

TO: Board Members

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

DATE: July 7, 2016

SUBJECT: Appointment to Water Conservation Advisory Council

ACTION REQUESTED

Consider appointment of a member to the Water Conservation Advisory Council to fill the vacancy representing regional water planning groups.

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 members who represent one of 23 different interest groups. The TWDB is charged by Texas Water Code, Chapter 10, with appointing members to 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.

KEY ISSUES

The member representing regional water planning groups, Mr. C.E. Williams, recently resigned his seat. TWDB staff solicited nominations for the open seat via correspondence with appropriate interest groups and posting notice on the Council’s website. The deadline for nominations was June 6, 2016, and six people were nominated. A summary of received nominations is included in Attachment A.

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Based on his individual commitment to, and expertise in, water conservation, the Executive Administrator recommends the appointment of Mr. Aubrey Spear to represent regional water planning groups with a term to expire August 31, 2021. Mr. Spear is the Director of Water Utilities for the City of Lubbock and Chair of the Llano Estacado (Region O) Regional Water Planning Group.

RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Administrator recommends the appointment of Mr. Aubrey Spear to represent regional water planning groups on the Water Conservation Advisory Council.

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

Attachment A: Summary of Nominations

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Summary of Nominations

nominee	nominated by
Mr. Sonny Hinojosa General Manager, Hidalgo County Irrigation District #2 and Region M Vice Chair	Tomas Rodriguez, Region M Chair
Mr. Kelley Holcomb General Manager of Angelina & Neches River Authority and Region I Chair	East Texas Regional Water Planning Group
Mr. Robert Reynolds Member of the Board of Directors, Texas Forestry Association	Ronald Hufford, Executive Director, Texas Forestry Association
Ms. Suzanne Scott General Manager, San Antonio River Authority and Region L Chair	Linda Price, Region D Chair
Mr. Aubrey Spear Director of Water Utilities, City of Lubbock and Region O Chair	self-nomination
Mr. Wayne Wilson Owner of Wilson Cattle Company and Region G Chair	Kevin Wagner, Deputy Director of Engagement, Texas Water Resources Institute