
Meeting Date: December 4, 2018
Staff Contact: Frank Roth, Senior Policy Manager

TITLE: C-18-37 - Reappointment 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 to provide a professional/ technical group of volunteer individuals who 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.

Janie Chermak has completed her first term and is eligible to be reappointed to a second two-year term. Staff recommends that Ms. Chermak continue to serve on the TCAC. Below is a summary of her professional and academic background.

Janie Chermak

Janie Chermak is a professor in the Department of Economics and former chair of the department. She is an applied micro economist who specializes in natural resource economics research. She earned a MSc. and a PhD in Mineral Economics from the Colorado School of Mines and a BA in geology from Western State College. Prior to earning her graduate degrees she was a practicing geologist focusing on uranium exploration and natural gas exploration and development. Before joining the faculty at the University of New Mexico in 1995, she was a member of the faculty at the Naval Postgraduate School. Since joining UNM her research has focused on various aspects of resource economics ranging from consumer issues in water, to common pool problems in water and in invasive species, to efficient production of fossil fuels and the tradeoffs between energy/water futures. Her work is interdisciplinary in nature and often incorporates aspects of the physical sciences within a dynamic optimization framework. This results in work that advances the discipline, provides learning tools for students, and provides improved information for policymakers.

CURRENT MEMBERS:

Member	Category	Term Expiration
Ege Richardson	Water System Engineering	6/2019
Michael Hightower	Water Resource Planning	6/2019
Dave Hill	Financial/Business Management	3/2020
Scott Verhines	Water System Engineering	3/2020
Janie Chermak	Resource Economics	10/2018
Andrew Bernard	Landscape Architecture	12/2018
Melissa Armijo	Customer Service / Stakeholder Engagement	5/2019
Amy Miller	Non-profit Water Management Advocacy/Education	8/2019
Ron Schwarzwald	Water System Operations	6/2020

FISCAL IMPACT:

None