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Meeting Date: March 23, 2016  
Staff Contact: Frank Roth, Senior Policy Manager

**TITLE: C-16-6 - 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 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.

At the January 2016 meeting, the Chair announced that there were vacancies on the committee and that an online application was created 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. There are two vacancies on the TCAC.

Qualified nominations were compiled and forwarded to the Chair who through this communication is forwarding the nominations to the Board for confirmation. David Hill and Scott Verhines are recommended for confirmation. The two nominees are highly qualified and certified in their field of work. Below is a summary of nominee's professional and academic background.

- Dave Hill representing financial/business management
- Scott Verhines representing water system engineering

David Hill

Mr. Hill has practiced commercial real estate since 1996 and joined NAI Maestas & Ward in 2003. Prior to beginning his real estate career, Dave spent 13 years as an executive sales engineer for Square D Company, one of the nation's largest electrical manufacturing firms. In 1982, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Arizona. He worked on Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan and served as committee chair of the Urban Users and Business advocacy group.

Scott Verhines

Mr. Verhines is a registered professional engineer with over 38 years of experience focusing on water resource, transportation and drainage/flood control projects. Before

serving as NM State Engineer from 2011-2014, he was the program manager for twelve years at Eastern NM Rural Water Authority and oversaw a \$500 million regional water supply project. He has Masters degrees in Civil Engineering and in Business Administration.

A total of nine applicants were received since January 2016. In addition to the two listed and recommended above, seven applications were submitted. The other applicants included:

- Kevin Patton, consulting civil engineer
- David Esparza, consulting civil engineer
- Greg Lach, former manufacturing engineer
- Mark Clark, community health coordinator
- Anna Garcia, medical administrator
- Gwyneth Ables, water quality public policy advocate
- Michael Jensen, urban waters education coordinator

**CURRENT MEMBERS:**

Member	Category	Term Expiration
Ege Richardson	Water System Engineering	6/2017
Michael Hightower	Water Resource Planning	6/2017
Elaine Hebard	Customer Service	6/2017
Laura McCarthy	Non-profit Water Management Advocacy/Education	6/2017
Amy Ewing	Water Resource Planning	4/2016
Laurie Firor	Landscape Architecture	9/2016
David Brookshire	Resource Economics	8/2016
Vacant		
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**FISCAL IMPACT:** None