
Meeting Date: October 20, 2021

Staff Contact: Elizabeth Anderson, Chief Planning Officer

TITLE: C-21-27 - 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 August 2020 meeting, the Chair announced that there was a vacancy on the committee in the category of Resource Economics 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. Mark Begay recommended for confirmation. Below is a summary of the nominees' background.

Mark Begay

Mr. Begay is a retired Chapter President within the Navajo Nation representing the Village of To'Hajiilee, where he served two 4-year terms in this role. Mr. Begay also served as as To'Hajiilee's water system operator for approximately 20 years. Mr. Begay has worked tirelessly as an advocate for the To'Hajiilee pipeline conveying To'Hajiilee's water through the Water Authority system.

John Fleck

Mr. Fleck is a former science journalist turned academic. John Fleck's research and writing has focused on issues of the Colorado River, a water source supporting over 40 million people in the United States and Mexico. As a Professor of Practice in Water Policy and Governance in the University of New Mexico Department of Economics and director of the university's Water Resources Program from 2016-2021, he taught graduate courses in contemporary water policy issues, modeling, and technical communication for water managers. He is now the Writer in Residence at the Utton Center, University of New Mexico School of Law. He is the author of the books *Water is for Fighting Over* and *Other Myths About Water in the West*, an exploration of solutions to the Colorado River

Basin's water problems, and co-author of *Science Be Dammed: How Ignoring Inconvenient Science Drained the Colorado River*.

CURRENT MEMBERS:

Member	Category	Term Expiration
Ron Schwarzwald	Water System Operations	Jun-20
Jingjing Wang	Resource Economics	Dec-22
Vacant	Customer Service / Stakeholder Engagement	
Robert Fowlie	Water System Engineering	Jun-21
Erwin Melis	Water Resource Planning	Jun-21
Vacant	Non-profit Water Management Advocacy/Education	
Tess Houle	Landscape Architecture	Mar-22
Deborah Dixon	Financial/Business Management	May-22
Paul van Gulick	Water System Engineering	May-22

FISCAL IMPACT:

None