

AGENDA ITEM MEMO

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 7, 2022

TO: Board Members

THROUGH: Jeff Walker, Executive Administrator
Ashley Harden, General Counsel
Matt Nelson, Deputy Executive Administrator, Office of Planning

FROM: Sarah Backhouse, Manager, Regional Water Planning

SUBJECT: Appointments to the Interregional Planning Council

ACTION REQUESTED

Consider appointing members and alternates to the Interregional Planning Council.

BACKGROUND

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) is required by Texas Water Code Section 16.052 to appoint an Interregional Planning Council (Council) made up of one regional water planning group (RWPG) member from each RWPG.

Council membership is to be appointed by the Board each five-year cycle prior to the adoption of a new state water plan and appointments expire once a new state water plan is adopted. In accordance with statute, the inaugural Council dissolved upon adoption of the 2022 State Water Plan in July 2021. Appointments under current consideration are for the second Council, with terms to expire upon adoption of the 2027 State Water Plan.

The purposes of the Council are to:

- improve coordination among the RWPGs, and between the RWPGs and the TWDB in meeting goals of the state water planning process;
- facilitate dialogue regarding regional water management strategies; and
- share operational best practices of the regional water planning process.

KEY ISSUES

In June 2020, the TWDB adopted amendments to 31 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Section 357.11(k) that require RWPGs to submit a designated alternate for each Council

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member nomination. Designated alternates may assume all responsibilities of the appointed Council member, should the Council member not be able to serve during their term, without additional Board action.

In September 2021, a letter was issued from the TWDB Executive Administrator to all RWPGs requesting the submittal of nominations of at least one member to serve on the Council and one alternate for each member nominated. All RWPGs have taken action to select their nominee and alternate and have submitted nomination information. A summary of RWPG nominations is included as an attachment.

In accordance with 31 TAC §357.11(k)(5), the Council's report is due to the TWDB one year prior to the Initially Prepared Plan deliverable deadline. For this planning cycle, the Council's report will be due March 3, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on all RWPG nominations, the Executive Administrator recommends appointment of the following members and alternates to the Council, with terms to expire upon adoption of the 2027 State Water Plan.

RWPG	Member	Alternate
A	Ben Weinheimer	Janet Guthrie
B	Randy Whiteman	Russell Schreiber
C	Jenna Covington	Drew Satterwhite
D	Jim Thompson	Fred Milton
E	Scott Reinert	David Etzold
F	Allison Strube	Scott McWilliams
G	Gail Peek	Luci Dunn
H	Mark Evans	Jace Houston
I	John Martin	David Alders
J	Jonathan Letz	Ray Buck
K	David Van Dresar	Ann McElroy
L	Tim Andruss	Jonathan Stinson
M	Jim Darling	Tomas Rodriguez
N	Carl Crull	Teresa Carrillo
O	Melanie Barnes	Ken Rainwater
P	Patrick Brzozowski	Richard Ottis

Attachment:Detailed Summary of Nominations

Summary of Nominations

Region	Nomination	Name	Title	Entity	Interest Category	Beginning Year of RWPG Membership	Committee Membership
A	Member	Ben Weinheimer (Chair)	President and CEO	Texas Cattle Feeders Association	Agriculture	2004	Executive and Agriculture Committees
A	Alternate	Janet Guthrie (Treasurer)	General Manager	Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District	Water Districts	2005	Executive Committee
B	Member	Randy Whiteman (Chair)	General Manager	Red River Authority of Texas	River Authorities	2018	Executive, Groundwater Technical, and Technical Advisory Committees
B	Alternate	Russell Schreiber	Director of Public Works	City of Wichita Falls	Municipalities	2008	Executive, Groundwater Technical, and Technical Advisory Committees
C	Member	Jenna Covington (Secretary)	Executive Director	North Texas Municipal Water District	Water Districts	2021	Executive Committee
C	Alternate	Drew Satterwhite	General Manager	Greater Texoma Utility Authority	Water Districts	2014	NA
D	Member	Jim Thompson (Chair)	Chief Financial Officer	Ward Timber	Public	2003	Executive Committee

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D	Alternate	Fred Milton	Board Member	Riverbend Water Resources District	Water Districts	2017	NA
E	Member	Scott Reinert (Vice-Chair)	Water Resources Manager	El Paso Water Utilities	Municipalities	2009	Executive Committee
E	Alternate	David Etzold	Owner and Principal Broker	ETZOLD & CO	Real Estate	2003	NA
F	Member	Allison Strube	Director of Water Utilities	City of San Angelo	Municipalities	2018	NA
F	Alternate	Scott McWilliams (Vice-Chair)	General Manager	Upper Colorado River Authority	River Authorities	2020	Executive Committee
G	Member	Gail Peek (Vice-Chair)	Of Counsel	Beard, Kultgen, Brophy, Bostwick & Dickson, PLLC	Small Business	2007	Executive, Scope of Work, and Water Policy Committees
G	Alternate	Luci Dunn	Senior Project Manager	Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd Inc.	Environmental	2017	Nominating & Bylaws and Scope of Work Committees
H	Member	Mark Evans (Chair)	Planning and Governmental Affairs Director	North Harris County Regional Water Authority	Counties	1999	Executive Committee

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H	Alternate	Jace Houston (Secretary)	General Manager	San Jacinto River Authority	River Authorities	2013	Executive, Scope of Work, Surface Water Supply, and Water Management Strategy Committees
I	Member	John Martin (Secretary)	General Manager	Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District	Groundwater Management Areas	2012	Executive Committee
I	Alternate	David Alders	Rancher	Carrizo Creek Corporation	Agriculture	1999	NA
J	Member	Jonathan Letz (Chair)	County Commissioner	Kerr County Commissioners Court	Small Business	1998	Executive Committee
J	Alternate	Ray Buck	General Manager	Upper Guadalupe River Authority	River Authorities	2005	NA
K	Member	David Van Dresar (Chair)	General Manager	Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District	Water Districts	2009	Executive, Legislation & Policy, Population & Water Demand, and Water Management Strategy Committees

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K	Alternate	Ann McElroy	Grant Writer/ Environmental Advocate		Environmental	2017	Nominations, Water Management Strategy, and Water Modeling Committees
L	Member	Tim Andruss (Chair)	General Manager	Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District	Water Districts	2013	Executive and Population & Water Demands Committees
L	Alternate	Jonathan Stinson	Deputy General Manager	Guadalupe Blanco River Authority	River Authorities	2021	Population & Water Demands Committee
M	Member	Jim Darling (Chair)	Chair	Rio Grande Regional Water Authority	River Authorities	2004	Executive, Chapter 7 Drought Management Strategy, Municipal Demand, and Rio Grande Groundwater Exportation Committees

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M	Alternate	Tomas Rodriguez	Retired, Engineer	Previously with the City of Laredo	Public	2008	Environmental, Groundwater, Municipal Demand, Rio Grande Groundwater Exportation, and Water Management Strategy Committees
N	Member	Carl Crull	Owner	Crull Engineering, LLC	Other	2016	NA
N	Alternate	Teresa Carrillo	Research Scientist	Texas A&M University Corpus Christi, Center for Coastal Studies	Environmental	2002	NA
O	Member	Melanie Barnes	Dr.	Texas Tech University	Public	2005	NA
O	Alternate	Ken Rainwater	Dr.	Texas Tech University	Public	2002	Nominating and Technical Committees
P	Member	Patrick Brzozowski (Secretary)	General Manager	Lavaca-Navidad River Authority	River Authorities	2003	Executive Committee
P	Alternate	Richard Ottis		Rice Belt Warehouse	Industries	1998	NA

NA = Not applicable.