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Meeting Date: August 21, 2024

Staff Contact: Mark Kelly, Water Resources Division Manager

**TITLE: C-24-24 – Appointments 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 (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.

The Chair announced that there were two vacancies 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 nominations to the Board for confirmation. Mario Nuño-Whelan and Brian Freeman are recommended for confirmation. Below is a summary of the nominees.

Mario Nuño-Whelan

Mr. Nuño-Whelan is currently a Landscape Architect with the Pland Collaborative. He is interested in low-impact development and green stormwater infrastructure. Mr. Nuño-Whelan has a master's degree in Landscape Architecture from the University of Arizona. His areas of expertise include Landscape Architecture, Non-profit Water Management Advocacy, Environmental, and Planning.

Brian Freeman

Mr. Freeman is currently the NM Corporate Services Site Operations Manager with Intel. At Intel he has been involved with Facilities, Operations, and Construction. Mr. Freeman has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from New Mexico State University.

His areas of expertise include Water System Engineering or Construction, Environmental, Water Resource Planning, Financial/Business Management, Resource Economics, and Customer Service.

**CURRENT TCAC MEMBERS:**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Term Expiration</b>
Jill Peterson	Environmental / Wastewater System Engineering	Oct-25
Anjali Mulchandani	Water Resource Planning	Oct-25
Donald Lopez	Water Systems Operations	Dec- 24
Kerry Howe	Resource Economics	Jan-26
Mark Begay	Customer Service / Stakeholder Engagement	Oct-25
John Fleck	Non-profit Water Management Advocacy/Education	Feb-26
Elias Archuleta	Water System Engineering	Jun - 26
Vacant		
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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None