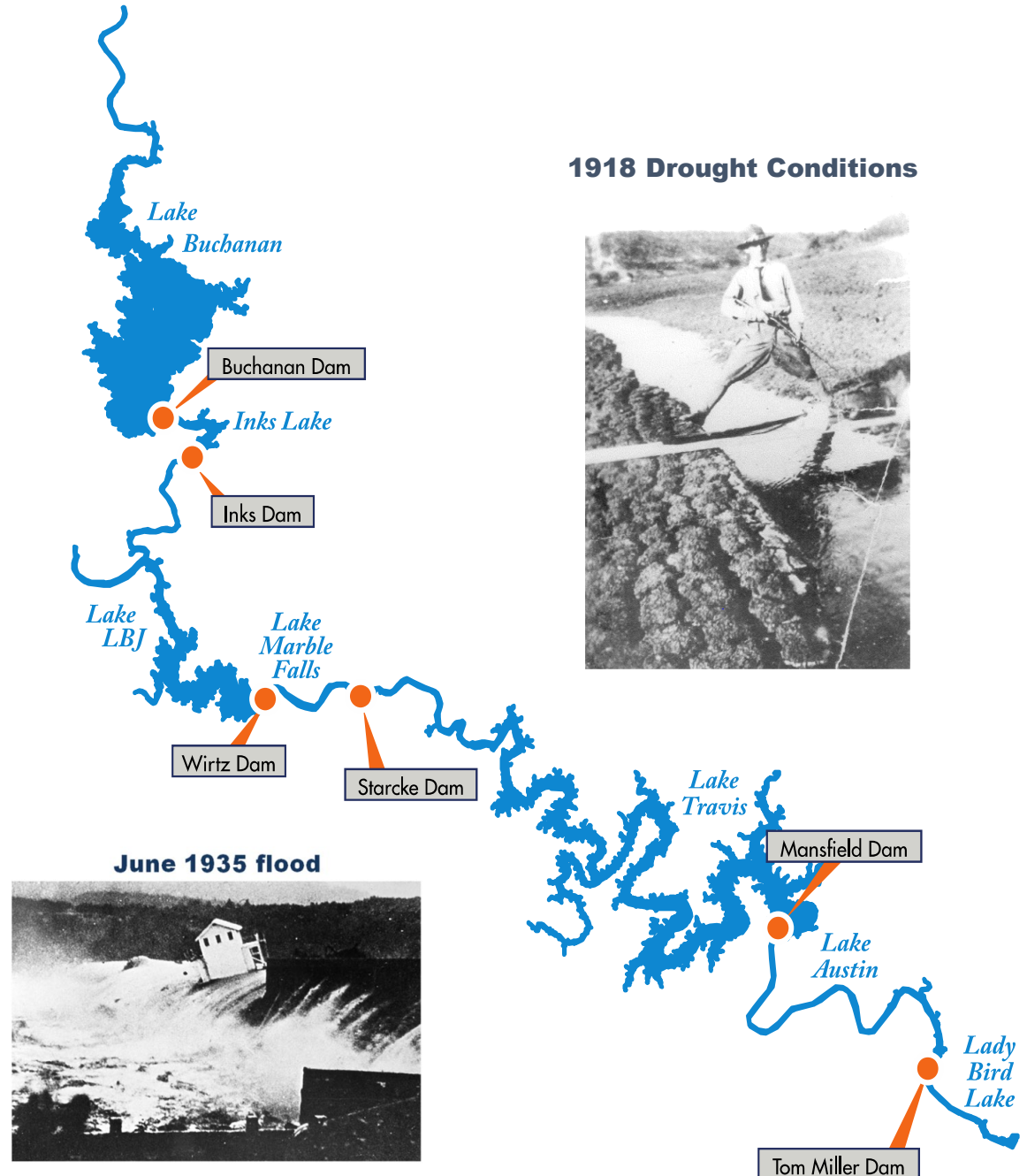
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- **LCRA overview**
- **Becoming a middle-mile provider**
 - **Impact of Senate Bill 632 (2021)**
- **Opportunities for collaboration**

Our Mission

To enhance the quality of life of the Texans we serve through water stewardship, energy and community service

- Formed in 1934 by the Texas Legislature to improve the region's quality of life with a specific goal of taming the Colorado River
- Established the lines that brought electricity to the region's first two electric cooperatives and began electrifying the rural Hill Country
- 88 years of public service as the stewards of the lower Colorado River basin



LCRA Provides Vital Services



WATER

862 river miles,
chain of dams



GENERATION

Power for cities
and cooperatives



TRANSMISSION

5,500 miles of line
in about 80 counties



PARKS

40+ parks,
community services

Legislative Update – Senate Bill 632

In May of 2021, the legislature passed SB632, which authorizes LCRA to provide fiber capacity and facilities to improve broadband service. Three key points:



Authorizes LCRA to provide middle-mile and backhaul fiber access to third parties



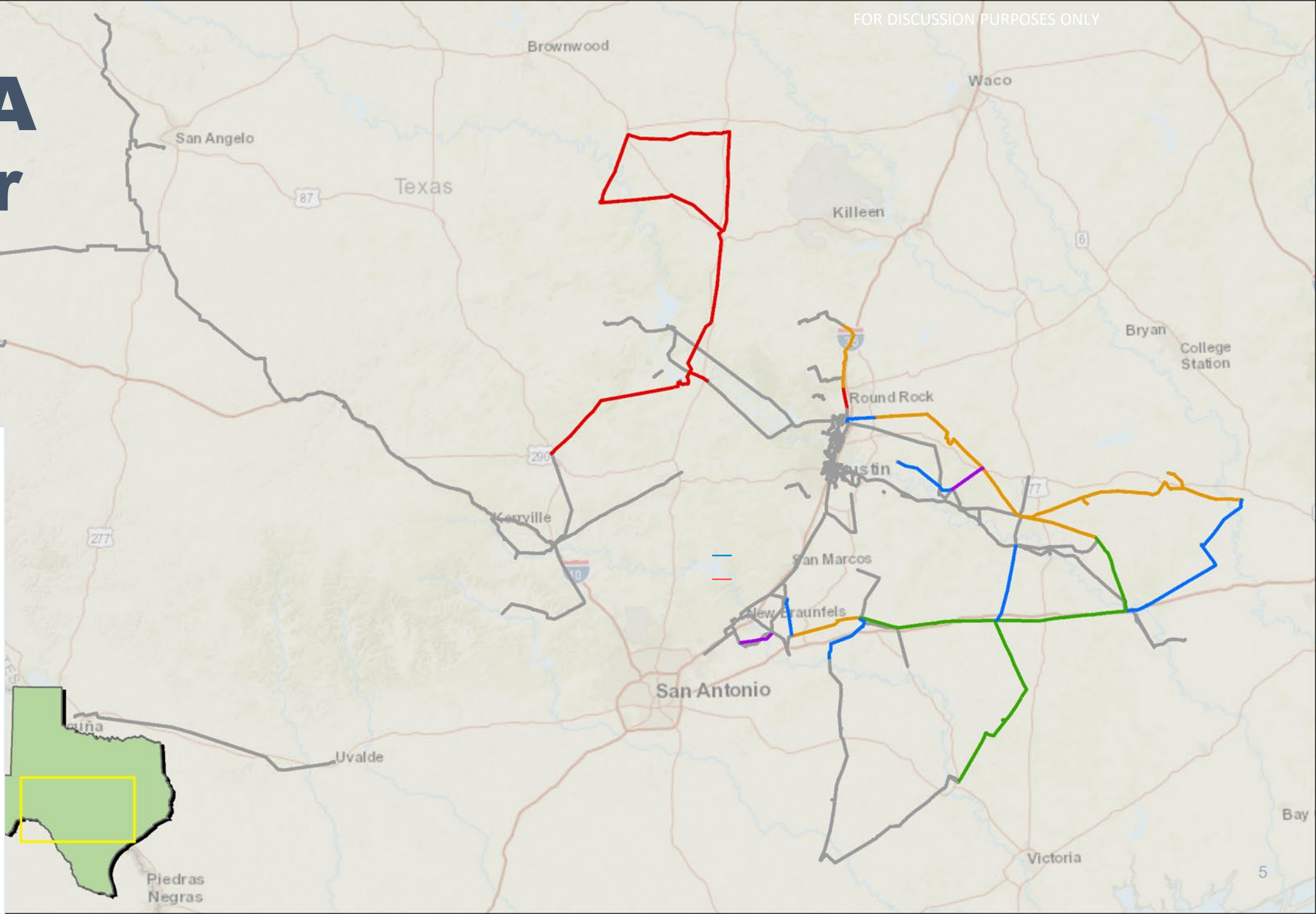
Allows LCRA to build access point fiber and related facilities for customers



Prohibits LCRA from providing retail broadband (i.e., LCRA cannot be an ISP)

LCRA Fiber

- LCRA maintains 1700+ miles of Optical Ground Wire (OPGW)
- More miles planned across central Texas over the next 5 years
- Diverse paths into Austin data center
 - Planned paths to San Antonio and Houston



- LCRA's unique offering:

Resilient utility grade network

24x7x365 support

Built for rural Texas

- LCRA is actively developing partnerships with internet service providers to connect last mile broadband

Connecting Central Texas to Broadband

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