

AGENDA
Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group

Executive Committee Meeting

January 6, 2022
LCRA Redbud Center
3601 Lake Austin Blvd, Austin, TX
2:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting:

1. Call to Order – Chair Van Dresar
2. Welcome and Introductions – Chair Van Dresar
3. Receive public comments on specific issues related to agenda items number 4 and 5. (Public comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker)
4. Discuss geographic and interest group membership representation and reporting – Chair Van Dresar
5. Review nominations received for Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group Counties and Water Utilities voting member vacancies – Chair Van Dresar
 - a. Discuss and take action to recommend nominees for Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group Counties and Water Utilities voting member vacancies
6. Discuss draft new member resource and standard protocol materials – Secretary Lutes
Including but not limited to:
 - a. New member orientation and training materials
 - b. Communications protocol
 - c. Record keeping
7. Review draft agenda for January 26, 2022 LCRWPG meeting – Chair Van Dresar
8. New / Other Business (time permitting)
9. Public Comments – limit 3 minutes per person
10. Adjourn

Item #5 – Nominations

- Counties
 - Rachel Lumpee
 - Walt Smith
 - Emil Uecker (Alternate)
- Water Utilities
 - Christianne Castleberry (Alternate)
 - Jason Homan

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Nomination Information For Mayor Rachel Lumpee

Nominating Committee Members:

My name is Connie Barron. I am a member of the Blanco City Council. I respectfully nominate Mayor Rachel Lumpee for a seat on the Lower Colorado Region Water Planning Group (Region K). Mayor Lumpee is a 2014 graduate of Texas AM and has resided in Blanco since 2016. She has been active in the community since her arrival and was elected Mayor for the City of Blanco in May, 2021.

The city of Blanco is a surface water municipality located in the southern portion of Blanco County. Currently, our county is represented by members with experience in groundwater management. The city of Blanco faces some unique challenges as a surface water user. We have experienced water shortage problems several times over the last two years and have a strong vested interest in water planning for the survival of our community. Additionally, the largest amount of growth in Blanco County is occurring in the southern portion of the county. This puts Mayor Lumpee in a unique position to monitor and report on impending development and its potential impact on the water supply that will be necessary to meet these anticipated demands.

Mayor Lumpee will be able to provide valuable input into Region K's planning activities with perspectives that may not be currently represented.

Thank you for all your hard work and your consideration of my nomination. If you have any questions, please contact me at 512-750-6362.

Respectfully,

Connie Barron, Council member
Blanco City Council
Blanco, Texas

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Nomination Information For Walt Smith

LOWER COLORADO REGIONAL WATER PLANNING

GROUP Nomination for Interest Group (check one):

- Public Counties Municipalities Industries Agriculture
 Small Business Water Utilities River Authority Water Districts

Pursuant to official Bylaws and Guiding Principles adopted by the Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group (LCRWPG), nominators shall provide information regarding the nominee's current employer, and provide a description of the nominee's experience that qualifies him/her for the position in the interest group being sought to represent. Please refer to section 357.11 (e) (see *addendum*) of the Texas Administrative Code for the definitions of the interest categories represented on the LCRWPG.

NOMINATOR

NAME: Commissioner Mark Jones
ADDRESS: PO Box 1180, Kyle, TX 78640
PHONE: 512-262-2091 **FAX:** 512-268-1250 **EMAIL:** mark.jones@co.hays.tx.us
OCCUPATION: Hays County Commissioner Precinct 2

NOMINEE

NAME: Commissioner Walt Smith
ADDRESS: 195 Roger Hanks Parkway, Dripping Springs, TX 78620
PHONE: 512-858-7268 **FAX:** 512-858-2655 **EMAIL:** walt.smith@co.hays.tx.us
INTEREST AREA: Counties
COUNTY: Hays
OCCUPATION: Hays County Commissioner Precinct 4

Meet Walt Smith



Walt Smith grew up on a farm. Holding to family tradition, when he was born, Walt was given a calf to start his herd. By the time he was eight, Walt bottle-fed 17 calves every morning before school and every night before bed. The herd grew to 32 when Walt graduated from high school, and he had become a full partner with his father on another 150 head of cattle.

Walt used the proceeds from the cattle he raised to enroll at Texas A&M University. He didn't want to take on student loans, so he worked in livestock sale barns, drove a taxi cab, and became an apprentice electrician to cover costs. After graduating with a bachelor's and master's degree, Walt set out for Washington with little more than an unbridled work ethic and a dream of making a difference.

He was hired by the House Committee on Agriculture for a job that paid so little he had to work odd jobs to make ends meet. After working all day on Capitol Hill, Walt made copies for the federal courts from 6 p.m. to midnight, shoveled snow and worked on a garbage truck on weekends. Through it all, he earned the trust of everyone who hired him, earning promotions and greater responsibility.

When George W. Bush was elected president, Walt went to work for his administration in the Department of Agriculture, tasked with moving the president's priorities through congress. On September 11, 2001, Walt was beginning an interview to receive higher security clearance when news broke of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Washington D.C. Along with the cabinet Secretary, Walt and about 20 others were rushed into a secure underground basement where they spent much of the day. For Walt, this experience would crystalize his devotion to serving a cause greater than himself.

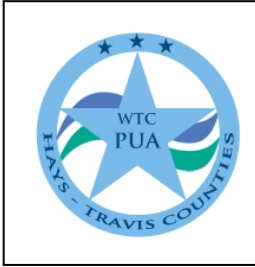
In 2007 and recently married, Walt felt called to begin a consulting practice to help non-profits and job creators cut through the red tape of Washington, solve problems, and improve people's lives. He returned home to Texas to grow his business and raise a family. His first daughter was born in 2008 and two more soon followed.

As founder and president of The Mallard Group, Walt uses his skills, experience, and work ethic to develop non-profit associations and give a voice to those whose voices are seldom heard in government. His signature projects include preserving the hunting and fishing heritage in Texas, protecting local water supplies and improving rural water systems, and advancing food and agricultural research. He also works to promote Texas job growth and support recovery efforts for victims of child sex trafficking.

In addition, Walt serves as Chief Executive Officer for the National Association of Agriculture and Food Policy, Chief Financial Officer for the National Association for the Advancement of Animal Sciences, and previously oversaw strategic outreach for the National Rural Water Association.

Walt currently serves as Secretary/Treasurer on the Board of Directors for West Travis County Public Utility Agency, a non-profit public utility agency that serves over 7,700 retail water customers, and 13 wholesale water customers with an estimated population of over 45,000 people in western Travis and northern Hays Counties.

Active in the community, Walt and his family attend Life Austin Church and are part of the Launch Team for the church's future Dripping Springs location. Walt's local involvement includes the Dripping Springs Education Foundation Board of Directors, Leadership Dripping Springs Steering Committee, Dripping Springs Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee, Christmas on Mercer Fundraising Chairman, and Dripping Springs Wild Game Charitable Dinner Executive Committee. Walt was honored as the 2017 "Lion of the Year" by the Dripping Springs Lions Club, and has volunteered at Walnut Springs Elementary School, and with the Dripping Springs Youth Sports Association.



WEST TRAVIS COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY AGENCY

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Building B, Suite 110
Bee Cave, Texas 78738
Office: 512/263-0100
Fax: 512/263-2289
www.wtcpua.org

September 7, 2021

Region K Members,

Please accept this letter in support of the nomination of Commissioner Walt Smith as a member of the Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group (Region K).

Commissioner Smith is a current director/secretary for the West Travis County Public Utility Agency (WTCPUA) which serves northern Hays County and western Travis County. He has served on the WTCPUA board since February 2020 and is very dedicated to representing the customers of the WTCPUA. Commissioner Smith has a deep understanding of current water needs and issues facing the Central Texas area.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Riechers

General Manager

West Travis County Public Utility Agency

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-R-32

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUDA,
TEXAS SUPPORTING HAYS COUNTY'S NOMINATION OF WALT
SMITH TO SERVE ON THE LOWER COLORADO REGIONAL
WATER PLANNING GROUP (REGION K)**

WHEREAS, the Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group (Region K) was established in 1998 by the Texas Water Development Board to implement state and regional water planning aspects of Senate Bill 1; and;

WHEREAS, the overall goal of Senate Bill 1 was to develop regional and state water plans that will provide for the orderly development, management, and conservation of water resources, and preparation for and response to drought conditions in order that sufficient water will be available at a reasonable cost to ensure public health, safety, and welfare, further economic development, and protect the agricultural and natural resources of the planning area; and

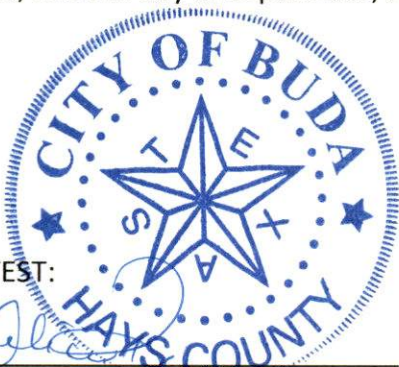
WHEREAS, the Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group is soliciting nominations to fill vacancies in various voting member interest areas; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Hays County desires to nominate Commissioner Walt Smith to serve on the Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group (Region K).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUDA THAT THE CITY SUPPORTS:

1. Hays County's nomination of Commissioner Walt Smith to serve on the Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group.
2. The City of Buda supports the Hays County nomination.
3. The Mayor of Buda is hereby authorized to sign this resolution and the City Clerk to attest thereto on behalf of the City.
4. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on by an affirmative vote of the City Council of the City of Buda, this 7th day of September, 2021.



ATTEST:

Alicia Ramirez
Alicia Ramirez, City Clerk

CITY OF BUDA, TEXAS:

Lee Urbanovsky
Lee Urbanovsky, Mayor

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Countywide Operations
Hays County Government Center
712 S. Stagecoach, Suite 1045
San Marcos, Texas 78666

September 9, 2021

Region K Members,

Attached please find a file marked copy of the Hays County Commissioners Court Agenda for September 7, 2021. Item number 19 on the agenda was to “approve the appointment of Commissioner Walt Smith as the Hays County representative to the Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group (Region K), a five-year term expiring in 2026”.

That motion was passed as evidenced by a copy of the minutes for that item, which are also attached hereto.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tammy Crumley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tammy Crumley
Director
Countywide Operations

Commissioners Court September 7, 2021
 NOTICE OF A MEETING OF THE
 COMMISSIONERS COURT OF HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS



FILED
 HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS
 at 4:24 o'clock P.M.

SEP 03 2021

Elaine H. Cardenas
 COUNTY CLERK

This Notice is posted pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act. (VERNONS TEXAS CODES ANN. GOV. CODE CH.551). The Hays County Commissioners Court will hold a meeting at 9:00 A.M. on the 7th day of September 2021, in the Hays County Courthouse, Room 301, San Marcos, Texas. An Open Meeting will be held concerning the following subjects:

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag & Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time 3-MINUTE comments will be taken from the audience on Non-Agenda related topics. To address the Court, please submit a Public Participation/ Witness Form to the County Clerk. Please Complete the Public Participation/ Witness Form in its Entirety.
 NO ACTION MAY BE TAKEN BY THE COURT DURING PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

1	Adopt a proclamation recognizing Texas State University during National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week, September 13-19, 2021. BECERRA
2	Adopt a Proclamation declaring the month of September 2021 Hunger Action Month in Hays County. JONES/INGALSBE
3	Adopt a Proclamation recognizing Diez y Seis de Septiembre celebrating Mexico's Independence against Spain in 1821. BECERRA
4	Presentation and update regarding the Limited Tax Bonds 2021 Series and Limited Tax Refunding Bonds Taxable Series 2021 bond sale from Hays County's Financial Advisor Dan Wegmiller with Specialized Public Finance, Inc. (SPFI). BECERRA/VILLARREAL-ALONZO

CONSENT ITEMS

The following may be acted upon in one motion.
 A Commissioner, the County Judge, or a Citizen may request items be pulled for separate discussion and/or action.

5	Approve payments of County invoices. VILLARREAL-ALONZO
6	Approve payments of Juror checks. VILLARREAL-ALONZO
7	Approve the payment of United Healthcare claims. VILLARREAL-ALONZO
8	Approve the payment of the September 15, 2021 payroll disbursements in an amount not to exceed \$3,150,000.00 effective September 15, 2021 and post totals for wages, withholdings, deductions and benefits on the Hays County website once finalized. BECERRA/RICHEY
9	Authorize the acceptance of a grant amendment to Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for the COVID-19 Funding related to temporary personnel and amend the budget accordingly. INGALSBE/T.CRUMLEY
10	Authorize payment to FedEx Office for Emergency Rental Assistance Program printing in the amount of \$743.48 in which no purchase order was issued as required per the Hays County Purchasing Policy. BECERRA/T.CRUMLEY
11	Accept a proposal from Beckwith Electronic Systems, LLC in the amount of \$8,390 for repairs needed to the Crestron System in District Courtroom #7 of the Government Center; authorize a discretionary exemption pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 262.024A (7) (D) and amend the budget accordingly. BECERRA/STEEL
12	Approve Utility Permits. INGALSBE/SHELL/BORCHERDING
13	Amend various departmental operating, special revenue and capital project budgets in preparation for Fiscal Year 2021 third quarter financial reporting. INGALSBE/VILLARREAL-ALONZO
14	Authorize the acceptance and execution of the 2022 Texas Victim Information & Notification Everyday (VINE) Program Service Agreement Renewal. BECERRA/T.CRUMLEY
15	Authorize On-Site Sewage Facility Permit for the office building for Summer Moon Coffee at 1800 Elder Hill Road, Driftwood, Texas 78619. SMITH/PACHECO

16	Authorize On-Site Sewage Facility Permit for the office/warehouse building #2 located at 6750 S. Old Bastrop Hwy, San Marcos, Texas 78666. INGALSBE/PACHECO
17	Authorize the renewal of the Hays County Accident Insurance Policy with La Vernia Insurance Agency related to all authorized volunteers at a premium renewal rate of \$300.00. BECERRA/MILLER
18	Approve specifications for IFB 2021-B09 US 290 W - Henly Loop and authorize Purchasing to solicit for bids and advertise. SMITH/BORCHERDING
19	Approve the appointment of Commissioner Walt Smith as the Hays County representative to the Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group (Region K), a five-year term expiring in 2026. JONES/SMITH
20	Authorize the County Judge to execute a First Amendment to the FY 2021 Interlocal Contract for the Next Generation 9-1-1 Database Program with the Capital Area Emergency Communications District (CAECD) for emergency communications Geographic Information Systems (GIS). BECERRA/PACHECO
21	Authorize the execution of an amended Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Hays County and Blanco County regarding a rate change for the housing and care of Hays County inmates from \$45.00 per inmate per day to \$52.00 per inmate per day, effective October 1, 2021. INGALSBE/CUTLER
22	Authorize the County Judge to execute a Contract Amendment with JM Engineer, LLC. related to Traffic Counter Inspection and Maintenance pursuant to RFP 2020-P15. BECERRA/BORCHERDING
23	Approve the Treasurer's and Investment Reports for the Quarter 1, Quarter 2 and Quarter 3 of 2021. BECERRA/RICHEY

ACTION ITEMS

ROADS

24	Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Judge to execute the 5th Letter Amendment for a time extension to a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) between Hays County and Lockwood, Andrews and Newman, Inc. executed on or about October 31, 2017 for Right of Way Service for Dacy Lane, Phase II from Amberwood Loop to Hillside Terrace, road widening and realignment project. INGALSBE/JONES/BORCHERDING
25	Discussion and possible action to call for a public hearing on September 21, 2021 to establish a 4-way stop at the intersection of Green Pastures Drive and Skyview Terrace in Green Pastures subdivision. JONES/BORCHERDING
26	Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Judge to execute an Interlocal Agreement between Hays County and the City of Wimberley relating to the County's RM 12 at RM 3237 Intersection Improvement Project and amend the budget accordingly. SHELL/BORCHERDING
27	Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Judge to execute Contract Amendment No. 1 in the amount of \$39,000 to the Professional Services Agreement between Hays County and LJA Engineering related to right-of-way acquisition services for the Hillside Terrace Safety Improvements (IH35 to FM2001) project in Precinct 2. JONES/BORCHERDING

SUBDIVISIONS

28	PLN-1702-NP, Discussion and possible action to approve the final plat for the Bella Cascata Subdivision. SHELL/MACHACEK
29	PLN-1757-PC; Call for a Public Hearing on September 21, 2021 to discuss final plat approval of the Replat of Lot 4, Los Ranchos Subdivision. SMITH/MACHACEK
30	SUB-1279, Our Place Phase 2 Section 2 (22 Lots). Discussion and possible action to approve final plat and consider granting a variance from Section 721.4.02 of the Hays County Development Regulations. JONES/PACHECO
31	Discussion and possible action to authorize the execution of a Development Agreement between Hays County and Driftwood Golf Club Development, Inc., related to the development of real property located in Precinct 4 of Hays County. SMITH

MISCELLANEOUS

32	Discussion and possible action to approve the selection of Half Associates Inc. to deliver schematic design for the Willow Creek Drainage project, and authorize staff and counsel to negotiate a contract. SHELL
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33	Discussion and possible action to appoint a representative to the Board of Directors of Community Action Inc. of Central Texas to replace Rosalba Merchant. BECERRA
34	Discussion and possible action to authorize a Contract Amendment with Asphalt Inc., LLC. dba Lone Star Paving related to IFB 2021-B11 Road Improvements Remove & Replace Hot Mix pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, Ch. 262.0305, effective Monday, August 22, 2021. SHELL/BORCHERDING
35	Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution Supporting the Submission of a Grant Application by Connected Nation to the St. David's Foundation. SHELL/SMITH
36	Discussion and possible action to accept Proposals from Water & Earth Technologies (WET) related to Low Water Crossing Early Warning System repairs for three sites; authorize a discretionary exemption pursuant to Local Government Code, Ch. 262.024(a)(7)(D) and amend the budget accordingly. INGALSBE/SMITH/JONES
37	Discussion and possible action regarding the use of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (H.R. 1319) allocation. SMITH

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

The Commissioners Court will announce it will go into Executive Session, if necessary, pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, to receive advice from Legal Counsel to discuss matters of land acquisition, litigation, and personnel matters as specifically listed on this agenda. The Commissioners Court may also announce it will go into Executive Session, if necessary, to receive advice from Legal Counsel regarding any other item on this agenda.

38	Executive Session pursuant to Sections 551.071 and 551.072 of the Texas Government Code: consultation with counsel and deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease and/or value of Right of Way located at or near CR 266 in Pct. 1. Possible discussion and/or action may follow in open court. INGALSBE
39	Executive Session pursuant to Sections 551.071 and 551.087 of the Texas Government Code: consultation with counsel and deliberation regarding economic development negotiations associated with Project Deep Golden, Project SUFC, Project Vincere and Project ENF. Possible discussion and/or action may follow in open Court. BECERRA
40	Executive Session pursuant to Sections 551.071 and 551.072 of the Texas Government Code: consultation with counsel and deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease and/or value of real property associated with the POSAC-recommended 2020 Parks and Open Space Bond Projects. Possible discussion and/or action may follow in open court. SHELL
41	Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code: consultation with counsel regarding pending and/or contemplated litigation involving Hays County. Possible action may follow in open court. BECERRA
42	Executive Session pursuant to Sections 551.071 and 551.072 of the Texas Government Code: consultation with counsel and deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease and/or value of real property owned by Hays County located along Yarrington Road, San Marcos in Pct. 1. Possible discussion and/or action may follow in open court. INGALSBE
43	Executive Session pursuant to Sections 551.071 and 551.072 of the Texas Government Code: consultation with counsel and deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange or value of Right of Way along proposed FM110 in Pct 1. Possible discussion and/or action may follow in open court. INGALSBE

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

The Commissioners Court utilizes Standing Agenda Items to address issues that are frequently or periodically discussed in court. This section allows the Court to open the item when a need for discussion arises.

44	Discussion and possible action related to the burn ban and/or disaster declaration. BECERRA
45	Discussion related to the Hays County inmate population, to include current population counts and costs. BECERRA
46	Discussion of issues related to the Hays County Jail, and the planning of projects pertaining to the public safety facilities needs within the County. Possible action may follow. INGALSBE/CUTLER
47	Update from the County Judge and staff regarding the Local Disaster Declaration and COVID-19. Possible discussion and action may follow. BECERRA

ADJOURNMENT

Posted by 5:00 o'clock P.M. on the 3rd day of September, 2021

COMMISSIONERS COURT, HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS

Roxanne Rodriguez

CLERK OF THE COURT



Hays County encourages compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in the conduct of all public meetings. To that end, persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids such as an interpreter for a person who is hearing impaired are requested to contact the Hays County Judge's Office at (512) 393-2205 as soon as the meeting is posted (72 hours before the meeting) or as soon as practical so that appropriate arrangements can be made. While it would be helpful to receive as much advance notice as possible, Hays County will make every reasonable effort to accommodate any valid request regardless of when it is received. Braille is not available.

**36782 APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER WALT SMITH
AS THE HAYS COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LOWER
COLORADO REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP (REGION K), A
FIVE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING IN 2026.**

Dan Lyon made a public comment against the Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group. A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Shell to approve the appointment of Commissioner Walt Smith as the Hays County representative to the Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group (Region K), a five-year term expiring in 2026. All present voted "Aye." MOTION PASSED.

Agenda Item #5

Nomination Information For Emil Uecker

July 1, 2021

Mr. David Van Dresar
Region K Chair
Email address: david@fayettecountygroundwater.com

Dear Mr. Van Dresar

Please accept this email as my notice of resignation from Region K planning group. It has been an honor to serve on the planning group over the years as a county representative. The experience has been very educational and gratifying to know that the State's water future is in such capable hands. The members of the group are all highly knowledgeable and dedicated to the task of insuring that the water needs of the State for future generations will be met.

I would like at this time to nominate my alternate, Mr. Emil Uecker, as my replacement to the planning group. Emil currently serves as County Commissioner for Precinct 2, Blanco County. Emil has been very active in County issues all his life in Blanco County, and will be an excellent choice for agriculture representative on the planning group. Hopefully, the planning group will confirm his appointment.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James Sultemeier". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

James Sultemeier
Email address: jasdjs85@gmail.com

Eatman, Sara

From: Ronald G. Fieseler <manager@blancogw.org>
Sent: Friday, December 3, 2021 11:29 AM
To: Eatman, Sara
Cc: 'Annette Keaveny'; 'Stephanie Moore'; 'David Van Dresar'; 'David Wheelock'; Lutes, Teresa; 'Jim Luther'; 'Paul Sliva'; 'Paul Tybor'
Subject: RE: Nomination for Region K vacancy

Thank you Sara for the quick response.

I knew Emil was recommended by James Sultemeier, but was not sure if he had been officially nominated. If not, I am happy to make that nomination either through the Exec. Committee or in person at the January meeting.

Wishing you and all of Region K a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

See y'all soon!

Ron Fieseler

From: Eatman, Sara <Sara.Eatman@austintexas.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 3, 2021 11:25 AM
Cc: Annette Keaveny <Annette.Keaveny@LCRA.ORG>; 'Stephanie Moore' <smoore@intera.com>; David Van Dresar <david@fayettecountygroundwater.com>; David Wheelock <David.Wheelock@LCRA.ORG>; Lutes, Teresa <Teresa.Lutes@austintexas.gov>; Jim Luther <jluther@burnetcountytexas.org>; 'Paul Sliva' <paulsliva@yahoo.com>; Paul Tybor <ptybor@gmail.com>; Ronald G. Fieseler <manager@blancogw.org>
Subject: Nomination for Region K vacancy

Good morning, Executive Committee.

Mr. Fieseler sent the following questions about the vacancy from James Sultemeier's position (below). I have reached out to Mr. Fieseler to let him know that the EC will consider the nominations to fill current vacancies at the January 6th committee meeting to make a recommendation at the January 36th RWPG meeting and his email will serve as a nomination.

Best,

Sara

Sara Eatman
Water Resources Team (Engineer A)
City of Austin | Austin Water, Systems Planning Division
O: 512-972-0246 ext. 20246 | **C:** 505-362-8026



From: Ronald G. Fieseler <manager@blancogw.org>
Sent: Friday, December 3, 2021 10:54 AM
To: Eatman, Sara <Sara.Eatman@austintexas.gov>
Subject: RE: Upcoming Region K Meetings

*** External Email - Exercise Caution ***

Thanks Sara,

I have another question that you might be able to answer. It is my understanding that the January 26 Region K meeting will include an agenda item to vote on the replacement for James Sultemeier (interest group "Counties" on our Committee. This is a carry over item from the September 15, 2021 meeting. James Sultemeier's Alternate, Emil Uecker, was nominated for that position, but the vote was postponed until the next meeting.

Question #1. Is Emil Uecker still considered "nominated" for that position and thus will be on the "ballot" at the January 26 meeting, or will he have to be nominated a second time?

Question #2. What is the deadline for nominations?

I look forward to hearing back from you on this matter.

Thank you in advance.

Ron Fieseler
(830) 708-5020 cell
Region K voting member representing GMA 9

Agenda Item #5

Nomination Information For Christianne Castleberry

September 26, 2021

Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group (RWPG), Region K
Attn: Stacy Pandey
P.O. Box 220
Austin, TX 78767-0220
Transmitted via email, administrative@regionk.org

Region K Chair, Mr. David Van Dresar
Transmitted via email, david@fayettecountygroundwater.com

**RE: Region K – Water Utilities Representative
 Letter of Interest**

Chair Van Dresar & Region K Members:

In response to John Burke's announcement of resignation and retirement from the Region K RWPG at the last meeting, this letter is to express my interest to serve as the Water Utilities representative. I served as John Burke's Alternate for Water Utilities throughout the last 2016-2020 planning cycle, actively attending individual committee meetings to best learn the regional planning process.

I am a professional engineer with over 26 years of consulting engineering experience providing project management, planning, and design services for public utilities, including water supply and conservation planning, design of water, wastewater and reuse facilities, modeling of hydrology and hydraulics, water utility optimization and other water utility and resources issues. I've had the unique opportunity to support smaller utilities in an extended-staff capacity as District Engineer, gaining appreciation for the full extent of challenges that smaller utilities face.

I've been an active volunteer within the water industry, having served since 2005 on the Board of the Texas Section of the American Water Works Association, a professional organization dedicated to supporting water utilities throughout Texas. Locally, I have served as an appointed member of the 2014 Austin Water Resource Planning Task Force and continue to serve as Commissioner on Austin Water's Water and Wastewater Commission.

Most importantly, I am passionate about the value of water and creating sustainable solutions to protect and conserve our valuable water resources and ensure adequate supplies for generations of Texans to come. The work of the Region K planning group is key to that effort, and I'd appreciate the opportunity to contribute my knowledge and skills, where possible.

Sincerely,



Christianne Castleberry, P.E.

Attachment: Abridged Resume

Christianne Castleberry, P.E.

P.O. Box 40546, Austin, TX 78704 | 512.751.9272 | c.castleberry@castleberryengineering.com

PROFESSIONAL ENDEAVORS

Castleberry Engineering & Consulting, P.L.L.C., 2007-current
HDR Engineering, 1995-2006

EDUCATION

University of California, Davis: M.S., Civil Engineering, 1996; B.S., Civil Engineering, 1994

REGISTRATIONS

Professional Engineer, 1998, California No. 57977, Texas No. 87259

EXPERIENCE

Ms. Castleberry's experience involves planning and design of water, wastewater and reuse facilities, hydrology, hydraulics, and water resources issues. Her background also includes project management, master planning, water conservation and reuse planning, GIS integration, detailed cost analysis and preparation of design plans, specifications, and technical reports. The following projects represent Ms. Castleberry's experience and involvement in Texas:

Lakeway Municipal Utility District

- *Ongoing Annual Water Usage Support for Fiscal Audit Information, TCEQ, TWDB and LCRA Surveys: Water Use Survey(s), Water Loss Audit Reports, Utility Profiles, Water Conservation Annual Reports, 5-Year Water Conservation Plans, and Drought Contingency Plan, 2011-2021.*
- *S-5 Water Recycling Plant Expansion Project, 2020-2021.*
- *W-3 Water Treatment Plant Recovery Facilities & Future Expansion Project, 2021.*
- *Out-of-District Wastewater Project, 2018-2021.*
- *Reclaimed Water Storage Options Study, 2020-2021.*
- *S-4 and S-5 WRP Nitrogen Removal Project(s), 2020.*
- *Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) Amendment, 2018-2020.*
- *B-3 Raw Water Barge Piping Improvements, 2020.*
- *S-4 WRP Permit Renewal, 2019.*
- *Zebra Mussel Control Project, 2018-2019.*
- *Standards Development for Grinder Pump Requirements, 2018.*
- *Land Application S-4 WRP Permit Major Amendment & S-5 WRP Permit Renewal, 2014-2015.*
- *Water Distribution System Modeling and Improvements Design for W-3 Water Treatment Plant Clearwell & High Service Pump Expansion, 2012-2015.*
- *5-Year Capital Improvements Plan and associated Bond Application, 2013.*
- *Odor Control/Biofilter Project, 2011.*
- *Standards Development for Grease Interceptor Requirements, 2011.*
- *M-2 Equipment Warehouse Project, 2011.*
- *W-3 Water Operations Office -LEED Gold, 2010.*
- *System Data Validation Project, 2010.*
- *Geographical Information System Project, 2009-2010.*
- *Water Rate Stabilization and Model, 2009.*
- *Water Rate Design, 2008.*
- *Wastewater Capacity Evaluation, 2008.*
- *Water Capacity Evaluation, 2007.*
- *Database Project, 2008.*
- *S-4 Wastewater Treatment and Water Reclamation System, 2000-2002.*
- *W-3 Water Treatment Plant Clearwell and Disinfection Improvements, 2001.*
- *Water Recycling System Cedar Irrigation Tract 2, 2001.*
- *S-5 Water Reclamation System Expansion & Land Application Permitting Project, 2001.*

City of Cedar Park

- *Raw Water Transmission Surge Analysis, 2005.*
- *Water Treatment Plant Phase 4 Expansion and Improvements, 2002.*
- *Water Treatment Plant Phase 3 Expansion and Improvements, 2000.*

City of Plugerville

- *Raw Water Transmission Surge Analysis, 2005.*
- *Central Wastewater Treatment Plant Risk Management Plan, 2005.*
- *Gilleland Creek Sampling Project, 2005.*
- *Gilleland Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project, 2004.*

Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority

- *Western Canyon Regional Water System, 1999-2005.*

City of Marble Falls

- *Wastewater Treatment Plant Solids Dewatering Facility & Miscellaneous Improvements Project, 2005.*

City of Stephenville

- *Surface Water Supply System Project, 2005.*

Water Reuse Foundation

- *National Database of Water Reuse Facilities, 2005.*

Lower Colorado River Authority

- *Ridge Harbor Water Treatment Plant, 2003.*
- *Upper Lake Travis (South) Regional Water Plan, 2002.*
- *Brushy Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion, 2004–2005.*

Brazos River Authority

- *Williamson County Raw Water Intake and Pipeline, 2000.*

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

American Water Works Association (AWWA):

- *Texas Section AWWA Education Division Chair 2013-Present*
- *Texas Section AWWA Vice-Chair thru Past-Chair 2011-2015*
- *Texas Section AWWA Scholarship Chair 2004-2010*
- *Texas Section AWWA Central Texas Trustee 2005-2009*

INDUSTRY-RELATED COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Austin Water & Wastewater Commission, Vice-Chair (2019-present), Commissioner (2012-present) - *Appointed citizen oversight board for Austin Water's Water and Wastewater Utility to review and make recommendations to the Austin City Council on the utility's policies and activities.*

Austin Water Resource Planning Task Force, 2014 – *Appointed member of 11-member task force tasked to evaluate the City's water needs, make recommendations regarding future water planning, and evaluate potential water resource management scenarios including alternative water sources, conservation, reuse, regional transmission systems and partnerships, groundwater, and aquifer storage.*

HONORS

- *George Warren Fuller Award, AWWA, 2017*
- *Holly A. Cornell National Scholarship, AWWA, 1995*
- *Engineering Honorary Society Tau Beta Pi, 1993*

From: John Burke <johnburke41@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 7:30 PM
To: David Van Dresar (david@fayettecountygroundwater.com)
Cc: Christianne Casleberry
Subject: Christianne Castleberry Nomination

David

This is to nominate Christianne Castleberry as my replacement on the Region K Regional Planning group. She has served as my alternate since 2016. She has attended most of the Planning Group Meetings and many of the committee meetings. She is a registered professional engineer and is familiar with the management, operation, planning and design of water utility systems. She is interested in conserving our water resources and planning for the needed water supply to meet Texas growth. She has been an active volunteer with the Texas Section of the American Water Works Association and other water groups.

She is extremely qualified and I highly recommend her as my replacement.

John



Texas AWWA

American Water Works Association

September 26, 2021

Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group (RWPG), Region K
Attn: Stacy Pandey
P.O. Box 220
Austin, TX 87867-0220

Region K Chair and Members,

Please accept this letter in support of Christianne Castleberry to represent water utilities as a member of the Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group (Region K).

In her professional career, Ms. Castleberry provides engineering services for water utilities and is familiar with management, operation, water supply planning and design of water systems. Outside of her career, she has a long history of volunteer involvement related to water supply and utility needs.

Ms. Castleberry has shown her commitment to supporting Texas utilities through the Texas Section of the American Water Works Association, her service for the past 9 years as Commissioner on the City of Austin Water & Wastewater Commission, member of the 2014 City of Austin Water Resources Planning Task Force to address water supply options during the last major drought, and as John Burke's alternate during the last planning cycle of the Region K RWPG.

She has demonstrated committed leadership for numerous years on the Texas Section AWWA board as Central Texas Trustee (4 years), Scholarship Committee Chair (7 years), Education Division Chair (8 years), and 4 years at the executive committee level (Vice-Chair through Past-Chair, 2011-2015). Prior to that, she served at the executive committee level of the TAWWA Capital Area Chapter (2000-2005).

In my nearly 25-year tenure with Texas AWWA, few have matched Christianne's commitment to the water community. Her understanding of the larger water issues, her dogged persistence in finding the best outcomes for all, and her unique skills in navigating the sometimes 'choppy waters' to ensure the availability of our most precious resource gives me full confidence in my recommendation for Ms. Castleberry to represent the utilities of Region K.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely

Mike Howe, Executive Director
Texas AWWA

LAKEWAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT



September 23, 2021

Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group (RWPG), Region K
Attn: Stacy Pandey
P.O. Box 220
Austin, TX 78767-0220

Region K Members,

Please accept this letter in support of Christianne Castleberry to represent water utilities as a member of the Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group (Region K).

For well over a decade, Ms. Castleberry has provided engineering services in an extended-staff capacity as District Engineer for Lakeway MUD (LMUD) and she is familiar with management, operation, planning and design of water utility systems. She has provided LMUD with ongoing water conservation support, including water conservation planning and annual state water usage and loss reporting and has a good understanding of water resource challenges in the Central Texas area.

Ms. Castleberry's involvement supporting Texas utilities through the Texas Section of the American Water Works Association, service to other local water boards, and as Alternate for John Burke on Region K throughout the last planning cycle is indicative that she would continue to do her best to represent Central Texas water utilities as a voting member of the Region K RWPG.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Earl Foster".

Earl Foster

General Manager
Lakeway Municipal Utility District

Agenda Item #5

Nomination Information For Jason Homan



**TRAVIS COUNTY
WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO.17
3812 ECK LANE • AUSTIN, TEXAS 78734
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November 19th, 2021

LCRA

Attn: Annette Keaveny, Region K

P.O.Box 220

Austin, TX 78767-0220

RE: Nomination for Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group Member

To Whom It May Concern,

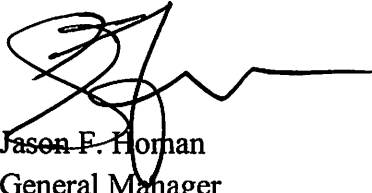
My name is Jason F. Homan and I am the General Manager of Water Control and Improvement District No. 17 (WCID No. 17) in Travis County. This utility provides water and sanitary sewer services for approximately 45,000 residents in and around the South Lake Travis area. I am writing to express my interest in the nomination process for the Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group, Region K, membership; representing the water utilities interest group.

In my role as the General Manager of WCID No. 17, as well as a steering committee member and serving officer of the Highland Lakes Firm Water Customer Cooperative (HLFWCC), I am extremely familiar with and well versed in the issues municipal firm water providers are seeing as we project the development and needs of the areas we serve. The process of projecting area growth, associated water demand, gains through conservation and other mitigating methods is a passion of mine. I firmly believe that planning for the future with clearly identifiable and measurable goals is the key to the long-term success of any water management plan.

In my time as the General Manager here at WCID No. 17, we have designed and commenced over \$44 million in modernization and conservation projects. These will both upgrade our current systems, while also ensuring we are maximizing our existing raw water needs and conserving raw water demand for future generations. Through the upgrades and expansion of our water treatment facilities, WCID No.17 will ensure we are reusing 99% of all raw water drawn from the Highland Lakes. Our system-wide conversion to AMI meters will allow greater customer interface, encouraging in-home conservation and most importantly it will allow the rapid tracking and elimination of leaks before they become major sources of water loss. The investment in the reuse of effluent water for public right-of-way and common area watering will eliminate up to 270 million gallons of potable water use each year. Through these projects, we are making a measurable investment in the future of not just the water resources of WCID No. 17, but all Highland Lakes water utilities.

Based upon my experience as a local area Utility General Manager, my close partnership with nine of the firm water Utilities on the Highland Lakes through the HLFWCC, and the measurable difference I am helping my District to make on a day to day basis in the areas on water conservation and planning, I believe I would be a strong asset to the water planning group. I will do my very best to represent the perspective of the water utility industry by providing the best possible input and feedback to assist the planning group in its mission as we work together to craft the 2026 regional water plan. Please feel free to reach out to me directly if you have any follow-up questions or concerns. Additionally, I have included a copy of my resume for your review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason F. Homan', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jason F. Homan
General Manager

JASON F. HOMAN

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(737) 299-1603

GENERAL MANAGER / CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Executive Team Management / Resource Allocation and Optimization / Business Optimization

Highly experienced senior executive career leader and success-oriented team catalyst. Over 15 years of direct experience and engagement in executive-level management and strategic workforce development methodology.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Safety Culture
- Financial Planning
- Business Planning and Analysis
- Leadership Mentoring & Development
- Operational Planning & Execution
- Process Improvement

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

General Manager / Chief Executive Officer

Travis County Water Control and Improvement District No. 17

2017 – Present

As the Chief Executive Officer for a municipal water and wastewater utility, responsible for all administrative and operational functions including municipal water production, water conservation, wastewater processing and recycling, equipment and facilities management, personnel management, customer service, strategic planning, and legal compliance. Administers a general operating fund budget of \$22 million, numerous major construction projects, and a staff of 99 personnel. A results-driven chief executive officer with over 4 years of experience leading and increasing growth in business, operations, and planning.

- Implemented an in-depth business practice review resulting in business-wide improvements to financial planning, budgeting, purchasing, and expense reporting procedures. This comprehensive restructuring achieved the following:
 - A three-year compounded annual revenue growth rate of 5.39%
 - A three-year compounded annual expense growth rate of 0.6%, Achieved while increasing the employee base by over 20%.
 - Increased capital reserves by \$19.7 million in the same three-year period while completing over \$15 million in planned projects.
- Designed and implemented a fee-driven funding structure for a previously unanticipated \$12 million water line replacement project. Resulting in savings of \$5 million to area rate and taxpayers.
- Implementing over \$44 million in modernization and conservation projects.
 - Increasing production capacity by 22% while ensuring 99% of all raw source water is recycled.
 - Investments in the re-use of effluent water for public right-of-way and common area watering that are eliminating up to 270 million gallons of potable water use each year.

Department Head/Management-Strategic Planning and Operations

Naval Station Everett, Washington

2015 – 2016

Director and Program Lead for 14 diverse programs across a cross-functional shore installation and deployable workforce. Provided expert leadership, scheduling, planning, and management for a staff comprised of more than 60 military members servicing a client base of over 10,000 employees and their family members annually.

- Providing critical senior leadership to a failing department, quickly instituted training and mentorship programs that enabled junior team members to flourish through skill development and task completion, all while developing senior supervisors' ability to motivate and develop their personnel.
- Resulted in a 100% promotion rate of eligible personnel, 8 individuals being recognized as employees of the quarter/year, and a highly successful external audit.

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- Completely revamped and reenergized the organization’s mid-level leadership and management training curriculum, fostering a collaborative area-wide approach to reinforcing Leadership, Management, and Organizational goals.

Program Director/Management – Maintenance, Operations, and Chemical Laboratory

USS Nimitz, Everett, Washington

2013 – 2015

Director and Program Lead for 26 diverse programs across a cross-functional world-wide deployable workforce of 115 staff members.

- Directed all water chemistry, radiochemistry, radiological control, and radioactive material accountability programs involved with operating two nuclear power plants and associated laboratories.
- Revitalized core personnel, business, operational planning, and production competencies that had gone dormant. Improved personnel leadership programs to instill a sense of pride and fairness into all employees. Turned a previously dysfunctional organization into a highly efficient, productive, and award-winning organization.
- Ability to affect organizational change resulted in a highly successful outside audit of all programs showing 100% compliance with regulatory requirements.
- Led the highly successful project management of 16 time-critical, complex maintenances, and testing items with 100% completion, ahead of the projected timeline. Utilizing superb time management, team scheduling and advanced training techniques ensured successful work completion while meeting 100% of operational capabilities.
- Led the integration of the Navy’s newest Computerized Maintenance Management systems to achieve an unprecedented 100% compliance rating throughout an arduous Maintenance Management inspection.

Program Manager/Organizational Management/Master Trainer/Program Development

Commander Naval Air Forces, San Diego California

2010 - 2013

Manager for 26 diverse programs across a cross-functional workforce comprised of 12 nuclear propulsion plants independently operating throughout the Pacific Fleet.

- Primary liaison between the operations and maintenance leadership of 6 nuclear-powered aircraft carriers, private contractors, and Naval Reactors. Directed all remote technical assistance, leadership, and training in the areas of water chemistry and radiological controls, leadership, casualty response, maintenance, and testing across all Pacific Fleet Aircraft Carriers.
- Conducted 13 regulatory and safety audits for 12 nuclear power plants and laboratories resulting in the successful performance of over 20 annual regulatory inspections.
- Performed extensive data analysis and prepared over 48 quarterly and 12 annual reports to regulatory agencies (DoD, EPA, OSHA, DoE).

WORK HISTORY

Travis County Water Control and Improvement District No. 17

2017 – Present

United States Navy – Active Duty –Master Chief (E9)

1996 – 2016

MEMBERSHIPS

Highland Lakes Firm Water Customer Cooperative (HLFWCC)

Treasurer

American Water Works Association (AWWA)

Member

Texas AWWA

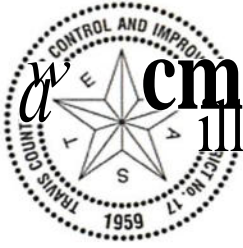
Member

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science Degree, Thomas Edison State College, Trenton, NJ – 2008

Advanced Leadership and Management, Leadership Training School, Ballston Spa NY – 2007

Certified Master Training Specialist – 2005



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December 6, 2021

LCRA

Attn: Annette Keaveny, Region K

P.O.Box 220

Austin, TX 78767-0220

RE: Letter of Support for Jason F. Homan Nomination for Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group Member

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Jeffrey Roberts and I am the President of the Board of Directors for Travis County Water Control and Improvement District No. 17 (WCID No. 17). I am writing in support of the nomination of Jason F. Homan for the Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group, Region K, membership; representing the water utilities interest group.

In his role as the General Manager of WCID No. 17, Mr. Homan has been a consistent force for positive change and modernization. He is strongly committed to ensuring the reliable supply of source water to the customers of all firm water utilities up and down the Highland Lakes. He has involved himself in the community through partnerships with area utilities, local chambers of commerce, and emergency service departments to ensure he clearly understands the needs of all groups in the community. In doing so he has helped to chart a path forward for WCID No.17 that will prioritize conservation and maximization of resources, while also allowing future development to take place.

Mr. Homan has been a boon to WCID No. 17 through his relentless drive and commitment to anticipate, meet and exceed the challenges water utilities encounter. He has faithfully served the rate and taxpayers of WCID No. 17 providing innovative solutions to growth planning for existing and future demand projections. I believe he would be a strong asset to the Water Planning Group and would be able to represent the water utility industry and most importantly the taxpayers it serves. He has my strongest possible recommendation for selection for this role.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Roberts
President, Board of Directors
Travis County WCID No. 17

LC Mitchell Group

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December 7, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

I have had the distinct pleasure of working with Jason Homan for over 4 years while I was Executive Director of the Lake Travis Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Homan is an incredibly knowledgeable and passionate individual and would be an essential asset to the Texas Water Development Board.

When working with Mr. Homan at the Chamber, we discussed and tackled water issues as it related to the business community. He always participated in such a collaborative and respectful manner to address complex issues with local and regional elected officials and staff, police and fire departments, and the school district among others.

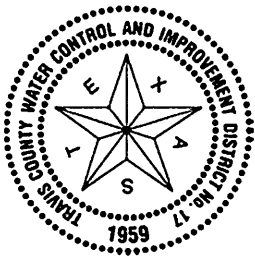
In Mr. Homan's short time at WCID #17, he has made significant advancements that prove he has the in-depth knowledge and implementation processes to yield substantial results benefiting the community and ensuring the area has sustainable water for many, many years to come.

Based on my observations and working relationship with Jason Homan, I believe he has the knowledge, expertise, organizational management and passion to be an ideal candidate for the Texas Water Development Board. My role as Executive Director was more productive because of our work together.

Sincerely,



Laura Mitchell, IOM
Principal
LC Mitchell Group



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December 6, 2021

LCRA

Attn: Annette Keaveny

Region K

P.O. Box 220

Austin, TX 78767-0220

**RE: Letter of Support for Jason F. Homan Nomination for Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning
Group Member**

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Mickey Decker-Mitchell and I am the Vice President of the Board of Directors for Travis County Water Control and Improvement District #17 (WCID17). I am happily writing in support of the nomination of Jason F. Homan for the Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group, Region K, membership; representing the Water Utilities Interest Group.

I've read Director Robert's recommendation and this would be in addition to all he has said. Mr. Homan, our General Manager/CEO has been a constant since he arrived at WCID17. He entered this entity running and hasn't stopped. He has been an absolute constant as an outstanding human being, manager, and community leader,

Jason has proven his ability to assess this municipality, one department/supervisor/employee at a time, and prioritize their existing performances for our municipality, customers. and communities. After concluding his assessments, he prepares a suggested solution. We have improved many of this District's policies as a result. I don't recall any of his suggestions that the Board has disagreed with. He has the uncanny ability to look at a situation, dissect it and visualize any improvements that may be needed.

Jason is a very detailed individual in every way. He also can speak to whatever subject is at hand and to the room he is addressing. He exceeds this Board's expectations every day. In my opinion, Jason would be an asset to LCRA's Regional Planning Group. WCID17 would happily share the abilities this young man has to offer, to ensure the best service and water quality we all seek to provide for the people who live and visit our beautiful Texas communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mickey Decker-Mitchell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mickey Decker-Mitchell
Vice President, Board of Directors
Travis County, WCID17



Lake Travis Fire Rescue

Travis County Emergency Services District No. 6

December 3, 2021

RE: Jason F. Homan Nomination for Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Robert B. Abbott and I am the Fire Chief/CEO of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 6 (TCESD6) / Lake Travis Fire Rescue. I am writing in support of the nomination of Jason F. Homan for the Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group, Region K, membership; representing the water utilities interest group.

I have come to know Mr. Homan through his work as the general manager of Water Control & Improvement District No. 17 (WCID17) in addition to a number of collaborative projects and real-world challenges both of our organizations navigated together during the 2021 Storm Uri emergency response period.

As fire chief, I will attest that without the leadership and expertise of Mr. Homan, the level of service the fire district is capable of providing would be reduced. The areas which are serviced by both TCESD6 and WCID17 maintain excellent Insurance Services Office (ISO) Class 2/3 ratings. The rating is comprised of 60% fire district capacity and 40% water infrastructure and maintenance and serves as a testament to a utility leader's ability to manage a safe and reliable operation. The end result to our shared communities is lower insurance ratings on residential insurance premiums and enhanced leveraging during larger economic development projects. Mr. Homan is an active supporter of ensuring our emergency service needs relating to providing fire flow, access, and responsiveness allows us to safely and effectively service the citizens.

During the Storm Uri response, Mr. Homan assisted in the response and recovery efforts throughout the community by serving as a 24/7 resource on matters of public utility and re-establishing services. His insight and strategic considerations early on in our process was vital in ensuring all the local providers were working together to better serve the end users. I feel Mr. Homan would provide the planning group an excellent balance of executive insight and real-world operational experience. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me. Direct line: 512-266-2533 Ex. 7429 or email: rabbott@ltfr.org.

Sincerely,

Robert Abbott
Fire Chief

Item 6 - New Member Resources

Draft New Member Document

Thank you for your participation in the Region K water supply planning process as a member of the Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group (LCRWPG or Region K). Texas water planning relies on the engagement of planning group members in state-wide efforts to plan for reliable water resources around the state.

This form is to collect relevant information about you as a member of the LCRWPG. We appreciate you providing this information as a support to the planning process.

Member name:
Preferred email address:
Preferred mailing address:
Preferred phone number:

Representation

As a member of Region K, you were elected to represent an interest category as well as a geographic area. Please specify your elected interest category.

Interest category:

Please indicate the county you were elected to represent with an “E” and also indicate with a “check mark” other counties that describe a broader area you may also represent through your membership on the LCRWPG:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Bastrop	<input type="checkbox"/>	Llano
<input type="checkbox"/>	Burnet	<input type="checkbox"/>	Matagorda
<input type="checkbox"/>	Blanco	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mills
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Description (if required):

Communication

LCRWPG operates in compliance with Texas Open Meetings Act, LCRWPG Bylaws, and Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) rules. Here are a few key points about communications from the LCRWPG and the open meetings act as it applies to regional water planning:

- Meeting agendas will be posted on the Region K website and on the Secretary of State website a minimum of 7 calendar days before each LCRWPG and committee meeting. Members will receive an email with the agenda.
- Meeting materials, including presentations and handouts, will be posted on the Region K website and provided to all planning group members at least 72 hours in advance of LCRWPG and committee meetings. Members will receive an email/mailed packet with the meeting materials.
- Meetings require a quorum for action to be taken, which is a majority of total voting member positions, including absent members.
- Discussions of RWPG business should not be conducted between members outside of the LCRWPG meetings in either one or a series of communications, where a quorum of the LCRWPG or a quorum of any of the LCRWPG committees may be involved in the conversation.

Packets will be provided digitally for your convenience, unless you indicate that you would like a printed paper packet to be mailed to you.

- I would like to receive meeting information digitally.
 - I would prefer to have a printed packet mailed to me.

Training and Resources

Texas Open Meetings Act

As a member of a Regional Water Planning Group, it is **required** by TWDB that you attend Texas Open Meetings Act training. The training is available online in a 1 hour video from the Texas Attorney General's office. There is also a reference document available to download:

<https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open-government/governmental-bodies/pia-and-oma-training-resources/open-meetings-act-training>

- I have taken the Texas Open Meetings Act Training

Date:

LCRWPG (Region K)

The LCRWPG (Region K) has a website with upcoming meetings, current membership information, committee membership, the bylaws, helpful links, and the current Lower Colorado Regional Water Plan.

www.regionk.org

Texas Water Development Board

Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) has extensive Regional and State water planning information on their website, including a resource page for new RWPG members.

<https://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/regions/newmembers.asp>

Other useful links from TWDB:

Water Planning Rules and Statutes: <https://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/rules/index.asp>

Water Planning Data Dashboard:

<https://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/data/dashboard/index.asp>

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