

## AGENDA ITEM MEMO

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** January 19, 2021

**TO:** Board Members

**THROUGH:** Jeff Walker, Executive Administrator  
Ashley Harden, General Counsel  
Jessica Zuba, Deputy Executive Administrator, Water Supply & Infrastructure

**FROM:** Sarah Backhouse, Manager, Regional Water Planning

**SUBJECT:** Appointment of Region L representative to the Interregional Planning Council

### **ACTION REQUESTED**

Consider appointing a replacement member representing the Region L Regional Water Planning Group 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 TWDB Board each five-year cycle prior to the adoption of a new state water plan and appointments expire once a new state water plan (SWP) is adopted. The inaugural Council was appointed by the Board in January 2020. The Council held nine meetings during 2020 and submitted their report to the TWDB by the October 16, 2020 deadline.

### **KEY ISSUES**

In September 2020, Ms. Suzanne Scott, Chair of the Council, and representative of Region L, resigned from the Region L Regional Water Planning Group (RWPG). The Region L RWPG approved nominating Tim Andruss to the Council at their November 5, 2020 meeting. TWDB staff does not anticipate the Council convening again prior to adoption of the 2022 SWP; however, follow up with the Council on their report may occur as the Executive Administrator assesses how to address the Council's recommendations. The appointment of Mr. Andruss to the Council will allow Region L to continue to have representation, should

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a meeting occur or if follow up information from the Council is sought prior to the adoption of the 2022 SWP.

Mr. Andruss serves on Region L as a water district representative and is a member of the Executive Committee. Mr. Andruss is the General Manager of four groundwater conservation districts and has served on the Region L RWPG since 2010. Prior to becoming the Region L Chair on November 5, Mr. Andruss served as Vice-Chair since 2014. Mr. Andruss is also the Chair and Administrator of Groundwater Management Area 15.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Executive Administrator recommends appointment of Tim Andruss to the Council, with a term to expire upon adoption of the 2022 SWP.