

TO: Board Members

THROUGH: Kevin Patteson, Executive Administrator
Robert E. Mace, Ph.D., P.G., Deputy Executive Administrator,
Water Science & Conservation

FROM: Mindy Conyers, Ph.D., Conservation & Innovative Water Technologies

DATE: October 13, 2015

SUBJECT: Appointments to Water Conservation Advisory Council

ACTION REQUESTED

Consider appointment of members to the Water Conservation Advisory Council.

BACKGROUND

The Texas Legislature created the Water Conservation Advisory Council in 2007 to provide the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, legislature, Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, political subdivisions, and the public with the resource of a select council with expertise in water conservation. The Council is composed of 23 members with each member representing one of 23 different interest groups. The TWDB is charged by the Texas Water Code, Chapter 10, with appointing members of the Water Conservation Advisory Council. Members are appointed to six-year terms on a staggered schedule of terms ending August 31 of odd numbered years. The terms of seven members expired on August 31, 2015.

KEY ISSUES

TWDB staff solicited nominations for those positions via correspondence with appropriate interest groups and posting notices on the Council’s website. The deadline for nominations was September 4, 2015. A total of 16 persons were nominated for the seven positions. The nominations and any additional supporting materials are included in Attachments A, B, and C.

Only one individual can be selected for each interest group. That member is selected based on their individual commitment to and expertise in water conservation in addition to their affiliation

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with the specific interest group. Staff reviewed the nominations and supporting materials and developed the following recommendations.

In addition, the Texas Department of Agriculture named as their representative Mr. Dan Hunter, Assistant Commissioner for Water and Rural Affairs. Current Council member Dr. David Villarreal will serve as the alternate.

RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Administrator recommends the appointment of the following persons to represent the indicated interest group with a term to expire August 31, 2021. Attachment B includes biographical sketches of the recommended candidates.

Electric Generation

Mr. Gary L. Spicer, Water Quality & Solid Waste Manager, Luminant Power

Environmental Groups

Dr. Ken Kramer, Water Resources Chair, Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club

Higher Education

Dr. Kevin Wagner, Associate Director, Texas Water Resources Institute

Regional Water Planning Groups

Mr. C. E. Williams, General Manager, Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District

River Authorities

Mr. Matt Phillips, Government and Customer Relations Manager, Brazos River Authority

Rural Water Users

Ms. Celia Eaves, Environmental Services Director, Texas Rural Water Association

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Ms. Cindy Loeffler, Water Resources Branch Chief, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

This recommendation has been reviewed by legal counsel and complies with applicable statutes and Board rules.

Les Trobman, General Counsel

Attachment(s):

A: Summary of Nominees

B: Biographical Sketches of Recommended Nominees

C: Materials Submitted for Nominations

Attachment A

Summary of Nominees for Appointment to the Water Conservation Advisory Council

Interest Group	Nominee
Electric Generation	Gary Spicer
Environmental Groups	Ken Kramer
Higher Education	Shannon Harris
Higher Education	Tim Loftus
Higher Education	Kevin Wagner
Higher Education	Clint Wolfe
Regional Water Planning Groups	C.E. Williams
River Authorities	Denise Hickey
River Authorities	Sky Jones-Lewey
River Authorities	Matt Phillips
River Authorities	Todd Votteler
River Authorities	Patricia Wommack
Rural Water Users	Celia Eaves
Rural Water Users	Mark Howard
Rural Water Users	Lara Zent
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	Cindy Loeffler

Attachment B

Biographical Sketches of Recommended Nominees

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Environmental Groups	Ken Kramer
Higher Education	Kevin Wagner
Regional Water Planning Groups	C. E. Williams
River Authorities	Matt Phillips
Rural Water Users	Celia Eaves
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	Cindy Loeffler

GARY L. SPICER

Mr. Spicer is the Water Quality & Solid Waste Manager of Luminant Power’s Environmental Services division and has responsibility for all surface water and groundwater for Luminant Power, the largest electric provider in the state of Texas. He has over 30 years of professional experience and technical expertise in multiple aspects of managing water and water resources in multiple groundwater conservation districts and nine river basins in the state. He also serves as a member of the Region C and Region G Water Planning Groups, the Brazos River Basin and Bay Area Stakeholders Committee - Environmental Flows Group, and the Brazos River Watermaster Advisory Committee.

Mr. Spicer has represented the Electric Generation interest group of the Water Conservation Advisory Council since 2009.

KEN KRAMER, Ph.D.

Dr. Ken Kramer is the volunteer Water Resources Chair for the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club, having retired in July 2012 after over 23 years as the first Director of the Lone Star Chapter and a previous seven years as a contract lobbyist for the Chapter.

Dr. Kramer has served on numerous advisory committees to Texas state and local agencies and officials, including the Governor's Task Force on Hazardous Waste Management, the Municipal Solid Waste Management and Resource Recovery Advisory Council, and the Joint Select Committee on Toxic Air Emissions and the Greenhouse Effect. In the 1990s Dr. Kramer co-

chaired Task Force 21, the committee that advised the state's major environmental protection agency on industrial air quality, water quality, and waste management. He was also the co-chair of that agency's Waste Reduction Advisory Committee, which helped to guide the agency's pollution prevention efforts. Dr. Kramer currently serves on the stakeholder committees on environmental flows for both the Brazos River Basin and the Trinity & San Jacinto River Basins & Galveston Bay. He is also a member of the board of the Texas Water Foundation and a member of the Advisory Council for the Environmental Science Institute at The University of Texas at Austin.

Dr. Kramer has represented the Environmental Groups interest group of the Water Conservation Advisory Council since 2007.

KEVIN WAGNER, Ph.D.

Dr. Kevin Wagner serves as Associate Director of the Texas Water Resources Institute and adjunct professor in Texas A&M University's Department of Soil and Crop Sciences. He provides leadership and administration for institute water programs, works with stakeholders in identifying priorities for water resources programs, and develops inter-disciplinary teams for addressing these high priority issues.

Dr. Wagner's research seeks to determine the environmental and agricultural response of watersheds to management, particularly effects on water quality and quantity; develop and evaluate management systems designed to sustain agricultural productivity and protect soil and water resources; train water professionals and students on watershed planning, assessment, and water policy; and conduct watershed assessment, planning, and stakeholder engagement to address water issues.

Dr. Wagner has represented the Higher Education interest group of the Water Conservation Advisory Council since 2012.

C. E. WILLIAMS

Mr. C. E. Williams has served as the General Manager of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District since 1990. He is also the Chairman of the Panhandle Regional Water Planning Group and the Secretary/Treasurer of the Texas Water Foundation. Mr. Williams is also a current member and past president of the Groundwater Management Districts' Association, the Texas Water Conservation Association, and the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts. Mr. Williams has been recognized with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission's Goodwin Regional Public Administrator Award, the Epsilon Sigma Phi National Honorary Extension Fraternity's State Friend of Extension Award, and the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association's Man of the Year in Texas Agriculture Award.

Mr. Williams has represented the Regional Water Planning Groups interest group of the Water Conservation Advisory Council and served as the Presiding Officer of the Council since 2007.

MATT PHILLIPS

Mr. Matt Phillips serves as the Government and Customer Relations Manager for the Brazos River Authority. Mr. Phillips formerly served as a legislative aide in the office of State Senator Steve Ogden and as an assistant clerk for the Senate Finance Committee. He also worked for two years as Director of Government Relations and Freshwater Protection at the Texas State Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. Mr. Phillips holds a degree in Government from The University of Texas.

CELIA EAVES

Ms. Celia Eaves has been with Texas Rural Water Association since 1998 and has been the Environmental Services Director since 2007. In this capacity, Ms. Eaves directly supervises two state contracts to provide financial, managerial, and technical assistance to rural water utilities throughout Texas and one U.S. Department of Agriculture contract for statewide source water protection education.

Ms. Eaves also serves as Foundation Development Program Manager for the Texas Rural Water Foundation. In this role she oversees the foundation's "Don't Leave Texas High and Dry" statewide water conservation initiative to educate rural water systems on reducing water loss and engage communities on water conservation and efficiency.

CINDY LOEFFLER, P.E.

Ms. Cindy Loeffler received her Bachelor of Science degree in engineering from Colorado State University in 1984. After working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Instream Flow Groups for several years, Ms. Loeffler joined the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Resource Protection Division as a coastal hydrologist in 1987. In 2001, Ms. Loeffler was named the Water Resources Branch Chief. Her duties now include managing the Water Quality and Water Quantity Programs and the coordination of Department response to water resource issues affecting fish and wildlife. She is a registered Professional Engineer with the state of Texas. Ms. Loeffler represents Texas Parks and Wildlife on the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan Stakeholder Committee and the Gulf Coast Prairie Landscape Conservation Cooperative Science Team.

Ms. Loeffler has represented the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department on the Water Conservation Advisory Council since 2007.

Attachment C

Materials Submitted for Nominations

Note: Materials are ordered alphabetically by Interest Group, Name of Nominee, then Name of Nominator.



August 13, 2015

Water Conservation Advisory Council
c/o Dr. Mindy Conyers
Texas Water Development Board
P.O. Box 13231
Austin, TX 78711-3231

Dear Dr. Conyers:

I would like to make the following recommendations for WCAC members:

Ken Kramer - Environmental
CE Williams - Regional Planning Groups
Lara Zent - Rural Water
Kevin Wagner - Higher Education
Gary Spicer - Power Generation

I am combining them because they are all active, long serving, current members of the Council and have made very effective contributions in their individual fields. I think it is very important that we keep the institutional knowledge acquired over the years on the Council as we go forward. I have a lot of confidence in all of these members and recommend each one without hesitation!

I look forward to moving forward and continuing the important work of protecting our most important natural resource, water!!

Sincerely,

Carole D Baker
Executive Director
Texas Water Foundation



"CONSERVING WATER FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS"

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Conservation District
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White Deer, Texas 79097
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Webpage: www.pgcd.us*

August 20, 2015

Water Conservation Advisory Council
c/o Dr. Mindy Conyers
Texas Water Development Board
P.O. Box 13231
Austin, TX 78711-3231

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I would like to nominate the following individuals to represent the following interest groups. Each of these individuals have been highly involved with the council some of which have served since the inception of the Council.

Electric Generation: Gary Spicer

Environmental Groups: Ken Kramer
Higher Education: Kevin Wagner
Regional Water Planning Groups: C. E. Williams
River Authority: Mr. Tom Kula North Texas MWD
Rural Water Users: Laura Zent

Thank you for the opportunity to nominate these dedicated people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. E. Williams", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

C. E. Williams
General Manager
Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District



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Executive Director
Texas Water Foundation



Texas Conservation Alliance

Serving Texas Conservation For More Than 40 Years

July 28, 2015

To the Honorable Chairman and Members
Texas Water Development Board
Att: Dr. Mindy Conyers, Conservation & Innovative Water Technologies
mindy.conyers@twdb.texas.gov

Dear Chairman Bruun, Mr. Rubinstein, and Ms. Jackson,

Texas Conservation Alliance joins Dr. Ken Kramer's many colleagues in nominating him to continue serving on the Water Conservation Advisory Council.

Ken's decades of experience in water issues in Texas makes him an ideal representative to serve on the Council. Ken stays in close touch with numerous other conservation and natural resource organizations, so is well placed to funnel the ideas and concerns of a broad constituency to the Council.

TCA's members enthusiastically support the selection of Ken to serve on the Water Conservation Advisory Council.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Mack Turner
Chairman

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janice Bezanson".

Janice Bezanson
Executive Director

Water Conservation Advisory Council
c/o Dr. Mindy Conyers
Texas Water Development Board
P.O. Box 13231
Austin, TX 78711-3231

August 18, 2015

Dear Texas Water Development Board Members,

The Hill Country Alliance is pleased to write this letter of nomination for Ken Kramer Ph.D. to serve an additional term on the Texas Water Development Board's Water Conservation Advisory Council.

The Water Conservation Advisory Council plays a critical role in our state's water planning process, and the Hill Country Alliance is appreciative of the huge efforts involved in this Council's work. Our nomination of Dr. Kramer reflects the goal of our Hill Country supporters, stakeholders, businesses and elected officials for a state water planning process that recognizes the need to protect long-term spring-flow, healthy water catchment areas and sustained groundwater resources for current and future generations.

Dr. Kramer has applied his leadership and vision to Texas's water planning process for decades. In addition to his long term of service on this Council, he has participated in a wide range of statewide capacities; from his outstanding efforts in the Legislature down to his attendance in rules making processes at the agency level.

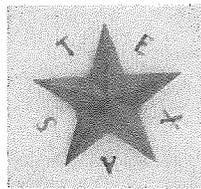
Though Dr. Kramer has formally retired from his professional career at the Sierra Club, he continues to generously donate his time and energy on behalf of the people, wildlife and the environment, with the best interests of the Texas's most valuable resource in mind.

Please consider Dr. Kramer for an additional term on the State's Water Conservation Advisory Council for an additional six-year term.

Thank you on behalf of the Hill Country Alliance, its Executive Director, and Board of Directors,

Charlie Flatten
Water Policy Program Manager
Hill Country Alliance
512/694.1121

CC: Ken Kramer, C.E. Williams – WCAC Chair, Christy Muse – E.D. Hill Country Alliance



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Coastal Plains Area
Trinity-Brazos Area
Southwest Region*

*Episcopal Church
Episcopal Diocese of West Texas*

*Evangelical Lutheran Church
in America
Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana
Synod
Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod
Southwestern Texas Synod*

*Presbyterian Church (USA)
Grace Presbytery
Mission Presbytery
Palo Duro Presbytery*

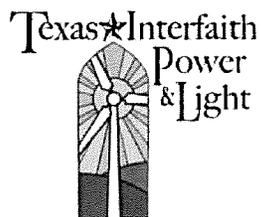
*Society of Friends
South Central Yearly Meeting*

*United Church of Christ
South Central Conference*

*United Methodist Church
Central Texas Conference
North Texas Conference
Northwest Texas Conference
Southwest Texas Conference
Texas Conference
United Methodist Women*

*Texas Baptist Christian Life
Commission
Union Baptist Fellowship
American Jewish Committee
National Council of Jewish Women
Church Women United
Freedom and Justice Foundation
Interfaith Action of Central Texas
CitySquare
Tarrant Area Community of
Churches*

*Bee Moorhead
Executive Director*



*Climate and energy stewardship
for Texas faith communities*

August 10, 2015

Dear Texas Water Development Board,

Texas Impact would like to nominate Ken Kramer for reappointment to the Water Conservation Advisory Council. Texas' faith community values his expertise and profoundly respects his voice on conserving our most precious resource.

Sincerely,

Joshua Houston
General Counsel/Director of Government Affairs
Texas Impact



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c/o Dr. Mindy Conyers
Texas Water Development Board
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August 15, 2015

Dr. Conyers,

The Sierra Club, Lone Star Chapter nominates Ken Kramer for re-appointment to the to Water Conservation Advisory Council representing environmental groups. Mr. Kramer has served on the WCAC since its inception in 2007 and has served the environmental community capably in that capacity. He also served on the predecessor group, the Water Conservation Implementation Task Force in 2003-2004.

We are confident that Mr. Kramer will continue to work hard to promote water conservation in Texas through the Water Conservation Advisory Council.

Sincerely,

Reggie James
Chapter Director
Sierra Club, Lone Star Chapter
512-477-1729

Jennifer Walker
Water Resources Coordinator
Sierra Club, Lone Star Chapter
512-477-1729

Mindy Conyers

From: Jones, Andy <ajones@conservationfund.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 2:25 PM
To: Mindy Conyers
Subject: Nomination for Water Conservation Advisory Board

Mindy,

Please consider Ken Kramer as my nomination to a second term on the Water Conservation Advisory Board. I have not provided a bio as he is a current Board member.

Ken Kramer
Water Resources Chair
Sierra Club - Lone Star Chapter
512-626-4204 (cell)

Kind Regards,

Andy Jones
Director, Texas Office
The Conservation Fund
101 W 6th Street, Suite 601
Austin, Texas 87501

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512-415-8027 cell



Dr. Mindy Conyers
Water Conservation Advisory Council
Texas Water Development Board
P.O. Box 13231
Austin, TX 78711-3231

September 1, 2015

Re: Nomination of Ken Kramer as environmental groups' representative on
Water Conservation Advisory Council

Dear Dr. Conyers:

On behalf of the National Wildlife Federation, I am honored to nominate Dr. Ken Kramer, former Director and current Water Resources Chair of the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club, for re-appointment to serve as the representative for environmental groups on the Water Conservation Advisory Council (WCAC).

Ken's long-standing commitment to water conservation is well-known throughout the state. That commitment is matched by his vast knowledge and expertise in the field. Ken has been involved in the passage of all the major water conservation legislation enacted by the Texas Legislature over the last 30 years and remains a prominent player on those issues. Even after retirement from his position as Director of the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club, Ken continues to participate daily, donating his time and energy to water conservation policy and outreach. He is an active member of the Region H Water Planning Group and the Texas Living Waters Project, and a consistent participant in forums on water conservation. Ken will always make the time to be a well-prepared and effective participant on the WCAC.

Perhaps his strongest credential for this position is the fact that Ken has enthusiastically served as the environmental groups' representative since the creation of the WCAC in 2007 and served on the Water Conservation Implementation Task Force before that. Ken undoubtedly has more experience in this position than any other candidate, because he is the sole person to have represented environmental groups on the WCAC. His desire to be re-appointed demonstrates his continued dedication to water conservation work in Texas.

Accordingly, National Wildlife Federation urges your favorable consideration of our nomination of Ken Kramer for re-appointment to serve on the WCAC.

Sincerely,

Susan R. Kaderka
Regional Executive Director
South Central Region



Member Organizations

Alamo Group of the Sierra Club
Aquifer Guardians in Urban Areas
Austin Regional Sierra Club
Bexar Audubon Society
Bexar Green Party
Boerne Together
Cibolo Nature Center
Citizens Allied for Smart Expansion
Citizens for the Protection of Cibolo Creek
Environment Texas
First Universalist Unitarian Church of San Antonio
Friends of Canyon Lake
Friends of Government Canyon
Fuerza Unida
Green Party of Austin
Headwaters at Incarnate Word
Hays Community Action Network
Helotes Heritage Association
Helotes Nature Center
Hill Country Planning Association
Guadalupe River Road Alliance
Guardians of Lick Creek
Kendall County Well Owners Association
Kinney County Ground Zero
Leon Springs Business Association
Lone Star Chapter of Sierra Club
Medina County Environmental Action Association
Native Plant Society of Texas – SA
Northwest Interstate Coalition of Neighborhoods
Preserve Castroville
Preserve Lake Dunlop Association
San Antonio Audubon Society
San Antonio Conservation Society
San Geronimo Nature Center
San Geronimo Valley Alliance
San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance
San Marcos River Foundation
Save Barton Creek Association
Save Our Springs Alliance
Scenic Loop/Boerne Stage Alliance
Securing a Future Environment
SEED Coalition
Solar San Antonio
Sisters of the Divine Providence
Texas Water Alliance
Travis County Green Party
West Texas Springs Alliance
Water Aid – Texas State University
Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation
Wimberley Valley Watershed Association

**PO Box 15618
San Antonio, Texas 78212**

August 13, 2015

Water Conservation Advisory Council
c/o Dr. Mindy Conyers
Texas Water Development Board
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Dear Dr. Conyers,

The Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance nominates Ken Kramer to represent Environmental Groups on the Water Conservation Advisory Council.

We feel that Mr. Kramer has done an excellent job representing the interests of the fifty-one GEAA member groups; we wish him to continue in this capacity for as long as he is willing to serve.

Attached with this nomination are Mr. Kramer's bio. Since he is already serving in this capacity, I believe you have his contact information.

Sincerely,

**Annalisa Peace
Executive Director**

Ken Kramer is the volunteer Water Resources Chair for the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club. The Lone Star Chapter is the Texas state arm of the national environmental organization. Dr. Kramer retired in July 2012 after over 23 years as the first Director of the Lone Star Chapter and a previous seven years as a contract lobbyist for the Chapter. Prior to moving to Austin to lobby for the Chapter Dr. Kramer was a volunteer for the Sierra Club, serving on the Chapter Executive Committee and in other capacities.

Dr. Kramer received a B.A. in History with a minor in Government from Texas Lutheran University in 1969. He was awarded an M.A. in Political Science from Stephen F. Austin State University in 1971 and then served in the United States Army, stationed at Fort Bliss in El Paso. He received his Ph.D. in Political Science in 1979 from Rice University. His dissertation focused on the implementation of federal air and water pollution control policy in Texas. Dr. Kramer served on the government faculty at Angelo State University in San Angelo 1977-1980 and as Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science at Texas A&M University 1980-82.

Dr. Kramer has served on numerous advisory committees to Texas state and local agencies and officials, including the Governor's Task Force on Hazardous Waste Management (1984), the Municipal Solid Waste Management and Resource Recovery Advisory Council (1983-1991), and the Joint Select Committee on Toxic Air Emissions and the Greenhouse Effect (a 1989-1990 interim legislative study committee to which he was appointed by House Speaker Gib Lewis). In the 1990s Dr. Kramer co-chaired Task Force 21, the committee that advised the state's major environmental protection agency on industrial air quality, water quality, and waste management. He was also the co-chair of that agency's Waste Reduction Advisory Committee, which helped to guide the agency's pollution prevention efforts. Dr. Kramer currently serves on the state's Water Conservation Advisory Council and the stakeholder committees on environmental flows for both the Brazos River Basin and the Trinity & San Jacinto River Basins & Galveston Bay. He is also a member of the board of the Texas Water Foundation and a member of the Advisory Council for the Environmental Science Institute at The University of Texas at Austin.

Dr. Kramer was awarded the Texas Lutheran College Distinguished Alumni Award in April 1991 for his environmental work. He was also the 1985 recipient of the Orrin Bonney Award, the highest award presented by the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club. In 1993 he received the Sportsmen Conservationists of Texas award as Air & Water Conservationist of the Year, and he also received a Governor's Environmental Excellence Award in 1993 for his work as co-chair of Task Force 21. He received the "Earth Day 1995 Excellence in Environmental Awareness Award" in the individual category from the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund. He was the first recipient of that award. In 2005 he received the Virginia Ferguson Award, a national Sierra Club award given to an employee who has demonstrated consistent and exemplary service. Also in 2005 he was honored, along with other leaders in the Texas Living Waters Project, with a Conservation Leadership Award from The Nature Conservancy. Dr. Kramer is the editor of *The Living Waters of Texas*, published by Texas A&M University Press in 2010.

Dr. Kramer is married to Diane Falk Kramer, who retired in 2008 after 30 years as a counselor at Austin Community College. He and his wife have one child, Katherine, who graduated from Woodbury University in California in 2012, majoring in fashion marketing, and recently launched her own jewelry collection, Rosedale Jewelry, based in Los Angeles.



August 25, 2015

Water Conservation Advisory Council
c/o Dr. Mindy Conyers
Texas Water Development Board
P.O. Box 13231
Austin, TX 78711-3231

Re: Water Conservation Advisory Council Member Nominations

Dear Dr. Conyers:

Pursuant to Senate Bill 3 and House Bill 4, as passed by the 80th Texas Legislature, I am pleased to nominate candidates to fill the Environmental Groups, Higher Education, Regional Water Planning Groups and Rural Water Users interest groups. Below are my individual nominations for these interest groups in turn.

Nominee for Environmental Groups- Ken Kramer, PhD

Dr. Kramer is the volunteer Water Resources Chair and Legislative Advisor for the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club. He retired in July 2012 after over 23 years as the first Director of the Lone Star Chapter and a previous seven years as the Chapter's contract lobbyist. Dr. Kramer is highly respected among his peers in the water conservation community and has provided leadership in his capacity on the Water Conservation Advisory Council for the past several years. He can be reached at kenwkramer@aol.com or by mail in care of the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club, 1202 San Antonio, Austin, Texas 78701.

Nominee for Higher Education- Kevin Wagner, PhD

Dr. Wagner currently serves as associate director of the Texas Water Resources Institute and adjunct professor in Texas A&M University's Department of Soil and Crop Sciences. He provides leadership and administration for institute water programs; works with stakeholders in identifying priorities for water resources programs and develops inter-disciplinary teams for addressing these high priority issues. In view of his long and successful career, Dr. Wagner will bring a wealth of knowledge to the Water Conservation Advisory Council. He can be reached at klwagner@ag.tamu.edu or by mail in care of the Texas Water Resources Institute, A110, 1500 Research Pkwy, College Station, TX 77845.

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Nominee for Regional Water Planning Groups- C.E. Williams

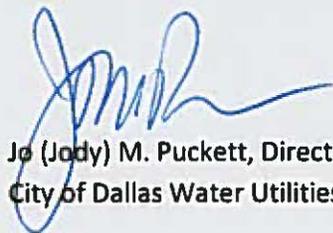
Mr. Williams has served as General Manager of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District for over twenty-five years. As the inaugural Chair and presiding officer of the Water Conservation Advisory Council, Mr. Williams has demonstrated exceptional guidance and leadership to those committed to advancing the statewide water conservation agenda. He has approached his role with confidence and inclusiveness. He can be reached at cew@pgcd.us or by mail in care of the Texas Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, 201 W. 3rd Street White Deer, TX 79097.

Nominee for Rural Water Users- Lara Zent

Ms. Zent has served as Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel for the Texas Rural Water Association for over ten years. She has also served as staff attorney for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality as well as law clerk for the United States Bankruptcy Court. Ms. Zent will contribute a wealth of knowledge through her experience working with stakeholders groups to include: nonprofit water supply and sewer service corporations, special utility districts, municipal utility districts, small municipal utilities and privately-owned water utilities. Lara can be reached at lara.zent@trwa.org or in care of the Texas Rural Water Association at 1616 Rio Grande St, Austin, TX 78701.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to participate in the nomination process. I am certain that if elected, these individuals will continue the momentum that the Advisory Council has established since its inception. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any additional information.

Kind Regards,



Jo (Jody) M. Puckett, Director
City of Dallas Water Utilities



August 21, 2015

Water Conservation Advisory Council
c/o Dr. Mindy Conyers
Texas Water Development Board
P.O. Box 13231
Austin, TX 78711-3231

Dear Dr. Conyers:

On behalf of Galveston Bay Foundation, I'm writing to nominate Dr. Ken Kramer as the Environmental Group representative on the Water Conservation Advisory Council (WCAC). As the Environmental Group representative of the WCAC since its inception, Dr. Kramer's commitment to water conservation is evident. With over 30 years of experience working in water resources in Texas, Dr. Kramer's expertise is unmatched. He has numerous times been recognized by others for his outstanding work in Texas' water resources. Some examples include his 1993 Sportsmen Conservationists of Texas award as Air & Water Conservationist of the Year, 1993 Governor's Environmental Excellence Award, and 1995 "Earth Day 1995 Excellence in Environmental Awareness Award" in the individual category from the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund. Also in 2005 he was honored, along with other leaders in the Texas Living Waters Project (a joint effort of the Sierra Club, National Wildlife Federation, and Galveston Bay Foundation), with a Conservation Leadership Award from The Nature Conservancy.

In his retirement, Dr. Kramer remains highly active in the field of water resources as the volunteer Water Resources Chair for the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club. He is a tireless advocate for water conservation and a worthy nominee for another term as the Environmental Group representative of the WCAC.

Sincerely,

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Bob Stokes
President

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH FOR DR. KEN KRAMER

Contact: Kenwkramer@aol.com, 512-626-4204

Ken Kramer is the volunteer Water Resources Chair for the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club. The Lone Star Chapter is the Texas state arm of the national environmental organization. Dr. Kramer retired in July 2012 after over 23 years as the first Director of the Lone Star Chapter and a previous seven years as a contract lobbyist for the Chapter. Prior to moving to Austin to lobby for the Chapter Dr. Kramer was a volunteer for the Sierra Club, serving on the Chapter Executive Committee and in other capacities.

Dr. Kramer received a B.A. in History with a minor in Government from Texas Lutheran University in 1969. He was awarded an M.A. in Political Science from Stephen F. Austin State University in 1971 and then served in the United States Army, stationed at Fort Bliss in El Paso. He received his Ph.D. in Political Science in 1979 from Rice University. His dissertation focused on the implementation of federal air and water pollution control policy in Texas. Dr. Kramer served on the government faculty at Angelo State University in San Angelo 1977-1980 and as Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science at Texas A&M University 1980-82.

Dr. Kramer has served on numerous advisory committees to Texas state and local agencies and officials, including the Governor's Task Force on Hazardous Waste Management (1984), the Municipal Solid Waste Management and Resource Recovery Advisory Council (1983-1991), and the Joint Select Committee on Toxic Air Emissions and the Greenhouse Effect (a 1989-1990 interim legislative study committee to which he was appointed by House Speaker Gib Lewis). In the 1990s Dr. Kramer co-chaired Task Force 21, the committee that advised the state's major environmental protection agency on industrial air quality, water quality, and waste management. He was also the co-chair of that agency's Waste Reduction Advisory Committee, which helped to guide the agency's pollution prevention efforts. Dr. Kramer currently serves on the state's Water Conservation Advisory Council and the stakeholder committees on environmental flows for both the Brazos River Basin and the Trinity & San Jacinto River Basins & Galveston Bay. He is also a member of the board of the Texas Water Foundation and a member of the Advisory Council for the Environmental Science Institute at The University of Texas at Austin.

Dr. Kramer was awarded the Texas Lutheran College Distinguished Alumni Award in April 1991 for his environmental work. He was also the 1985 recipient of the Orrin Bonney Award, the highest award presented by the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club. In 1993 he received the Sportsmen Conservationists of Texas award as Air & Water Conservationist of the Year, and he also received a Governor's Environmental Excellence Award in 1993 for his work as co-chair of Task Force 21. He received the "Earth Day 1995 Excellence in Environmental Awareness Award" in the individual category from the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund. He was the first recipient of that award. In 2005 he received the Virginia Ferguson Award, a national Sierra Club award given to an employee who has demonstrated consistent and exemplary service. Also in 2005 he was honored, along with other leaders in the Texas Living Waters Project, with a Conservation Leadership Award from The Nature Conservancy. Dr. Kramer is the editor of *The Living Waters of Texas*, published by Texas A&M University Press in 2010.

Dr. Kramer is married to Diane Falk Kramer, who retired in 2008 after 30 years as a counselor at Austin Community College. He and his wife have one child, Katherine, who graduated from Woodbury University in California in 2012, majoring in fashion marketing, and recently launched her own jewelry collection, Rosedale Jewelry, based in Los Angeles.

Mindy Conyers

From: Warren, Emily <EmilyW@txstate.edu>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 3:57 PM
To: Mindy Conyers
Cc: Sansom, Andrew
Subject: WCAC Member Nomination from the Meadows Center

Dear Dr. Conyers,

On behalf of the Meadows Center for Water and the Environment, I would like to nominate Dr. Ken Kramer as the representative for Environmental Groups on the Water Conservation Advisory Council. In this capacity during the last term, he served as a true voice of environmental groups like the Meadows Center and was diligent about keeping us well informed about the work of the WCAC. His bio is attached below. Please let me know if you need additional information from me.

Sincerely,
Emily



Emily R. Warren (Armitano)
Associate Director
512-245-4476 || skype: emily.r.warren

No natural resource is more important for our future than water. Water is what we do.

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August 20, 2015

Water Conservation Advisory Council
c/o Dr. Mindy Conyers
Texas Water Development Board
P.O. Box 13231
Austin, TX 78711-3231

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I would like to nominate the following individuals to represent the following interest groups. Each of these individuals have been highly involved with the council some of which have served since the inception of the Council.

Electric Generation: Gary Spicer
Environmental Groups: Ken Kramer
Higher Education: Kevin Wagner
Regional Water Planning Groups: C. E. Williams
River Authority: Mr. Tom Kula North Texas MWD
Rural Water Users: Laura Zent

Thank you for the opportunity to nominate these dedicated people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. E. Williams", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

C. E. Williams
General Manager
Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District

SHANNON HARRIS

EDUCATION

School of Architecture, The University of Texas at Austin | May 2015
M.S., Sustainable Design | GPA 3.80

Thesis: "Achieving the Minimum 20 Percent Conservation and Reuse Mandate in the SWIFT Process in Texas"

College of Liberal Arts, The University of Texas at Austin | May 2007
B.A., Geography | Special Honors in Geography | GPA 3.72

Soutwest Mississippi Community College | December 1983
A.S., Marketing

WATER ALLOCATION & SUSTAINABLE DESIGN RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Thesis Research

September 2014-May 2015

- Examining Texas Regional Water Plans in light of conservation and reuse strategies that have associated capital costs
- Comparing reuse, conservation, innovative, and auxiliary technology costs
- Interviewing Regional Water Planning influencers around Texas

Research Associate/Student Technician

September 2014-May 2015

- Evaluating the comparison of environmental policies of the Johnson Administration with dynamic green city planning initiatives such as Imagine Austin and how nature in the city affects health

Grant Writer/Research Associate

August 2014

- Received grant from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) to study sustainable water technology in Munich, Germany (\$2,000)

Grant Writer

June 2013-June 2014

- UT Green Fee Research Grant about the feasibility of using rainwater and other auxiliary water use for flushing fixtures in selected campus buildings (\$10,000). Research accessible to UT staff through Office of Sustainability

Independent Research

January 2013-May 2013

- "Rainwater Harvesting in Central Texas: Policy, Codes, and Challenges in the Battle for Diversity of our Water Supply"

Presentations

February 2014-March 2015

- "Texas CityLab: Incorporating Sustainability Models of Service-Learning on the University of Texas Campus." Texas Regional Alliance for Campus Sustainability annual conference, College Station, TX, (February 2014)
- "Auxiliary Water," Sustainability EXPO , Smithville, TX (March 2015)

Publications

December 2014-May 2015

- Op-ed: *Austin American Statesman*, "Harris: Code Next needs Lady Bird's vision to create tomorrow's Austin," May 25, 2015: <https://shar.es/1rFbit>
- *Wildflower*, "Natural Beauty Endures: How beautification matters today," Summer 2015 issue: <http://bit.ly/1EXtnno>
- Op-ed: *Austin American Statesman*, "Groundwater districts take politics out of conservation," December 23, 2014: <http://bitly.com/16bBKlo>

SHANNON HARRIS

OUTREACH AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

**UT Austin, School of Architecture, Center for Sustainable Development
Graduate Research Associate**

June 2013- June 2014

- Launched the Texas CityLab Project's inaugural year. TCL is a new, innovative service-learning initiative at UT Austin that partners with Central Texas cities and UT classes to provide guidance for planning challenges
- Outreach communicator to key faculty at UT Austin as well as city managers and planners of potential clients

School of Architecture

Administrative Associate

Aug. 2011-May 2013

- Planned and executed all academic events for the dean and his staff, including commencement in fall and spring, large, national conferences and symposia, and lunch meetings with dignitaries, staff, and faculty
- Compiled research and teaching award packets, solicited letters of support, and coordinated with faculty regarding documentation. Prepared, edited, and typed manuscripts, reports, and correspondence for the dean

The Graduate School

Senior Administrative Associate

Aug. 2008-Aug. 2011

- Partnered with Associate Dean of Student Services on graduate student academic employment issue resolutions and advised entire graduate-student body and faculty on Graduate School academic procedures and policies

The Department of Geography and the Environment

Graduate Coordinator/Administrative Associate

June 2007-Aug. 2008

- Liaison between Graduate School and department on behalf of 50 graduate students
- Assisted Chair and GSC Chair regarding graduate student departmental assignments

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Volunteer: Envision Central Texas Livability Symposium, Water: Key to Our Future (February 2013)

Other volunteer experience prior to 2004: Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, TX; East Texas Arboretum, Athens, TX; Museum of the Hudson Highlands, Cornwall, N.Y.; American Red Cross, Schweinfurt, Germany

HONORS

2014 Bruton Graduate Fellowship, UT Austin

2014 Graduate School Continuing Fellowship, UT Austin

2007 Departmental Honors, Geography and the Environment, UT Austin

2006 Gamma Theta Upsilon, International Geographical Honor Society

SKILLS

Certifications: Management Skills and Leadership Certificate, UT Professional Development Center

Foreign Language: working proficiency in German; six years living overseas

Technical: Adobe Photoshop and InDesign; Excel; Power Point; Exceptional editing skills

Grant Writing: Assisted in writing grants for the Center for Sustainable Development. Personal grants written and awarded total \$14,000

Mindy Conyers

From: Sansom, Andrew <andrewsansom@txstate.edu>
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 9:53 PM
To: WCAC
Subject: Fwd: Loftus CV
Attachments: image001.gif; ATT00001.htm; image002.gif; ATT00002.htm; TLoftus_Resume_January2015.pdf; ATT00003.htm

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Dr. Tim Loftus, whose resume is attached, has just been named the very first Endowed Chair in Water Conservation at any institution in Texas. We at The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment at Texas State University are thrilled to have lured him to Texas as he is sure to make many significant contributions to our water issues in the years to come.

I have attached Dr. Loftus' resume and would be honored to nominate him for service on the Water Conservation Advisory Council. He was recommended to us by the amazing Carole Baker, whom I am sure would be pleased to serve as a reference.

Thank you for the opportunity to nominate such a distinguished water conservationist to the Council and I would be most happy to answer any questions you might have. I am confident Dr. Loftus would add luster to an already distinguished panel.

Sincerely,

Andrew Sansom

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hankins, Susan" <susanhankins@txstate.edu>
To: "Sansom, Andrew" <andrewsansom@txstate.edu>
Subject: Loftus CV

I found a copy of Tim's Resume . . . will this work or is there a CV somewhere that I haven't seen yet?

Susan Hankins

**Texas Aquatic Science – Project Coordinator
& Senior Administrative Assistant**

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[Explore Spring Lake in a 1-minute video visit.](#)

Resume

Timothy T. Loftus, Ph.D.
1275 Countryside Drive
Elgin, IL 60123
847.931.7207 / home 312.405.0908 / cell
tloftus09@gmail.com

Education: Ph.D. Geography, Southern Illinois University Carbondale
M.S. Forestry, Southern Illinois University Carbondale
B.S. Forestry, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Work Experience:

16 August 2005 – Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Present 233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, IL 60606 312.386.8666 / tloftus@cmap.illinois.gov

Title: Senior Water Resource Planner

Supervisor: Mr. Jason Navota, Principal 312.386.8750

Duties:

- 1) Support [Water 2050](#) implementation efforts emphasizing demand management, water loss control, and policy evolution.
- 2) Collaborate with Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources and local communities to , a) enhance understanding of community water system management challenges/practices, b) provide support during transition to new rules governing permittees, c) convene team to develop a water system improvement plan guidance document for purposes of enabling permittees to meet water-loss compliance standard, and d) develop other tools as necessary to support local water system management efforts.
- 3) Collaborate with IDNR OWR and others to revise and update the state strategic plan for state/egional water supply planning, develop legislative initiatives to create sustainable funding and clarify authority for water supply program implementation;
- 4) project/staff/budget management for federal Clean Water Act funded watershed planning efforts, and other water quality and natural resource planning activities;
- 5) develop working knowledge / familiarity with relevant state and federal statutes and agreements pertaining to water resource planning and management, including, Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, Great Lakes Compact, Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement;
- 6) contribute to various policy and planning documents including CMAP Policy

- Updates via research, writing, and editing to communicate complex policy and technical issues;
- 7) represent CMAP on technical and project advisory committees convened for regional, state, national, or international initiatives;
 - 7) member of Technical Advisory Committee, Northwest Water Planning Alliance (NWPA) – an outcome of *Water 2050*; working towards strategic plan implementation; water-use data analysis
 - 8) review and advise on stormwater management, green infrastructure, and other resource management plans, policies, and public documents produced by other agencies and organizations;
 - 9) conduct outreach and education via presentations given to elected officials, special groups, and members of the general public;
 - 10) review legislative proposals and recommend an agency position, and
 - 11) communicate with media (video, radio, print) upon request to communicate complex water resource issues for the general public.

Accomplishments:

- 1) executed the role of Project Director for the three-year, \$1.14 million northeastern Illinois regional water supply planning initiative in response to gubernatorial Executive Order 2006-1; primary author and editor of [Water 2050: Northeastern Illinois Regional Water Supply/Demand Plan](#) (3/2010) addressing both current and future environmental and sustainability issues related to water supply solutions; evaluated the potential of proactive water conservation/efficiency as a new water supply and wastewater reuse; considered impacts of climate change on water demand;
- 2) initiated a study of water-loss control practices and challenges in partnership with the IDNR, Office of Water Resources and in collaboration with the Center for Neighborhood Technology; primary author of final report: [“An Assessment of Water Loss Among Lake Michigan Permittees in Illinois”](#) (July 2014);
- 3) Undertook a formal support role and led a strategic planning process with the Northwest Water Planning Alliance; author of the final report: [“Northwest Water Planning Alliance Strategic Plan: 2014-2016”](#) (May 2014);
- 4) developed a new agency water resource planning program to support *Water 2050* implementation efforts both within the agency and with other stakeholder groups throughout region;
- 5) managed and mentored a diverse staff of scientists, planners, and other professionals within the Environment and Natural Resources group;
- 6) practiced collaborative planning by directing numerous EPA-compliant watershed planning processes and authored or coauthored resultant watershed plans, most recently the [“9 Lakes Watershed-Based Plan”](#); provided administrative guidance/technical support for Lower DuPage River Watershed planning process; project manager/editor for Fox River Basin watershed planning where I mentored staff new to watershed plan development 2010-2011; managed

- subcontractors to provide outreach and specific communication products, edited and approved work;
- 7) pursued integrated water resource planning within water supply and water quality planning forums as reflected in resultant plans;
 - 8) administered pass-through grants and provide technical guidance and oversight on behalf of Illinois EPA to project partners engaged in water-resource planning; managed subcontractors / contracts;
 - 9) established effective working relationships with numerous locally-elected officials and public works staff via a variety of forums and discussions; established strong working relationships with many nongovernmental / nonprofit organizations;
 - 10) member of: a. The Institute of Environmental Science and Policy, University of Illinois at Chicago, External Advisory Board; b. Chicago Area Waterway System, Project Advisory Committee: Restoring the Natural Divide; c. State of Illinois Water Loss Accounting Program, Steering Committee.
 - 11) testified at a Hearing before the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, Committee on Science and Technology, House of Representatives, 110th Congress (second session), July 23, 2008 on, “A National Water Initiative: Coordinating and Improving Federal Research on Water”;
 - 12) participated by invitation in the *2009 National Dialogue on an Integrated Water Policy: Urban Water Sustainability* (Sept. 14-15) and *2010 National Dialogue, What’s Water Worth?* (March 25-26) facilitated by the Clean Water America Alliance, Washington, DC; and
 - 13) featured in *The Economist*, “Liquid Gold: The Great Lakes’ Water” May 20, 2010 < <http://www.economist.com/node/16167886> >; featured in “Infrastructure 2012: Spotlight on Leadership” (Urban Land Institute and Ernst & Young, 2012).

1 August 2002 – Heidelberg College, Water Quality Laboratory (WQL)
 July 2005 310 East Market Street
 Tiffin, OH 44883 419.448.2000

Title: Director

Supervisor: 1st two years – Dr. Kathy Venema, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs 419.448.2059; 3rd year – Dr. Laura Niesen de Abruña, Vice President of Academic Affairs 419.448.2216

Duties:

- 1) provide strategic direction/vision for the WQL;
- 2) lead administrator (for staff of seven) and fiscal manager for 100% soft-money funded research center;
- 3) conduct water resources research;
- 4) develop familiarity with Great Lakes water quality issues;

- 5) primary point of contact for media relations and elected officials;
- 6) primary point of contact for collaborative opportunities with other; institutions – academic, state agency, federal agency, non-governmental organization, private sector; and
- 7) former Chair of the Sandusky River Watershed Coalition (SRWC), and former Chairman of the Stream Flow and Habitat subcommittee, SRWC.

Accomplishments:

- 1) fiscal management – under my administration, the WQL increased net assets by end of my third year as compared to the beginning of my tenure;
- 2) revitalized private well-testing program as a fee-based public service;
- 3) led staff in creating a 3-5 year strategic plan;
- 4) renegotiated annual contracts with federal agency;
- 5) worked with my elected officials to help secure:
 - a. state funding for core program: Ohio Tributary Monitoring Program, and
 - b. federal funding via a congressional appropriation for upgrading analytical equipment to improve capability for metals analysis in surface and groundwater;
- 6) produced (coauthored with WQL staff) Ohio Tributary Monitoring Program Annual Report;
- 7) led effort to redesign WQL website;
- 8) active member of the Sandusky River Watershed Coalition, Steering Committee (Sandusky River Basin is 84% agricultural land use);
- 9) secured external funding for and led effort to produce the Honey Creek Watershed Action Plan for the Sandusky River Watershed Coalition that garnered public input and support, incorporated a Total Maximum Daily Load assessment, and will achieve State of Ohio endorsement by also addressing relevant Coastal Zone Management Program management measures;
- 10) directed the WQL through first-ever move into new and expanded office and laboratory space, and
- 11) authored and coauthored peer-reviewed publications and other reports including a paper featured in “Checking the Pulse of Lake Erie” edited by M. Munawar and R. Heath (2008).

8 June 2000 – Southern Illinois University Carbondale
 31 July 2002 Department of Geography and Environmental Resources
 1000 Faner Drive, Room 4520
 Carbondale, IL 62901-4514 618.536.3375

Title: Post-doctoral Associate

Supervisor: Dr. Christopher Lant, Professor 618.453.6020

Duties:

- 1) assist with research-project management;
- 2) facilitate strategy meetings among principle investigators; write meeting notes;
- 3) participate in presentations given at professional conferences/meetings;
- 4) manage stream-gauging/water-quality sampling station; coordinate with Illinois State Water Survey on sample analysis and data generation; and
- 5) assist with data collection for developing a supervised land-use classification scheme using geospatial tools.

Accomplishments:

- 1) participated in and contributed to an interdisciplinary research project, funded by the US EPA/NSF/USDA Water and Watersheds Program, involving eight principle investigators spread across three universities and six departments;
- 2) facilitated focus groups of various stakeholders to learn about perceptions and awareness of regional ecological restoration efforts and gain feedback about the utility of research output;
- 3) developed and team taught a Department of Geography graduate-seminar course titled, "Landscape Conservation"; and
- 4) co-author of peer-reviewed journal articles that have emerged from this work.

16 August 1998 – Eastern Kentucky University
15 May 2000 Department of Geography and Planning
521 Lancaster Avenue
Richmond, KY 40475 859.622.1273

Title: 1st year – Visiting Assistant Professor
2nd year – Assistant Professor

Supervisor: Dr. Wilma Walker, Professor and Chair (retired)

Duties:

- 1) teach 12 credit hours of course work each semester;
- 2) advise Geography and Planning majors (students);
- 3) participate on departmental and campus committees, and
- 4) finish writing my dissertation in my "spare time".

Accomplishments:

- 1) prepared / taught seven courses over two academic years;
- 2) promoted to Assistant Professor, a tenure-track post, after first year;
- 3) contributed to campus deliberations concerning possible merger with other

academic units (i.e., departments) as the university was undergoing considerable transformation of its institutional structure; and

- 4) successfully defended and then finished writing my dissertation while meeting full-time faculty position obligations.

16 August 1994 – Southern Illinois University Carbondale
31 July 1998 Department of Geography and Environmental Resources
1000 Faner Drive, Room 4520
Carbondale, IL 62901-4514 618.536.3375

Title: Graduate Research Assistant

Supervisor: 1st year- Dr. David Sharpe, Professor and Chair (retired)
2nd- 4th years – Dr. Christopher Lant, Professor

Duties:

- 1) work towards fulfilling requirements of the doctoral program:
 - a. designed curriculum, earned a cumulative 3.87/4.00 grade-point avg.,
 - b. prepared / presented a research proposal,
 - c. prepared for / passed written and oral exams,
 - d. conducted research, and
 - e. wrote / defended dissertation;
- 2) performed research duties as assigned by faculty; and
- 3) taught a senior-level course for majors: Environmental Disaster Planning.

Accomplishments:

- 1) Developed expertise in environmental geography and landscape ecology;
- 2) studied and wrote about sustainability and gained keen appreciation for social problems that have environmental consequences;
- 3) picked from among many graduate students for assignment to a multi-disciplinary research project, funded by The Nature Conservancy, from which I derived my dissertation research;
- 4) managed a number of graduate student workers involved with data collection/management efforts associated with preparations for administering a mail-survey questionnaire;
- 5) developed solid working relationships with federal agency employees in several county USDA Service Centers such that I was given full access to agency reports and documents for purposes of data collection and survey preparations;
- 6) administered the mailing of 1,300 survey questionnaires (four related, but somewhat different surveys);
- 7) managed data (from returned surveys) organization efforts for input to statistical land-use models (predictive and explanatory) that served as key components of research work;
- 8) employed a geographic information system (GIS) as a technique for

giving spatial expression to an environmental outcome of land-use decisions as they are influenced by a combination of conservation-policy (i.e. the USDA Conservation Reserve Program) options and economics (i.e. farm-commodity prices);

- 9) graduated / earned Ph.D. in May, 2000; and
- 10) published research findings in two peer-reviewed professional journals: Land Use Policy v20 (2003), and Environmental Management v28(3) (2001) (Curriculum Vitae available upon request).

16 August 1992 – Southern Illinois University Carbondale
31 July 1994 Department of Forestry
Carbondale, IL 62901-4411

Title: Graduate Research Assistant

Supervisor: Dr. Paul Roth, Professor (retired)

Duties:

- 1) worked towards fulfilling requirements of the master of science program
 - a. designed curriculum and earned a cumulative 3.83/4.00 grade-point avg.
 - b. prepared / presented a research proposal,
 - c. conducted research,
 - d. wrote / defended thesis, and
 - e. presented research findings at departmental-graduate seminar;
- 2) National Atmospheric Deposition Program (NADP) site monitor, first year.

Accomplishments:

- 1) gained in-depth knowledge of and first-hand experience in bald cypress–water tupelo swamp forest community dynamics;
- 2) secured funding from the Illinois Department of Conservation (since renamed the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR)) to conduct forest management related research;
- 3) managed graduate student workers involved with data collection efforts
- 4) experienced the “Great Flood of 1993” along the Upper Mississippi River as it impacted my research site;
- 5) graduated / earned M.S. degree in August, 1994; and
- 6) presented final report (my master’s thesis) to Illinois DNR.

Member: American Water Works Association
National Audubon Society
National Geographic Society
National Wildlife Federation
Natural Resources Defense Council

Sierra Club
Wilderness Society



August 13, 2015

Water Conservation Advisory Council
c/o Dr. Mindy Conyers
Texas Water Development Board
P.O. Box 13231
Austin, TX 78711-3231

Dear Dr. Conyers:

I would like to make the following recommendations for WCAC members:

Ken Kramer - Environmental
CE Williams - Regional Planning Groups
Lara Zent - Rural Water
Kevin Wagner - Higher Education
Gary Spicer - Power Generation

I am combining them because they are all active, long serving, current members of the Council and have made very effective contributions in their individual fields. I think it is very important that we keep the institutional knowledge acquired over the years on the Council as we go forward. I have a lot of confidence in all of these members and recommend each one without hesitation!

I look forward to moving forward and continuing the important work of protecting our most important natural resource, water!!

Sincerely,

Carole D Baker
Executive Director
Texas Water Foundation

Scott Buckles, *Chairman*
José Dodier, Jr., *Vice Chairman*
Marty H. Graham, *Member*
Jerry D. Nichols, *Member*



Barry Mahler, *Member*
Larry D. Jacobs, *Member*
Joe L. Ward, *Member*
Rex Isom, *Executive Director*

TEXAS STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD

Protecting and Enhancing Natural Resources for Tomorrow

August 25, 2015

Water Conservation Advisory Council
c/o Dr. Mindy Conyers
Texas Water Development Board
P.O. Box 13231
Austin, TX 78711-3231

Dear Dr. Conyers:

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation board is pleased to nominate Dr. Kevin Wagner for membership on the WCAC representing the Higher Education group.

Dr. Wagner's position as Associate Director of the Texas Water Resources Institute and Adjunct Professor in the Soil and Crop Sciences at Texas A&M University uniquely qualifies him to provide valuable input to discussions regarding current and future water issues in Texas. His previous experience as a member of the WCAC will prove invaluable if selected to serve again. A biography for Dr. Wagner is enclosed.

Dr. Wagner may be contacted at (979) 845-2649 or klwagner@ag.tamu.edu.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (254) 773-2250.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Rex Isom', written over a horizontal line.

Rex Isom
Executive Director

Enclosure

KEVIN L. WAGNER, Ph.D.

Associate Director, Texas Water Resources Institute, 1500 Research Parkway, Suite 240,
College Station, TX 77843-2118, Voice: (979) 845-2649, Email: klwagner@ag.tamu.edu

PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS AND EXPERTISE:

Dr. Kevin L. Wagner is Associate Director of the Texas Water Resources Institute and Adjunct Professor in the Department of Soil and Crop Sciences at Texas A&M University. He provides leadership and administration for institute water programs; works with stakeholders in identifying priorities for water resources programs; and develops inter-disciplinary teams for addressing these high priority issues. Dr. Wagner's research seeks to: (1) determine the environmental and agricultural response of watersheds to management, particularly effects on water quality and quantity, (2) develop and evaluate management systems designed to sustain agricultural productivity and protect soil and water resources, (3) train water professionals and students on watershed planning, assessment and water policy; and (4) conduct watershed assessment, planning and stakeholder engagement to address water issues.

EDUCATION:

- Doctor of Philosophy, Agronomy. Texas A&M University, 2011
- Master of Science, Environmental Science. Oklahoma State University, 1995
- Bachelor of Science, Biology. Howard Payne University, 1992

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- Associate Director, 2009-present. Texas Water Resources Institute.
- Adjunct Professor, 2013-present. Texas A&M Soil and Crop Sciences Department.
- Project Manager, 2005-2009. Texas Water Resources Institute.
- Nonpoint Source Team Leader, 2003-2005. Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board.
- Assistant Director of Programs, 2000-2003. Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board.
- Program Specialist, 1999-2000. TX State Soil & Water Conservation Board, TMDL Team.
- Watershed Coordinator, 1998-1999. TX Natural Resource Conservation Commission, TMDL Team.
- Liaison, 1997-1998. OK Conservation Commission / USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service.
- Water Quality Analyst, 1994-1997. Oklahoma Conservation Commission.

CURRENT FUNDING:

- PI or Co-PI on 14 projects; Current funding to support active projects - \$3,929,460

TEACHING:

- WMHS 685: Developing and Implementing Watershed Plans, Texas A&M

PUBLICATIONS:

- Refereed journal publications – 7
- Extension publications and other technical reports – 53
- Scientific journals review – 4: (1) *Texas Water Journal*, (2) *Transactions of ASABE*, (3) *Journal of Water Resource Planning and Management*, (4) *Journal of American Water Resources Association*

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS:

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CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS, SERVICE, BOARDS & COMMITTEES:

- Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group. Environmental Interests representative.
- Brazos River and Associated Bay and Estuary System Basin and Bay Stakeholder Committee.
- Soil and Water Conservation Society. Member.
- Texas Groundwater Protection Committee, Groundwater Issues Subcommittee. Member.
- Texas Leadership Roundtables on Water. Member
- Texas Water Conservation Advisory Council. Higher Education representative.
- University Council on Water Resources. Delegate

HONORS AND AWARDS:

- 2014 Texas A&M University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Dean's Outstanding Achievement Award for Interdisciplinary Research, Bacteria Source Tracking Team
- USDA Secretary's 2013 Honor Award
- Texas Environmental Excellence Award: Winner (2012 & 2013) and Finalist (2014)
- State of Oklahoma Governor's Commendation, 1998



August 25, 2015

Water Conservation Advisory Council
c/o Dr. Mindy Conyers
Texas Water Development Board
P.O. Box 13231
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Re: Water Conservation Advisory Council Member Nominations

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Nominee for Regional Water Planning Groups- C.E. Williams

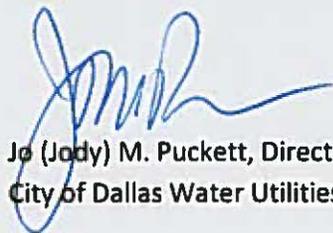
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Kind Regards,



Jo (Jody) M. Puckett, Director
City of Dallas Water Utilities



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Dear Dr. Conyers:

It is my pleasure to nominate Dr. Kevin Wagner for membership on the WCAC representing the Higher Education group. Dr. Wagner serves as associate director of the Texas Water Resources Institute while also serving as adjunct professor in Texas A&M University's Department of Soil and Crop Sciences.

His work with the Texas Water Resources Institute provides him with a keen insight into current and future water trends within the state, and he has demonstrated an ability to work through difficult issues. He has served on the WCAC, and that experience will prove invaluable if selected to again serve in this capacity.

For these reasons, I strongly endorse Dr. Wagner to represent the Higher Education group on the Water Conservation Advisory Council. Dr. Wagner may be contacted at (979) 845-2649 or klwagner@ag.tamu.edu.

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SALVADOR SALINAS
State Conservationist

Enclosure



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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I would like to nominate the following individuals to represent the following interest groups. Each of these individuals have been highly involved with the council some of which have served since the inception of the Council.

Electric Generation: Gary Spicer
Environmental Groups: Ken Kramer
Higher Education: Kevin Wagner
Regional Water Planning Groups: C. E. Williams
River Authority: Mr. Tom Kula North Texas MWD
Rural Water Users: Laura Zent

Thank you for the opportunity to nominate these dedicated people.

Sincerely,

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C. E. Williams
General Manager
Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District



August 20, 2015

Water Conservation Advisory Council
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Re: Water Conservation Advisory Council Member Nomination – Higher Education

Dear Dr. Conyers:

Texas A&M AgriLife Research would like to enthusiastically nominate Clint Wolfe to serve on the Water Conservation Advisory Council representing Higher Education.

Clint has worked for Texas A&M AgriLife Research for 15 years and currently serves at the Program Manager for Urban Water Programs at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Dallas. Prior to moving to the Dallas Center, he worked at the Texas Water Resources Institute in College Station managing federal water conservation and water quality grants. In his current role, Clint facilitates a team of water resources professional to assist with research and outreach programming in the areas of water quality, water use efficiency and watershed planning. Wolfe has a B.S. in Animal Science and a M.S. in Agricultural Economics with a focus on Water and Natural Resources both from Texas A&M University.

Mr. Wolfe has built strong working relationships and partnerships with over 40 local municipalities, state and federal agencies, corporations and other entities to develop programs addressing water quantity issues in the urban environment. The team under Clint's leadership has become a regional and statewide resource for many agencies and municipalities looking for innovative ways to conserve and protect water resources.

Most of their educational programs target homeowners in the fight to reduce landscape water usage, the largest single use of potable water in North Texas. The Team conducts an average of 240 programs a year with municipalities, reaching 20,000 homeowners.

As a recognized expert in water efficiency, Clint is frequently sought out for expert advice and consultation. He serves on the Water Efficiency Network of North Texas, DFW Airport Sustainability Committee, Frito Lay Sustainability Committee and North Central Texas Council of Governments Landscape Advisory Board.

The urban water team has won the following awards as a result of his initiatives:

- Texas Rain Catcher Award, Texas Water Development Board
- Environmental Excellence Award Finalist – Water Conservation and Education, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

- WaterSense Excellence Award for Outreach and Education, EPA and Alliance for Water Efficiency
- Smart Marketing Award, Irrigation Association
- Vice Chancellors Award for Partnerships – Urban Water Team, Texas A&M AgriLife
- Bronze Award -Water Efficient Landscape Design, Texas Nursery and Landscape Association
- WaterSense Promotional Partner of the Year Award

It is for these reasons that I nominate Clint Wolfe to serve on the Water Conservation Advisory Council representing Higher Education.

Sincerely,



Craig Nessler
Director, Texas A&M AgriLife Research

Contact information for Clint

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Clint Wolfe
Short Bio

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The urban water team has won the Texas Rain Catcher Award, EPA WaterSense Promotional Partner of the Year, Irrigation Association Smart Marketing, a TAMU Vice Chancellors Partnership award and been a finalist twice for TCEQ Environmental Excellence Awards for water conservation as a result of his initiatives:

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Clint Wolfe

Program Manager, Urban Water
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EDUCATION

B.S. Animal Science, Texas A&M University - College Station, Texas. May 2001

M.S. Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University - College Station, Texas. December 2006

EXPERIENCE

2006-present Program Manager – Urban Water, Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center - Dallas

2003-2006 Project Manager, Texas Water Resources Institute

2001-2003 Graduate Assistant, Texas Water Resources Institute

1999-2001 Student Technician, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station

REPRESENTATIVE PROJECT ASSIGNMENTS

Water University

Program Manager

- Coordinate educational classes targeting homeowners and professionals
- Work with 42 cities in the north Texas area to provide water conservation education, water efficiency and irrigation programming
- Work with Urban Water Team to develop educational resources, demonstrations and displays to promote water efficiency practices
- Coordinate activities with HOA, regional water providers and professional organizations to capture water savings through irrigation audits, education and research studies

North Central Texas Water Quality Project

Project and Stakeholder Coordinator

- Assemble information on sediment and nutrient loads for specific TRWD-managed reservoirs and associated streams
- Use computer modeling to analyze the biological, physical, and economic feasibility of alternative management practices and facilities
- Conduct public meetings and provide educational programs about water quality protection for stakeholders and customers
- Identify the pollutants that are discharged from point source (i.e. municipal and industrial wastewater treatment plants) that may affect water quality in TRWD reservoirs

The McKinney Plan: Water Resources Management and Conservation

Project Coordinator/Manager

- Develop a consortium of partners, science and education teams to assist in solving McKinney's water problems
- Conduct targeted education programs to instruct city officials, developers, landscapers, homeowners, adults and children with regard to water conservation and quality
- Share in the expense of developing grant proposals for 3rd parties that will finance the majority of the needed research and education

- Develop multiple demonstrations of available science-based options and measure the impacts on water savings or production of potable water

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

- Lake Granbury Watershed Implementation – Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, \$680,000
- Landscape and Irrigation Evaluation Program – Dallas Water Utilities, \$30,000
- Water Quality Education and Assessments – Tarrant Regional Water District, \$100,000
- Landscape BMP assessments – Trammel Crow Corporation, \$25,000
- Dallas Love Field Turfgrass Assessment – City of Dallas, \$155,000
- Generated over \$80,000 from fee based programming.
- Valley Ranch HOA Landscape Assessment – CCMC, \$10,000
- Polymart Rain Tanks – Testing Contract, \$5,000

AWARDS

- Texas Rainwater Catchment Systems Association Award for Education
- Texas Rain Catcher Award, Texas Water Development Board
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- Green Source DFW Award for Environmental Education, Memnosyne Institute
- Environmental Excellence Award Finalist – Water Conservation, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
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COMMITTEES

- Water Efficiency Network of North Texas
- DFW Airport Sustainability Committee
- Frito Lay Sustainability Committee
- North Central Texas Council of Governments Stormwater and Landscape Advisory Board

Conference Presentation

- Water Smart Innovations Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada
- Texas Water, Dallas, Texas
- International Horticulture Congress, Brisbane, Australia
- AWWA Sustainability and Education Conference, Portland, Oregon
- Irrigation Association and ARCSA Annual Conference, Phoenix, Arizona



August 13, 2015

Water Conservation Advisory Council
c/o Dr. Mindy Conyers
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Dear Dr. Conyers:

I would like to make the following recommendations for WCAC members:

Ken Kramer - Environmental
CE Williams - Regional Planning Groups
Lara Zent - Rural Water
Kevin Wagner - Higher Education
Gary Spicer - Power Generation

I am combining them because they are all active, long serving, current members of the Council and have made very effective contributions in their individual fields. I think it is very important that we keep the institutional knowledge acquired over the years on the Council as we go forward. I have a lot of confidence in all of these members and recommend each one without hesitation!

I look forward to moving forward and continuing the important work of protecting our most important natural resource, water!!

Sincerely,

Carole D Baker
Executive Director
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Panhandle Water Planning Group

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August 3, 2015

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Mr. J. Kevin Patterson
Executive Administrator
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Dear Mr. Patterson:

It has come to the attention of the Panhandle Water Planning Group that your organization, The Texas Water Development Board, is in the process of appointing members to the Water Conservation Advisory Council in accordance to directions from the 80th Texas Legislature. It is also my understanding that members of this Board are to be selected to represent seven interest groups, among which are Regional Water Planning Groups.

As Vice Chairman of the Panhandle Regional Water Planning Group, I would like to take this opportunity to nominate our Planning Group Chairman, Mr. C.E. Williams, to represent Regional Water Planning Groups for another term on the Water Conservation Advisory Council.

Mr. Williams grew up on a family farm, and until 1990 managed a farm and ranch operation in Carson County. Since 1990 he has very effectively served as General Manager of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, and has very effectively served as Chairman of our Panhandle Regional Water Planning Group since its' formation in 1997.

Over the years C.E. Williams has become a driving force in water matters, not only in the Panhandle Region, but also in statewide issues. He currently serves on numerous boards and associations in Austin and has become a prominent influence in legislative affairs that impact our State's water resources. Additionally, Mr. Williams is currently serving as the Chairman of the Water Conservation Advisory Council.

As a farmer in a marginal irrigation area of Carson County, and later as a policy maker in the proposed exporting of finite underground water resources, C.E. has long been a proponent of water conservation. Therefore, it is indeed a pleasure for me, as Vice Chairman of the Panhandle Water Planning Group, to nominate Mr. C.E. Williams for membership on the Water Conservation Advisory Council as a representative of Regional Water Planning Groups.

For further information regarding Mr. Williams credentials, please see attached bio. Your favorable consideration of this nomination would be greatly appreciated, and a significant contribution to water conservation in the State of Texas. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Vernon H. Cook
Roberts County Judge, Retired, and
Vice Chairman,
Panhandle Regional Water Planning Group

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C. E. Williams - 2015

**General Manager of Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District (PGCD) since 1990
Oversees all PGCD day to day activities programs and employees**

**Grew up on family farm in Carson County, owned and managed farm and ranch
operation prior to becoming GM of PGCD**

C. E. and wife Kay have 2 children and 5 grandchildren

Current Chairman of Panhandle Regional Water Planning Group – Region A

Current Presiding Officer of Texas Water Conservation Advisory Council

Current Secretary/Treasurer of Texas Water Foundation

Member and Past President of:

Groundwater Management Districts' Association

Texas Water Conservation Association

Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts

**Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, Goodwin Regional Public Administrator
Award 2002**

**Epsilon Sigma Phi, National Honorary Extension Fraternity, "2003 State Friend of
Extension Award**

**Texas County Agricultural Agents Association "Man of the Year in Texas Agriculture -
2008."**

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September 4, 2015

Dear Dr. Conyers,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide nominations for the Water Conservation Advisory Council (Council). TWCA would like to nominate individuals to serve in the following Council positions: Regional Water Planning Groups and River Authorities.

TWCA recommends that **C. E. Williams**, General Manager of Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, continue serving as the Regional Water Planning Groups representative on the Council. C. E. currently serves as the presiding officer of the Council and is the Chairman of the Panhandle Regional Water Planning Group (Region A). He has served on the Council since its creation in 2007.

TWCA also recommends that Denise Hickey, Public Relations and Water Conservation Manager at the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD), continue serving as the River Authorities representative on the Council. Denise has served as the alternate representative for this interest group since 2007, and stepped in to serve full-time in 2014, when former NTMWD General Manager Jim Parks resigned his position due to his retirement.

Both of these individuals are committed to water conservation and have the necessary experience to be effective members of the Council. They have also demonstrated their ability to devote the necessary time to Council activities.

Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you for considering this nomination.

John W. Grant
TWCA President



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August 17, 2015

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Dear Ms. Conyers:

Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District's Board of Directors would like to nominate Mr. C. E. Williams, to represent Regional Water Planning Groups on the Texas State Water Conservation Advisory Council.

Mr. Williams has served as presiding officer of the Advisory Council and is anxious to continue working to complete the tasks of improving water conservation for all Texans.

Mr. Williams has been general manager of Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, since 1990. In addition, he is the current secretary/treasurer of the Texas Water Foundation; current vice-president of Texas Weather Modification Association; and current chairman of Panhandle Regional Planning Group – Region A.

He is a member and past president on Texas Water Conservation Association; Member and past president of Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts; Member and past president of Groundwater Management Districts Association; and past member of Pantex Plant Citizen's Advisory Board.

Mr. Williams is widely known and respected for his knowledge and expertise in the realm of water conservation. Throughout his terms with the Water Conservation Advisory Council, he has shown his commitment and dedication to the Council and we fully believe that this would continue through another term.

We are proud to nominate Mr. C. E. Williams for the Texas Water Conservation Advisory Council.

Sincerely,

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Danny Hardcastle
President



August 25, 2015

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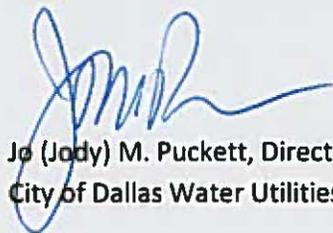
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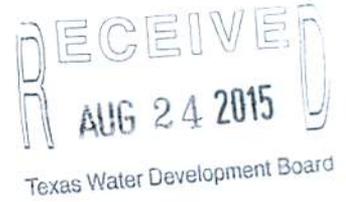
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Kathy Turner Jones
General Manager

August 20, 2015



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**RE: Water Conservation Advisory Council Nomination – Regional
Planning Groups**

Dear Mr. Patterson:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation in support of re-nominating **C.E. WILLIAMS** to the Water Conservation Advisory Council (Council) for the Regional Planning Groups opening. It would be my hope that he would receive the highest consideration.

I have personally known C. E. for over 25 years and have served with him in many capacities thru the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts and Texas Water Conservation Association and value his leadership. C.E. has served as the presiding officer of the Water Conservation Advisory Council since 2007 and chairman of Region A since 1997. C.E.'s background in water resources along with her desire to be involved makes him an excellent appointment to the Council.

In closing, I whole-heartedly recommend C.E. Williams to you as someone I know will continue to be dedicated, if given this opportunity and reappointment. I hope that you will favorably consider his re-nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kathy Turner Jones".

Kathy Turner Jones
General Manager

KTJ

Cc: Mr. C.E. Williams, Panhandle GCD



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August 20, 2015

Water Conservation Advisory Council
c/o Dr. Mindy Conyers
Texas Water Development Board
P.O. Box 13231
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I would like to nominate the following individuals to represent the following interest groups. Each of these individuals have been highly involved with the council some of which have served since the inception of the Council.

Electric Generation: Gary Spicer
Environmental Groups: Ken Kramer
Higher Education: Kevin Wagner
Regional Water Planning Groups: C. E. Williams
River Authority: Mr. Tom Kula North Texas MWD
Rural Water Users: Laura Zent

Thank you for the opportunity to nominate these dedicated people.

Sincerely,

C. E. Williams
General Manager
Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District



September 3, 2015

Water Conservation Advisory Council
c/o Dr. Mindy Conyers
Texas Water Development Board
P.O. Box 13231
Austin, TX 78711-3231

Dear Dr. Conyers:

I would like to make the following recommendations for WCAC members:

Denise Hickey, North Texas Municipal Water District

Denise has long been a leader in conservation and she has been a big contributor to the WCAC efforts. She has made very effective contributions in her lead role on education committee. I think it is very important that we keep the institutional knowledge acquired over the years from the Council as we go forward. I have a lot of confidence in Denise and her future contributions and recommend her without hesitation!

I look forward to moving forward and continuing the important work of protecting our most important natural resource, water!!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carole D Baker".

Carole D Baker
Executive Director
Texas Water Foundation

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September 4, 2015

Dear Dr. Conyers,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide nominations for the Water Conservation Advisory Council (Council). TWCA would like to nominate individuals to serve in the following Council positions: Regional Water Planning Groups and River Authorities.

TWCA recommends that C. E. Williams, General Manager of Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, continue serving as the Regional Water Planning Groups representative on the Council. C. E. currently serves as the presiding officer of the Council and is the Chairman of the Panhandle Regional Water Planning Group (Region A). He has served on the Council since its creation in 2007.

TWCA also recommends that **Denise Hickey**, Public Relations and Water Conservation Manager at the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD), continue serving as the River Authorities representative on the Council. Denise has served as the alternate representative for this interest group since 2007, and stepped in to serve full-time in 2014, when former NTMWD General Manager Jim Parks resigned his position due to his retirement.

Both of these individuals are committed to water conservation and have the necessary experience to be effective members of the Council. They have also demonstrated their ability to devote the necessary time to Council activities.

Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you for considering this nomination.

John W. Grant
TWCA President

Mindy Conyers

From: C.E. Williams <cew@pgcd.us>
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 9:01 AM
To: Mindy Conyers
Subject: WCAC Nominations

Mindy, I would like to change my nomination for River Authority's from Tom Kula to Denise Hickey. If you need anything more formal please let me know.

Thanks,

C. E. Williams
General Manager
Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District
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Denise Hickey is the Public Relations Coordinator of the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD). In this capacity, Ms. Hickey is responsible for the accurate development and communication of NTMWD services and related issues to the general public, the NTMWD's Member Cities and Customers, news media, city and civic organizations, school districts, as well as state and legislative bodies and councils.

Ms. Hickey currently serves as an alternate on the Water Conservation Advisory Council. She is a member of the American Water Works Association, the Water Environment Federation, and an active volunteer for the North Texas Chapter of Water for People.

Ms. Hickey graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology, with an education certification in biology and chemistry from Sam Houston State University.

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Texas Water Development Board
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September 1, 2015

Dear Texas Water Development Board Members,

The Hill Country Alliance is pleased to write this letter of nomination for Sky Jones-Lewey to serve on the Water Conservation Advisory Council in the vacant River Authority position.

The Water Conservation Advisory Council plays a critical role in our state's water planning process, and the Hill Country Alliance is appreciative of the huge efforts involved in this Council's work. The Hill Country Alliance's more than 7,000 supporters, stakeholders, businesses and elected officials recognize the importance of the statewide water planning process in protecting long-term spring-flow, healthy water catchment areas and sustained groundwater resources for current and future generations. We believe that Ms. Jones-Lewey will do an outstanding job championing the long-term sustainability of our water supply.

Ms. Jones-Lewey comes from a ranching background and is still involved in that endeavor northwest of Uvalde, Texas. She earned a BA in Chemistry and Environmental Science and has since worked in environmental engineering, regional government, international marketing, education and historic preservation.

In addition to her long term of service as Resource Protection and Education Director at the Nueces River Authority, Ms. Jones-Lewey has received numerous national and statewide awards for her work in educating the public and the Texas legislature. In 2014, she received the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Lone Star Land Steward Award for her work in stewarding her own property as well as educating other landowners on the importance of healthy creeks and rivers. She has served in a wide range of statewide capacities, and has had incredible success in promoting riparian understanding through the Remarkable Riparian work she has spearheaded throughout South and Central Texas. Ms. Jones-Lewey's diverse background, her passion for the natural systems of this state and her appreciation for the complex work of water resource management make her a strong candidate for inclusion on the Water Conservation Advisory Council. Her full biography is attached for your review.

On behalf of the Hill Country Alliance, its Executive Director, Board of Directors and thousands of supporters, we appreciate your consideration of Ms. Jones-Lewey for the River Authority position on the Water Conservation Advisory Council. Please do not hesitate to call or email with any questions.

Sincerely,

Charlie Flatten
Water Policy Program Manager
Hill Country Alliance
512.694.1121

CC: Sky Lewey, C.E. Williams – WCAC Chair, Christy Muse – E.D. Hill Country Alliance

Sky Jones-Lewey

Biographical Sketch

Sky Jones-Lewey is a natural resource community builder and noted conservation advisor. She works to educate people and build common understanding for landscape-scale resource management and protection along rivers. For the Nueces River Authority in Southwest Texas, she has created, led and implemented on-the-ground programs involving riparian management and restoration, invasive species control, natural resource education. Through her “Remarkable Riparian Network” project she has taken riparian function concepts to landowners, resource professionals, and other decision makers, changing paradigms about how rivers work helping people to interact with each other and manage riparian resources based on shared knowledge.

Sky comes from a ranching background and is still involved in that endeavor. She and her family live on the Open V Ranch northwest of Uvalde, Texas. She earned a BA in Chemistry and Environmental Science from Drury University in 1979. Since then she has worked in environmental engineering, regional government, international marketing, education and historic preservation. She currently serves on the board of the Hill Country Alliance, a non-profit organization that brings together an ever-expanding alliance of groups throughout a multi-county region of Central Texas with the long-term objective of preserving open spaces, water supply, water quality, and the unique character of the Texas Hill Country.

In 2004 Sky received a national award from the Environmental Law Institute for her work in educating the public and the Texas legislature about the damage being done by off-road vehicles recreating in Texas streambeds. In 2008, the Nueces River Authority’s Headwaters Stewardship education program, which Ms. Jones-Lewey is largely responsible for, received a Texas Environmental Excellence Award. The popular Up2U campaign for personal responsibility and litter prevention was created by Ms. Jones-Lewey to bring about changes in public behavior toward water resources. That campaign now reaches over 80,000 river and beach recreationists in Texas each year. This year, she was chosen as a Lone Star Land Steward by Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation for her work in control of *Arundo donax* and for the riparian restoration and conservation ranching program she has established on her ranch located near Uvalde.

Her work to educate riparian landowners through the Riparian Network is helping to create a model for many new regional efforts and is proving its merit as a means of solving landscape scale resource problems along rivers.



Brazos River Authority



August 25, 2015

Dear Mr. Patteson,

I am pleased to nominate Matt Phillips, BRA Government and Customer Relations Manager, for the Water Conservation Advisory Council position representing River Authorities.

I have attached Matt's bio for your reference. Do not hesitate to contact me should you need any additional information.

Regards,

Phil Ford
General Manager/CEO



Matt Phillips

Manager Government & Customer Relations



Matt Phillips joined the Brazos River Authority from the office of State Senator Steve Ogden where he served as a legislative aide for five years.

Prior to joining Senator Ogden's office Matt served as an assistant clerk for the Senate Finance Committee.

Matt also worked for two years as Director of Government Relations and Freshwater Protection at the Texas State Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, a non-profit conservation organization.

He received his bachelor of Liberal Arts degree in Government from The University of Texas. Matt and his wife Kari reside in Liberty Hill with their son, Sadler and daughter, Parker.

September 7, 2015

By Electronic Mail

Dr. Mindy Conyers
Water Conservation Advisory Council
Texas Water Development Board
P.O. Box 13231
Austin, TX 78711-3231

Dr. Conyers:

Please accept my letter of support for Dr. Todd Votteler to serve on the Texas Water Development Board's Water Conservation Advisory Council (WCAC). Having worked with Todd for almost ten years, I believe he would be an excellent representative for river authorities on the WCAC.

First, and quite importantly, Dr. Votteler has had many years of experience working with river authorities through his work at the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA). He currently is the Executive Manager of Science, Intergovernmental Relations and Policy at the GBRA. In that role, he has worked with other river authorities and other water entities through organizations such as the Texas Water Conservation Association.

Second, Todd is well-recognized for his understanding of water and water issues. He has published numerous scholarly articles on water and water issues and is the Editor-in-Chief of the Texas Water Journal. Moreover, has taught a groundwater resources course at Texas State University.

Finally, Todd works well in groups such as the WCAC. He served as the representative of the GBRA during the consensus-based Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program where I served as Program Manager. Todd was a leader in the program and played an important role in helping the group achieve consensus.

For these reasons, I enthusiastically recommend Dr. Votteler as the river authority representative on the WCAC.

Sincerely,

/s/

Robert L. Gulley
Director, Division of Economic Growth and
Endangered Species Management



United States Department of the Interior

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Dr. Conyers,

Please accept my letter of support for Todd Votteler, Ph.D. to serve on the Water Conservation Advisory Council. Since 2000, Dr. Votteler has worked for Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority as the Executive Manager of Science, Intergovernmental Relations & Policy. I have frequently had the opportunity to work with Todd and I believe he would make an excellent representative for river authorities on the WCAC. I highly recommend Dr. Votteler as the river authority representative on the WCAC.

Sincerely,

Robert Joseph



JIM KEFFER

STATE REPRESENTATIVE • DISTRICT 60

September 18, 2015

Water Conservation Advisory Council c/o Dr. Mindy Conyers
Texas Water Development Board
P.O. Box 13231
Austin, TX 78711-3231

Dear Dr. Conyers,

Please accept my letter of support for the nomination of Dr. Todd H. Votteler to serve on the Water Conservation Advisory Council (WCAC) as the representative for Texas river authorities. Dr. Votteler has worked for over fifteen years for the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) where he serves as the Executive Manager of Science, Intergovernmental Relations and Policy. GBRA is one of eighteen the river authorities in the State of Texas and subject to Sunset as laid out in Senate Bill 523. Therefore, as an employee of GBRA, Dr. Votteler qualifies to serve as the river authority representative on WCAC.

Dr. Votteler has 27 years of experience in Texas surface and groundwater management, science and policy. He has participated in a number of stakeholder processes that were focused on water conservation including, the Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program. While serving U.S District Court for the Western District of Texas, he co-authored three Emergency Withdrawal Reduction Plans (regional water conservation plans) for Judge Lucius Bunton. He is also Editor-in-Chief of the *Texas Water Journal*, which is published in cooperation with the Texas Water Resources Institute.

I highly recommend Dr. Votteler as the river authority member of the WCAC.

Sincerely,

State Representative Jim Keffer
House District 60

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September 17, 2015

Dr. Mindy Conyers
Texas Water Development Board
P.O. Box 13231
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I highly recommend Dr. Votteler as the river authority member of the WCAC.

Sincerely,

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Lois W. Kolkhorst

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September 2, 2015

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Dr. Votteler has a wide range of experience in Texas surface and groundwater issues, including water conservation. He has participated in a number of stakeholder processes that were focused on water conservation including, the Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program. While serving U.S District Court for the Western District of Texas, Votteler co-authored three Emergency Withdrawal Reduction Plans (water conservation plans) for Judge Lucius Bunton.

I highly recommend Dr. Votteler as the river authority member of the WCAC. If you have any questions regarding Dr. Votteler, please call me (830) 379-5822.

Sincerely,



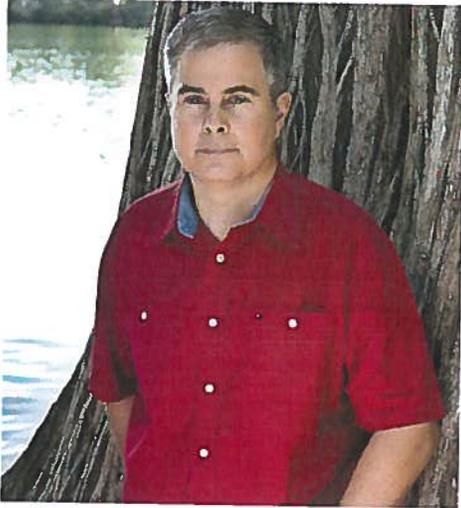
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Todd H. Votteler, Ph.D. is the Executive Manager of Science, Intergovernmental Relations and Policy for the Guadalupe–Blanco River Authority. He is also the Chairman of the Guadalupe Basin Coalition.

Votteler is a co-founder and the Editor-in-Chief of the *Texas Water Journal*. He is also co-founded of Water Dispute Resolutions LLC, which provides its clients with decades of experience in resolving intractable water and environmental conflicts through mediation, facilitation, strategic issue analysis, and personnel evaluation and recruitment.

Votteler was appointed by Senior U.S. District Court Judge Lucius Bunton as the Federal Special Master for the Endangered Species Act (ESA) litigation, *Sierra Club v. San Antonio*. Prior to that he assisted Federal Court Monitor Joe G. Moore, Jr. during the landmark ESA litigation over the Edwards Aquifer, *Sierra Club v. Babbitt*. His previous experience also includes Research Scientist for the Battelle – Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, in Washington, D.C., Executive Director of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust, a 501(c)3 land and water trust, and Chairman of the Texas Land Trust Council.

Votteler has a B.S. in Natural Resources from The University of the South, an M.S. in Natural Resources from The University of Michigan, and a Ph.D. in Environmental Geography from Texas State University.

Patricia Wommack
216 Haley Drive
Lone Star, Texas 75668

I worked for the U.S. Government from 1951 to 1992. During that time, I had duty in the Army, Navy and Department of Defense which included Logistics, Contracting, and Inspections. Part of my job classifications were: Purchasing Agent, Contract Assistant, Procurement Analyst, Contract Specialist, Contract Administrator, Program Inspection Specialist, Assistant Inspector General, and Inspector General Representative. I was an Inspector General Representative for the Army Communications Command, Army Material Command, and the Department of Defense which included inspections of the Defense Nuclear Agency, Defense Mapping Agency, and many others such as Star Wars. I received many awards and commendations for outstanding performance from all the Commands.

I have a Bachelor of Business Administration from Texas A&M University, Texarkana, Texas and I attended many specialty schools and courses given at the Armed Forces schools; a number of which are college accreditable. I was a Contracting Officer for many years.

I was Mayor in the City of Lone Star, Texas and during that time was appointed by the Governor, as a member to the Regional Review Committee. I am a board member on the Northeast Texas Community College Whatley Board, and I am a board member on the East Texas Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Board and the Treasury Committee. Also, I am on the Appraisal Review Board, Morris County Appraisal District. Additionally, I am a member of the Republican Women of Northeast Texas; I serve as the Literacy Representative. I have been a member of the Sulphur River Basin Authority Board of Directors since May 17, 2005.



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August 25, 2015

Water Conservation Advisory Council
Dr. Mindy Conyers
Texas Water Development Board
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To Dr. Conyers,

Texas Rural Water Association nominates Celia Eaves to represent Rural Water Users on the Water Conservation Advisory Council. I have held this position since 2012, but have been named interim executive director of TRWA and will be unable to devote the time to the WCAC. I can recommend Celia without reservation for the Rural Water Users position.

As you will see in the attached bio and resume, Celia has 22 years of experience in rural water utility field operations and management. She has provided financial, managerial, and technical assistance to rural water and wastewater utilities statewide for TRWA since 1998.

She oversees Texas Rural Water Foundation's (TRWF) statewide water conservation education program. TRWF is a supporting organization to TRWA.

Celia has an exceptional understanding of the water resource challenges facing Texas, especially rural communities, and she has the time, energy and passion to devote to this Council.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this very important nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lara Zent".

Lara Zent
Interim Executive Director
Texas Rural Water Association

Rural Water WCAC Nomination: Celia Eaves Bio

Celia Eaves has been with Texas Rural Water Association (TRWA) since 1998 and has been the environmental services director since 2007. In this capacity she directly supervises two state contracts to provide financial, managerial and technical assistance to rural water utilities throughout Texas, and one USDA contract for source water protection education also statewide. On a daily basis, Celia interacts with rural water utilities to discuss and assess their needs, and provide solutions to ensure these utilities remain viable sources of affordable and safe drinking water for the 2.5 million rural Texans who rely on rural water systems for their water source.

Celia also serves as foundation development program manager for the Texas Rural Water Foundation (TRWF), a supporting organization to TRWA. In this role she oversees TRWF's "Don't Leave Texas High and Dry" statewide water conservation initiative to educate rural water systems on reducing water loss, and engage their communities on water conservation and efficiency. She also lead TRWF's partnership with Texas Water Foundation, through which TRWF participated in that Foundation's Texas Water Development Board grant for water conservation education.

Celia makes several presentations a year on effective utility management, water supply and conservation at TRWA conferences and Texas Water Infrastructure Coordination Committee workshops, which she organizes throughout the state for TRWA.

From 2004-2007, Celia served as TRWA's colonia circuit rider under a USDA Rural Development contract to provide on-site visits and assistance in low-income areas of the state lacking water and/or wastewater service. In this role, she helped identify colonias and provided solutions so these communities could obtain safe, quality drinking water.

From 1998-2004, Celia ran TRWA's source water protection program under another USDA contract. She inventoried potential sources of contamination within project areas and trained volunteers on conducting their own inventories. She also organized and facilitated community awareness meetings and educational material to promote source water protection.

Celia has a Class B license in surface water operations and certifications in GPS and the Texas Optimization Program from Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. She represents TRWA on TCEQ's Drinking Water Advisory Work Group and Texas Water Infrastructure Coordination Committee. She holds a B.S. in chemistry from Angelo State University and worked as a chemist and laboratory director for public and private water and wastewater systems and agencies before joining TRWA.

Celia Eaves
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Celia Eaves

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Objective

A skilled, driven, and thorough professional with solid environmental, treatment and health & safety experience. Strong presentation skills, exceptional industry knowledge, and a consummate professional with a solid work ethic. A problem solver who can collaborate as well as work independently, thriving in challenging situations. Proactive decision maker skilled in building and sustaining cooperative working relationships for productivity and focused on improving quality and developing tools for efficiency.

Professional Experience

2007 - Present **Texas Rural Water Association** **Austin, Texas**
Environmental Services Director

- Direct the activities of all Environmental Services Department personnel, including training, monitoring and evaluating all employees.
- Ensure that all state contract deliverables are completed on time.
- Directly supervise all employees working under the FMT contract.
- Provide direct on-site financial, managerial and technical assistance to public water systems as required under the FMT contract.
- Ensure that equipment and supplies necessary to perform contract work are obtained and maintained.
- Continually monitor progress toward reaching contract goals and deliverables.
- Coordinate technical assistance efforts with those being conducted under the federally (NRWA) funded programs.
- Keep Executive and Deputy Executive Directors informed as to status of contracts.
- Manage Environmental Services Department budget and monitor all expenditures.
- Schedule and approve training for employees.
- Represent TRWA at statewide, public and private, forums, conferences, meetings, seminars and other related occasions as required.
- Review administrative reports from employees, such as daily logs, mileage logs and expense claims.
- Promote TRWA membership and its benefits.
- Provide on-site technical assistance to TRWA members as directed by the Deputy Executive Director
- Provide written materials for the TRWA Magazine, training programs and technician information pieces as needed on management, financing, public relations and other related water industry topics.
- Assist with major TRWA conferences, workshops, and certification courses as assigned by the Deputy Executive Director.
- Maintain thorough knowledge of all state and federal regulations as they apply to small and rural water and wastewater utilities.
- Promote positive public relations with TCEQ, USDA - Rural Development, TWDB, EPA and other state and federal agencies and other public and private water related organizations.

2004 - 2007 **Texas Rural Water Association** **Austin, Texas**
Colonia Circuit Rider

- Provide on-site visits and assistance with Rural Development and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) compliance.
- Identifying low-income areas known as colonias lacking first time water and/or wastewater service and identify solutions

- Provide regulatory guidance in operation and management of the system
- Provide regulatory guidance with the rules and regulations governing the operation of a public water system or wastewater system by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality;

1998 - 2004 **Texas Rural Water Association** **Austin, Texas**

Source Water Protection Specialist

- Initiate and implement Source Water Protection Programs for Public Water Systems Statewide
- Ensure contractual requirements met
- Conduct inventories of potential sources of contamination (PSOCs) within project areas and train volunteers to conduct inventories
- Use of GPS/GIS technology to inventory PSOCs
- Conduct community awareness meetings or other educational material to promote awareness

1997 - 1998 **Kachina Aerospace** **Phoenix, Texas**

Laboratory Director

- Maintain quality control and assurance of laboratory methodology
- Perform analyses in accordance with applicable government, military, customer and internal specifications
- Prepare and maintain internal process solutions
- Monitor and operate wastewater treatment facility to ensure compliance with EPA, state, and local requirements
- Conduct audits of laboratory facilities and records
- Direct laboratory personnel
- Serve on Technological and Wastewater Management committees

1994 - 1997 **City of San Angelo** **San Angelo, Texas**

Chemist

- Maintain quality control and assurance of laboratory methodology
- Evaluate treatment effectiveness and establish treatment protocol
- Perform raw and potable water analyses for compliance with EPA, state, and local requirements
- Direct personnel in testing procedures
- Conduct audits of laboratory facilities and records
- Direct laboratory personnel

Education **1994 Angelo State University** **San Angelo, Texas**
/Certifications **Bachelor of Science - Major: Chemistry Minor: Biology**

TCEQ Certification B Surface Water

TCEQ GPS Certification

TCEQ Texas Optimization Program

Water Utility Instructor



September 4, 2015

Water Conservation Advisory Council
c/o Dr. Mindy Conyers
Texas Water Development Board
P.O. Box 13231
Austin, TX 78711-3231

Dear Dr. Conyers:

We wish to nominate Mr. Mark Howard of Dalhart for appointment to represent the Rural Water Users on the Water Conservation Advisory Council for a 6-year term.

Mr. Howard's family has been actively farming on the High Plains in Texas for three generations and he has been involved in farming for 30 years. He currently serves as a board member of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District and as a board member of the Texas Corn Producers Board. Previously, he was a part of the Parmer County Cotton Growers board.

As a life-long resident of rural Texas and because of his involvement in agriculture, Mr. Howard has extensive knowledge and experience with rural water issues. Nowhere is the issue of water conservation more urgent and vital than among those rural Texans, like Mr. Howard, who depend upon water from the Ogallala Aquifer. He has been a leader in adopting management practices and technology to improve irrigation efficiency and reduce water usage.

Because of his knowledge of water conservation, the Texas Corn Producers Board designated Mr. Howard to represent TCPB on the advisory board of H2O4TEXAS.

Mr. Howard would make a significant contribution to the work of the advisory council and well represent the interests of agricultural water users. We hope you will give Mr. Howard's nomination serious consideration. If you need additional information, please feel free to contact us or Mr. Howard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Averhoff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Scott Averhoff
Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Gibson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David Gibson
Executive Director

Mark Howard

Dalhart, Texas

Contact Information

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Background Information

Mark Howard farms corn and cotton in Hartley County, Texas. Howard's family has been farming for three generations, and he took his place on the farm in 1982.

Farming is an integral part of Howard's life and he has truly enjoyed his work in agriculture. Although the agricultural industry faces a number of challenges, water conservation and property rights are two major issues that Howard views as important.

"It is what I love to do," Howard said. "I enjoy the ability to work with my family, as well as the lifestyle that farming allows me to have. There are many opportunities in agriculture, both in the present and in the future."

Howard has served as a director of the Texas Corn Producers Board since 2004. In 2010, he was re-elected to a term on the board. In addition to his involvement with TCPB, Howard is a board member of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District. He was also a board member of Parmer County Cotton Growers since its establishment in 1999.

Prior to moving to Hartley County in 2010, Howard lived in Farwell, Texas, where his family began farming in 1906. Howard served on the Parmer County Farm Service Agency committee from 1993 thru 1995. Howard and his family were awarded Outstanding Conservation Farmers by the Parmer Soil and Water Conservation District #140, as well as named the 2004 Agriculturalists of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce. Howard's conservation efforts have been recognized by both local and regional media such as the Southwest Farm Press.

In addition to growing corn and cotton in Parmer County, Howard and his family planted a large apple orchard and became a major Texas supplier of apples to grocery chains in the Southwest. Today, a major focus of his business is growing high-quality white food corn used primarily for making tortilla chips.

Howard graduated from Texas Tech University summa cum laude with a degree in Agricultural Economics. Prior to graduating, he was among the first TTU students to be accepted for an agricultural economics internship with the United States Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C.

Howard is also active in the Methodist Church, and has been married to his wife Robin for 28 years. They have two sons attending Texas Tech University, Bryce and Mason.



August 13, 2015

Water Conservation Advisory Council
c/o Dr. Mindy Conyers
Texas Water Development Board
P.O. Box 13231
Austin, TX 78711-3231

Dear Dr. Conyers:

I would like to make the following recommendations for WCAC members:

Ken Kramer - Environmental
CE Williams - Regional Planning Groups
Lara Zent - Rural Water
Kevin Wagner - Higher Education
Gary Spicer - Power Generation

I am combining them because they are all active, long serving, current members of the Council and have made very effective contributions in their individual fields. I think it is very important that we keep the institutional knowledge acquired over the years on the Council as we go forward. I have a lot of confidence in all of these members and recommend each one without hesitation!

I look forward to moving forward and continuing the important work of protecting our most important natural resource, water!!

Sincerely,

Carole D Baker
Executive Director
Texas Water Foundation



August 25, 2015

Water Conservation Advisory Council
c/o Dr. Mindy Conyers
Texas Water Development Board
P.O. Box 13231
Austin, TX 78711-3231

Re: Water Conservation Advisory Council Member Nominations

Dear Dr. Conyers:

Pursuant to Senate Bill 3 and House Bill 4, as passed by the 80th Texas Legislature, I am pleased to nominate candidates to fill the Environmental Groups, Higher Education, Regional Water Planning Groups and Rural Water Users interest groups. Below are my individual nominations for these interest groups in turn.

Nominee for Environmental Groups- Ken Kramer, PhD

Dr. Kramer is the volunteer Water Resources Chair and Legislative Advisor for the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club. He retired in July 2012 after over 23 years as the first Director of the Lone Star Chapter and a previous seven years as the Chapter's contract lobbyist. Dr. Kramer is highly respected among his peers in the water conservation community and has provided leadership in his capacity on the Water Conservation Advisory Council for the past several years. He can be reached at kenwkramer@aol.com or by mail in care of the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club, 1202 San Antonio, Austin, Texas 78701.

Nominee for Higher Education- Kevin Wagner, PhD

Dr. Wagner currently serves as associate director of the Texas Water Resources Institute and adjunct professor in Texas A&M University's Department of Soil and Crop Sciences. He provides leadership and administration for institute water programs; works with stakeholders in identifying priorities for water resources programs and develops inter-disciplinary teams for addressing these high priority issues. In view of his long and successful career, Dr. Wagner will bring a wealth of knowledge to the Water Conservation Advisory Council. He can be reached at klwagner@ag.tamu.edu or by mail in care of the Texas Water Resources Institute, A110, 1500 Research Pkwy, College Station, TX 77845.

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Nominee for Regional Water Planning Groups- C.E. Williams

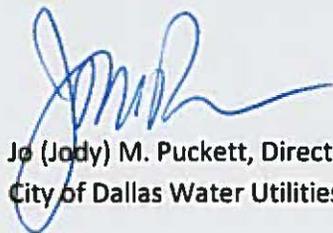
Mr. Williams has served as General Manager of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District for over twenty-five years. As the inaugural Chair and presiding officer of the Water Conservation Advisory Council, Mr. Williams has demonstrated exceptional guidance and leadership to those committed to advancing the statewide water conservation agenda. He has approached his role with confidence and inclusiveness. He can be reached at cew@pgcd.us or by mail in care of the Texas Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, 201 W. 3rd Street White Deer, TX 79097.

Nominee for Rural Water Users- Lara Zent

Ms. Zent has served as Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel for the Texas Rural Water Association for over ten years. She has also served as staff attorney for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality as well as law clerk for the United States Bankruptcy Court. Ms. Zent will contribute a wealth of knowledge through her experience working with stakeholders groups to include: nonprofit water supply and sewer service corporations, special utility districts, municipal utility districts, small municipal utilities and privately-owned water utilities. Lara can be reached at lara.zent@trwa.org or in care of the Texas Rural Water Association at 1616 Rio Grande St, Austin, TX 78701.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to participate in the nomination process. I am certain that if elected, these individuals will continue the momentum that the Advisory Council has established since its inception. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any additional information.

Kind Regards,



Jo (Jody) M. Puckett, Director
City of Dallas Water Utilities



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August 20, 2015

Water Conservation Advisory Council
c/o Dr. Mindy Conyers
Texas Water Development Board
P.O. Box 13231
Austin, TX 78711-3231

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I would like to nominate the following individuals to represent the following interest groups. Each of these individuals have been highly involved with the council some of which have served since the inception of the Council.

Electric Generation: Gary Spicer
Environmental Groups: Ken Kramer
Higher Education: Kevin Wagner
Regional Water Planning Groups: C. E. Williams
River Authority: Mr. Tom Kula North Texas MWD
Rural Water Users: Laura Zent

Thank you for the opportunity to nominate these dedicated people.

Sincerely,

C. E. Williams
General Manager
Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
COMMISSIONER SID MILLER

September 29, 2015

Mr. Kevin Patteson
Executive Administrator
Texas Water Development Board
1700 North Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Mr. Patteson:

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) is committed to the overall mission of protecting and maintaining water quality, and implementing flexible and innovative water conservation measures. We are pleased to be an active partner in addressing challenges and finding opportunities to ensure water quality and availability now and in the future for all Texans, particularly the agriculture sector. TDA values the work of the Water Conservation Advisory Council (WCAC) and appreciates the opportunity to serve on the Council and associated workgroups.

Effective immediately, I am pleased to appoint Mr. Dan Hunter to represent TDA on the WCAC and any workgroups that would be best served by Mr. Hunter's expertise. In the event Mr. Hunter is ever unable to fulfill his duties, Dr. David Villarreal, Environmental Specialist, will act as the agency's alternate representative. Mr. Dan Hunter may be contacted at (512) 463-7476 or by e-mail at Dan.Hunter@TexasAgriculture.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Hunter.

Sincerely,

Sid Miller

SM/DH/da

cc: Dan Hunter
David Villarreal



August 21, 2015

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Dear Dr. Conyers:

Thank you for your recent letter inviting Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) to submit candidates to serve on the Water Conservation Advisory Council. Please consider reappointing my colleague, Cindy Loeffler to serve as a member for the council representing TPWD. Ms. Loeffler is our resource expert in water conservation policies and programs and has many years' experience working on water issues in Texas. Please find enclosed a brief biography for Ms. Loeffler.

Please feel free to contact Ms. Loeffler directly by email at Cindy.Loeffler@TPWD.texas.gov or by regular mail at:

Ms. Cindy Loeffler, Chief
Water Resources Branch
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
4200 Smith School Rd.
Austin, TX 78744
(512) 389-8715

Carter P. Smith
Executive Director

If you should have any questions concerning my colleague Cindy on her candidacy, please feel free to contact me at (512) 389-4802. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Carter Smith
Executive Director

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Enclosure

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To manage and conserve the natural and cultural resources of Texas and to provide hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation opportunities for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

Cindy Loeffler, P.E.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Cindy Loeffler received her BS in Engineering from Colorado State University in 1984. After working with the USFWS Instream Flow Group for several years, Cindy joined the TPWD Resource Protection Division as a coastal hydrologist in 1987. In 2001, Cindy was named the Water Resources Branch Chief. Her duties now include managing the Water Quality and Water Quantity Programs and the coordination of Department response to water resource issues affecting fish and wildlife. Cindy represents TPWD on the Texas Water Conservation Advisory Council, the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan Stakeholder Committee, and the Gulf Coast Prairie Landscape Conservation Cooperative Science Team.