

## AGENDA ITEM MEMO

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** September 1, 2022

**TO:** Board Members

**THROUGH:** Jeff Walker, Executive Administrator  
Ashley Harden, General Counsel  
John T. Dupnik, P.G., Deputy Executive Administrator, Water Science  
and Conservation

**FROM:** John Sutton, Manager, Conservation Department

**SUBJECT:** Appointments to the Water Conservation Advisory Council

### ACTION REQUESTED

Consider appointing members to the Water Conservation Advisory Council.

### BACKGROUND

The Texas Legislature created the Water Conservation Advisory Council (Council) in 2007 to provide the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, Texas Legislature, Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, political subdivisions, and the public with the resource of a select council with expertise in water conservation. The Council is composed of volunteers representing 23 different interest groups. Texas Water Code, Chapter 10, directs the Board to appoint members of the Council to staggered, six-year terms ending in odd-numbered years.

### KEY ISSUES

Anai Padilla of El Paso Water was the Landscape Irrigation & Horticulture representative on the Council. Mrs. Padilla announced her retirement from El Paso Water and submitted her resignation to the Council with her last day being August 1, 2022. TWDB staff solicited nominations from stakeholders within the interest group via digital correspondence, as well as through the Council's website to fill this vacancy. The TWDB received eight nominations in total, with one nomination received after the deadline of July 8, 2022.

#### Our Mission

Leading the state's efforts in  
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#### Board Members

Brooke T. Paup, Chairwoman | George B. Peyton V, Board Member  
Jeff Walker, Executive Administrator

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Executive Administrator recommends Ryan Skrobarczyk's appointment to the Council as the Landscape Irrigation & Horticulture representative, with a term set to expire on September 1, 2029.

Ryan Skrobarczyk is the legislative & regulatory affairs director with the Texas Nursery and Landscape Association, which represents landscape and irrigation professionals across the state. He also has previous experience serving as a legislative director for a member of the Texas House of Representatives and has experience working with the House Committee on Natural Resources. In addition to his nomination, he received several letters of support from landscape irrigation and horticulture stakeholders.

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<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Title and company</b>	<b>Years of experience</b>	<b>Nominator</b>	<b>Letters of support</b>
Wayne Burke*	Owner, Burke Enterprises	40 years	Self-nomination	None
Bob Dailey	Water Conservation Manager, Woodlands Water Agency	17 years – Horticulture  10 years – Landscape Irrigation	Paula Paciorek-Mattay, Houston Water	James Stinson, General Manager, Woodlands Water Agency
Amanda Griffin	President, Smart Outdoor Services, Inc.	20 years	Self-nomination	None
Michael Silva	Market Irrigation Manager, Brightview Landscape	12 years	Gloria Silva	None
Ryan Skrobarczyk	Director of Legislative & Regulator Affairs, Texas Nursery & Landscape Association (TNLA)	4 years with TNLA  6 years within the Texas House of Representatives	Perry Fowler, Texas Water Infrastructure Network	Kevin Grossberndt, Chairman of the Board, TNLA Brent Batchelor, Executive Director, Turfgrass Producers of Texas Johnette Taylor, President, Roundtree Landscaping, Inc.
Craig Spooner	Contractor Account Manager, Rain Bird Corporation	19 years	Ashley Reed, Rain Bird Corporation	None
John Taylor	President, Green Industry Solutions	20 years	Tammy Swor, Texas Irrigation Association	None
Jeff Williams	Branch Manager, Southern Botanical	25 years	Self-nomination	None

Note: \*Nomination received after deadline of July 8, 2022.