



Meeting Date: December 13, 2023

Staff Contact: Mark Kelly, Water Resources Division Manager

TITLE: C-23-25 – 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 the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility 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.

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.

Qualified nominations were compiled and forwarded to the Chair, who through this communication is forwarding the nomination to the Board for confirmation. Dr. Kerry Howe is recommended for confirmation. Below is a summary of the nominee.

Dr. Kerry Howe

Dr. Kerry J. Howe is the owner of Howe Water Science, LLC, a specialty consulting firm focused on addressing water quality and water treatment challenges. He is a Distinguished Professor Emeritus in environmental engineering from the University of New Mexico and was the Director of UNM's Center for Water and the Environment. He has over 35 years of experience in the water treatment industry including both consulting and academic experience, is a registered professional engineer, and is board certified by the American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists. He has conducted extensive research on reverse osmosis. He is the lead author of the textbook Principles of Water Treatment and a co-author of the book MWH's Water Treatment: Principles and Design, the two most prominent textbooks in the field of water treatment. His degrees in civil and environmental engineering include a BS from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, an MS from the University of Texas at Austin, and a PhD from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

CURRENT MEMBERS:

| Member | Category | Term Expiration |
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| Jill Peterson | Environmental / Wastewater System Engineering | Oct-25 |
| Anjali Mulchandani | Water Resource Planning | Oct-25 |
| Donald Lopez | Water Systems Operations | Dec- 25 |
| Jingjing Wang | Resource Economics | Vacant |
| Mark Begay | Customer Service / Stakeholder Engagement | Oct-25 |
| John Fleck | Non-profit Water Management Advocacy/Education | Feb-24 |
| Jitka Dekojova | Landscape Architecture | Apr-24 |
| Deborah Dixon | Financial/Business Management | May-24 |
| Paul van Gulick | Water System Engineering | May-24 |

FISCAL IMPACT:

None