

## AGENDA ITEM MEMO

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** March 9, 2023

**TO:** Board Members

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

**FROM:** Sarah Lee, Manager, Regional Water Planning  
Elizabeth McCoy, Planner, Regional Water Planning

**SUBJECT:** Appointments to the Interregional Planning Council

### **ACTION REQUESTED**

Consider appointing a member and designated alternate to the Interregional Planning Council to fill vacant positions.

### **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 July 2022, the Board appointed members and designated alternates to the Council with terms to expire upon adoption of the 2027 State Water Plan.

### **KEY ISSUES**

The following Council member and designated alternate have resigned from their respective RWPGs and vacated their Council positions: Allison Strube (Member, Region F) and Ray Buck (Alternate, Region J).

Regions F and J have taken action to nominate RWPG members to fill these vacant Council positions and have submitted the nomination information summarized in Table 1. The appointment of these nominees to the Council will allow all regions to continue to have

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representation at Council meetings that occur prior to the adoption of the 2027 State Water Plan.

**Table 1. Summary of nominations**

RWPG	Date of RWPG Nomination	Nomination	Name	Title	Entity	Interest Category	RWPG Member Since	Committee Membership
F	2/23/2023	Member	Scott McWilliams (Vice-Chair)	General Manager	Upper Colorado River Authority	River Authorities	2020	Not Applicable
F	2/23/2023	Alternate	Tommy Ervin	President	Ector County Utility District	Small Business	2018	Not Applicable
J	1/26/2023	Alternate	Tara Bushnoe	General Manager	Upper Guadalupe River Authority	River Authorities	2023	Not Applicable

**RECOMMENDATION**

Based on RWPG nominations, the Executive Administrator recommends appointment of the member and alternates listed in Table 1 to the Council with terms to expire upon adoption of the 2027 State Water Plan.