



Meeting Date: June 26, 2019
Staff Contact: Frank Roth, Senior Policy Manager

TITLE: C-19-22 - 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 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 May 2019 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.

Qualified nominations were compiled and forwarded to the Chair, who through this communication is forwarding the nomination to the Board for confirmation. Robert Fowlie and Erwin Melis are recommended for confirmation. Below is a summary of the nominees' background.

Robert Fowlie

Mr. Fowlie is an associate and client service leader at CDM Smith Inc. with responsibility for public sector projects in New Mexico. He has over 32 years of experience in the planning, design, and construction of water and wastewater systems including treatment plants, booster and lift stations, pipelines, wells, distribution systems, and conveyance systems. He has worked in both the public and private sector in many parts of the United States. His specific areas of expertise include water and wastewater system planning and design, pipelines, and conveyance systems, and construction management. He is a registered professional engineer in New Mexico, Texas, California, and Washington State and also a Board Certified Environmental Engineer in Water Supply and Wastewater.

Erwin Melis

Mr. Melis is a Senior Hydrogeologist at John Shomaker & Associates, Inc. where he has worked for the past 12 years. His responsibilities include project supervision, proposal writing, technical review, water resource and well performance evaluation, well design and testing, and hydrogeology research. Mr. Melis has a BS in Geology, a MS in Geology from New Mexico Tech, and a PhD in Structural Geology. He is a registered geologist in

California and Idaho. He is also a member of the Geological Society of America, the National Groundwater Association, the American Water Resource Association, and the American Institute of Professional Geologists

A total of five applicants were received through the online application. The other three applicants are listed below.

- Nathan Roberts, water system engineer
- Onastine Jaramillo, health insurance guidance and marketing
- William Turner, water rights validation consultant

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	4/2020
Scott Verhines	Water System Engineering	4/2020
Janie Chermak	Resource Economics	12/2020
Andrew Bernard	Landscape Architecture	1/2021
Melissa Armijo	Customer Service / Stakeholder Engagement	5/2021
Amy Miller	Non-profit Water Management Advocacy/Education	8/2019
Ron Schwarzwald	Water System Operations	6/2020

FISCAL IMPACT:

None