

Meeting Date: April 20, 2022

Staff Contact: Elizabeth Anderson, Chief Planning Officer

**TITLE: C-22-14 - Appointment to the Technical Customer Advisory Committee**

**ACTION: Recommend Approval**

**SUMMARY:**

The Technical Customer Advisory Committee (TCAC) was established in 2006 to assist in and facilitate public review and discussion of Water Authority policies, plans and programs. The TCAC was established as a professional/ technical group of volunteers to represent the five core functional areas of operating a water and wastewater utility. This group is intended to provide outside expertise in best practices and private sector applications for continuous business improvement.

At the March 2022 meeting, the Chair announced that there was a vacancy on the committee and that an online application was posted for customers who may be interested in serving on this technical committee. Board members were informed that if they know of anyone interested that they should apply on the Water Authority’s website. In addition, a notice was placed on the Water Authority website’s front page.

Only one qualified nominee applied and the recommendation was forwarded to the Chair, who through this communication is forwarding the nomination to the Board for confirmation. Jitka Dekojova is recommended for confirmation. Below is a summary of the nominee background.

Jitka Dekojova

Ms. Dekojova, ASLA, SITES AP, is trained as a landscape architect and an environmental planner. She is well equipped to balance both aesthetics and ecology in landscape design to create resilient landscapes. Her emphasis on low impact development and green stormwater infrastructure brought her to ongoing collaboration with several public agencies, including the New Mexico Department of Transportation. Jitka serves as ASLA (The American Society of Landscape Architects) trustee representing New Mexico chapter and teaches at the University of New Mexico. She works at Dekker/Perich/Sabatini – a multi-disciplinary design firm with offices in AZ, NM and TX. She writes for Zahrada Park Krajina, a Czech landscape architecture magazine and enjoys hiking, wine tasting and aimless travelling.

**CURRENT MEMBERS:**

Member	Category	Term Expiration
Ron Schwarzwaldner	Water System Operations	Jun-22

Jingjing Wang	Resource Economics	Dec-22
Mark Begay	Customer Service / Stakeholder Engagement	Oct-23
Robert Fowlie	Water System Engineering	Jun-23
Erwin Melis	Water Resource Planning	Jun-23
John Fleck	Non-profit Water Management Advocacy/Education	Feb-24
Vacant	Landscape Architecture	
Deborah Dixon	Financial/Business Management	May-22
Paul van Gulick	Water System Engineering	May-22

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None