AGENDA ITEM MEMO

BOARD MEETING DATE: September 9, 2021

TO: Board Members

THROUGH: Jeff Walker, Executive Administrator
          John T. Dupnik, P.G., Deputy Executive Administrator, Water
          Science and Conservation
          Ashley Harden, General Counsel

FROM: Josh Sendejar, Conservation Department
      John Sutton, Manager, Conservation Department

SUBJECT: Appointments to the Water Conservation Advisory Council

ACTION REQUESTED
Consider appointing members to the Water Conservation Advisory Council.

BACKGROUND
The Texas Legislature created the Water Conservation Advisory Council (Council) in 2007
to provide the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, Texas 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 volunteers representing 23 different
interest groups. Texas Water Code, Chapter 10, directs the Board to appoint members of
the Council to staggered, six-year terms ending in odd-numbered years.

KEY ISSUES
Six terms expired on August 31, 2021: five representing interest groups defined in statute
and one representing the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Additionally, the
representative for Higher Education on the Council submitted their resignation, a
subsequent nomination period was opened to fill this vacancy. TWDB staff solicited
nominations to fill these vacancies via correspondence with interest group representatives,
professional organizations, regional water planning groups, and posting notice to the
council’s website. A total of 12 individuals received nominations (Attachment). The Texas

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Jeff Walker, Executive Administrator
Parks and Wildlife Department will be submitting a letter designating their representation on the Council shortly.

**RECOMMENDATION**
Based on their individual commitment to, and expertise in water conservation, the Executive Administrator recommends the appointment of the following persons to represent the indicated group with a term to expire August 31, 2027.

**Electric Generation**
- Greg Carter, Southwestern Electric Power Company

**Environmental Groups**
- Jennifer Walker, National Wildlife Federation

**Higher Education**
- Robert Mace, Ph.D., The Meadow's Center for Water and the Environment

**Regional Water Planning Groups**
- Aubrey Spear, City of Lubbock

**River Authorities**
- Valerie Miller, Ph.D., Lower Colorado River Authority

**Rural Water Users**
- Kyle Eppler, Wickson Creek Special Utility District

**Attachment:**
- Summary of Nominations
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