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Meeting Date: April 22, 2020

Staff Contact: Elizabeth Anderson, P.E., Chief Planning Officer

**TITLE: C-20-7 - 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 February 2020 TCAC meeting, it was 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. Deborah Dixon and Paul van Gulick are recommended for confirmation. Below is a summary of the nominees' background.

Deborah Dixon

Ms. Dixon is a registered professional engineer with over 40 years of experience in a range of business management, leadership, project management, water policy management, design, and construction roles. Before serving as Director of the Interstate Stream Commission from 2015-2017, she was a senior vice president with Bohannon Houston, Inc. She currently serves as president of DKD Engineering, Inc. She has bachelor's and master's degrees in Civil Engineering with an emphasis in Water Resources.

Paul van Gulick

Mr. Van Gulick is a registered professional engineer with over 35 years of experience focusing on a projects in a variety of engineering fields, including water resource, civil engineering, hydraulics and hydrology projects. He previously served as the program manager for the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water Authority. He has Bachelors degrees in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering and Surveying. He has a master's degree Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. He is a retired licensed surveyor.

A total of three applications were received through the online application. The other applicant is listed below.

- Mary Suzanne Busch, water system engineer

**CURRENT MEMBERS:**

| <b>Member</b>      | <b>Category</b>                                | <b>Term</b> | <b>Term Expiration</b> |
|--------------------|--|-------------|------------------------|
| Ron Schwarzwaldner | Water System Operations                        | 1           | 6/2020                 |
| Janie Chermak      | Resource Economics                             | 2           | 9/2020                 |
| Melissa Armijo     | Customer Service / Stakeholder Engagement      | 2           | 5/2021                 |
| Robert Fowlie      | Water System Engineering                       | 1           | 6/2021                 |
| Erwin Melis        | Hydrogeologist                                 | 1           | 6/2021                 |
| Amy Miller         | Non-profit Water Management Advocacy/Education | 2           | 8/2021                 |
| Tess Houle         | Landscape Architecture                         | 1           | 3/2022                 |

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None