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Meeting Date: June 20, 2018  
Staff Contact: Frank Roth, Senior Policy Manager

**TITLE: C-18-19 - 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 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 2018 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. Also, there was an article in the Albuquerque Journal regarding the vacancy.

Qualified nominations were compiled and forwarded to the Chair, who through this communication is forwarding the nomination to the Board for confirmation. Ron Schwarzwald is recommended for confirmation. Below is a summary of the nominee's background.

Ron Schwarzwald

Mr. Schwarzwald is lifelong water professional with experience in all phases of water treatment, storage and delivery. He has lived in Albuquerque since 2008 after retiring as Assistant Commissioner in charge of over 600 million gallons per day treatment capacity for the City of Cleveland Water Division. He also developed a facilities master plan for all Cleveland treatment and pumping facilities. Throughout his career, he has advised in system optimization, asset management and operability tools to various water and wastewater utilities. He also served as International President of American Water Works Association and received several AWWA achievement awards. He would like to use his experience and knowledge of water systems to advise the Water Authority.

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

- David Jordan, professional hydrogeologist

- John Pietz, professional chemical engineer
- Paul van Gulick, professional engineer and surveyor
- Tom Lindley, environment and natural resources attorney

**CURRENT MEMBERS:**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Term Expiration</b>
Ege Richardson	Water System Engineering	6/2019
Michael Hightower	Water Resource Planning	6/2019
Dave Hill	Financial/Business Management	3/2020
Scott Verhines	Water System Engineering	3/2020
Janie Chermak	Resource Economics	10/2018
Andrew Bernard	Landscape Architecture	12/2018
Melissa Armijo	Customer Service / Stakeholder Engagement	5/2019
Amy Miller	Non-profit Water Management Advocacy/Education	8/2019
Vacant	Water System Operations	

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None