

## **Agenda Item 4a and 4b. Term expirations and renewals. Resignations and nominations for open positions**

Agenda Item 4a. is to review and discuss expirations and renewals of members on the Region F water planning group.

Agenda Item 4b. is to review and discuss the resignations from the Region F water planning group and nominations for open positions.

### Attachments:

1. Eli Torres Nomination Form and Resume
2. Grant Huckabay Nomination Form
3. Henryk Olstowski Nomination Form
4. John Allen Nomination Form
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10. Ty Edwards Nomination Form
11. Gilbert Van Deventer Nomination Form

Region F  
Regional Water Planning Group  
**Membership Nomination Form**

Interest Group: Municipal Government

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How does nominee represent the interest group? (i.e. – elected official, staff member/employee, member of organization/society, other)

City of Snyder employee

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Qualifications:

With experience in public works, water, and sewer, my qualifications include understanding regional water planning rules, adhering to bylaws, completing relevant training, considering local plans, directing consultants, and ensuring timely adoption of projects and plans.

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# Elias Torres

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## Qualifications

- Over 33 years of extensive public service experience in various capacities and roles.
- A proven and successful track record of 29 years in supervisory positions, demonstrating strong leadership skills and the ability to motivate and guide teams towards achieving organizational goals.
- Over 29 years of experience in Solid Waste and Public Works management, with excellent knowledge of industry best practices and a successful record of executing complex projects.
- Highly self-motivated, with the ability to work efficiently and independently to achieve objectives and meet deadlines.
- Demonstrated punctuality, reliability, and an unwavering sense of responsibility towards tasks and projects.
- Proven ability to interact effectively with colleagues, stakeholders, and team members, fostering an environment of collaboration and positive relationships.
- Possess excellent communication skills and a solution-oriented mindset that creates enthusiasm amongst team members, resulting in improved productivity and results.
- Fluent in speaking, reading, and writing in both English and Spanish, enabling seamless interaction with a bilingual workforce and diverse communities.

## Experience

1989–Present                      City of Snyder                      Snyder, Texas

### Director of Public Works

- Led and managed diverse public works operations, ensuring efficient service delivery to the community.
- Acted as a key liaison with State Regulatory Authorities and City Council, maintaining compliance and fostering positive relationships to achieve organizational goals.
- Prepared and presented comprehensive reports to senior leadership and governing bodies, providing data-driven insights for strategic decision-making.
- Developed and monitored annual budget, identifying cost-saving opportunities, and implementing budgetary controls for fiscal responsibility.
- Demonstrated strong leadership skills in staff management, performance evaluations, coaching, and fostering a positive work culture.
- Possessed hands-on operational expertise in heavy equipment operation, monitoring, and oversight of permit amendments, block grants, construction projects, and inventory management.
- Streamlined collection routes and personnel, implementing process improvements for operational efficiency.

- Proactively addressed operational challenges, implemented solutions, and monitored performance metrics for performance improvement.
- Committed to environmental stewardship, ensuring compliance with regulations, and implementing sustainable practices in public works operations.
- Played a pivotal role in enhancing organizational performance through strategic oversight of permit amendments, block grants, construction projects, and inventory management.
- Successfully steered non-compliant and struggling departments back into compliance, implementing effective operational strategies that yielded long-term success.
- City enterprise departments achieved profitability through strategic management and operational improvements.

1988–1989                      Price Construction                      Snyder, Texas

**Heavy Equipment Operator**

- Heavy Equipment Operator and Project Manager with extensive experience in effectively operating heavy equipment and supervising staff on various projects.

**Education**

1992–1994                      Western Texas College                      Snyder, Texas

- Earned an Associates of Applied Arts degree.
- Achieved the Dean's List honor during the academic year 1993-1994.
- Member of PTK (Phi Theta Kappa) academic honor society.

2002 – 2003                      Midwestern State University                      Wichita Falls, Texas

- Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences degree from an accredited institution.
- Dean's List for outstanding academic performance in 2002-2003.
- Magna cum laude graduate with above-average academic accomplishment.
- Completed a valuable Public Administration Internship with City of Snyder, gaining hands-on experience.

**Credentials**

- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
Class A MSW Operator Certification.
- Solid Waste Association OF North America  
Manager of Landfill Operations Certification
- Solid Waste Association of North America  
Waste Screening Certification
- Texas A&M University Systems  
Hazardous Material Technician Certification
- State of Texas Health Department  
Asbestos Supervisor Contractor

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**Membership Nomination Form**

Interest Group: Industries  
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Company Representative / HSE Coordinator

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**Qualifications:**

Health, Safety & Environmental Coordinator at Fasken Oil and Ranch, Ltd.  
B.S. in Natural Resources Management from Texas Tech University. Graduated 2010  
Former Environmental and Safety Representative at Diamondback Energy, RSP Permian,  
Concho Resources and ConocoPhillips

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Interest Group: Electric Generating Utilities

Name: Henryk Alexander Olstowski

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E-Mail: henryk.olstowski@luminant.com

How does nominee represent the interest group? (i.e. – elected official, staff member/employee, member of organization/society, other)

I am a manager for Luminant, and my office is located at Morgan Creek Power Plant south of Colorado City, TX.

Luminant is the largest power generation company in the State of Texas.

**Qualifications:**

I have been a voting member of the Region F Regional Water Planning Group since 2020.

I have been involved in the electric power industry in the American South and Southwest for 40 years.

I worked for the largest Irrigation District in the United States, Imperial Irrigation District, for 20 years

managing its portfolio of electric power generation resources.

I have a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering from TAMU and a Master's Degree in Business from SDSU.

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MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION FORM

Interest Group: Public, Water District, Counties, Municipalities, Any Needed.  
Name: John Allen  
Mailing Address: 501 EAST BAKER ST. BROWNWOOD TX 76801  
Phone - Work/Day: 325 643 2609 Home: 325 642-3650 Fax: 325 646-3031  
E-Mail: Jallen@BCWID.ORG

How does nominee represent the interest group? (i.e. - elected official, staff member/employee, member of organization/society, other)

General Manager for BCWID #1 in Brownwood - 35 years  
with BCWID #1, we are a regional provider for treated  
water to cities as big as Brownwood to as small as Brags.  
We also sell irrigation water to farmers.

Qualifications:

35 years with BCWID #1. I have attended  
the last 6 years of the Region "F" meeting.  
Class "B" Surface Water License through TCEQ.  
I have worked with local farmers in the process of  
irrigation of crops.

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**John Allen**  
General Manager

501 E. Baker  
Brownwood, TX 76801  
jallen@bcwid.org

Office: 325-643-2609  
Cell: 325-642-3650  
Fax: 325-646-3031

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Interest Group: GMA-2  
Name: Raymond L Straub Jr., P.G.  
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E-Mail: Raymond@StraubCorporation.com

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Groundwater Management Area Representative  
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Qualifications:  
30 year groundwater professional, professional geoscientist, current groundwater district board member  
, previous Region F voting member  
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Interest Group: GMA 7

Name: Rhetta Hector

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E-Mail: glasscockgroundwater@yahoo.com

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Groundwater Conservation District in GMA 7

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Qualifications:

Previous member of Region F group

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Interest Group: Water Utilities  
Name: Richard Gist  
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E-Mail: no20 richard@earthlink.net

How does nominee represent the interest group? (i.e. – elected official, staff member/employee, member of organization/society, other)

Member of Zephyr Water Supply Corp, I serve as a board member & past president. I am a past TEXAS Rural Water Assn & National Rural Water Assn board member & served on executive committee of both state & national associations. I have served on this region F planning committee many years.

Qualifications:

With experience with above referenced boards & memberships, I have had opportunity to meet & work with many talented individuals & groups serving Texas water interest & planning groups.  
Also, active in local, area & community activities.

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Interest Group: Public, Environmental, Ranching  
Name: Schayler Wight  
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Phone – Work/Day: 432-638-8706 Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: swight3@yahoo.com

How does nominee represent the interest group? (i.e. – elected official, staff member/employee, member of organization/society, other)

Life long rancher in Ector, Andrews, Winkler, Ward, Pecos, & Reeves County.

Qualifications:

B.S. Range Science, Abilene Christian Univ. 1986  
Implemented numerous advanced range  
management practices across several ranches  
in West Texas

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Schuyler Wight is a 4th. generation rancher from Goldsmith, Texas. His great-grandfather, A.W. Wight made his way from Colorado to Odessa, Texas in 1883 with a herd of sheep. He received a bachelor's degree in range science from Abilene Christian University and runs cattle on several ranches in West Texas. He is married to his first wife of 32 years, Kristina and they have 2 daughters. They are all actively involved in the day to day management of the ranches. Schuyler is a private pilot, and loves working cattle horseback.

Ranchers are the original environmentalists, and that spirit is embodied in Schuyler's commitment to preserving the land and ecosystem. Permian Basin ranchers deal with wind, water, solar, sand, oil & gas, eminent domain, pipelines, and utilities in addition to the challenges of managing a profitable cattle enterprise. By utilizing a holistic approach to management of these many unique challenges, he has been able to carry forward the family legacy.

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Interest Group: River Authorities  
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E-Mail: scottm@ucratx.org

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General Manager of UCRA

Qualifications:

General Manager of UCRA - Current Vice-Chair of RFWPG  
education: BS Geology - University of Texas Permian Basin  
MFA - Angelo State University  
10+ years experience as petroleum geologist, 10+ years Environmental  
geologist, 20+ years hydrogeologist

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Interest Group: Groundwater Management Area 3

Name: Ty Edwards

Mailing Address: PO Box 1644 Fort Stockton Texas

Phone – Work/Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: mpgcd@mpgcd.org

How does nominee represent the interest group? (i.e. – elected official, staff member/employee, member of organization/society, other)

Chairman of GMA 3 and General Manager of Middle Pecos  
Groundwater Conservation District

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Qualifications:

I have been a voting member of Region F for several years and would like to continue.

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Interest Group: Environmental  
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How does nominee represent the interest group? (i.e. – elected official, staff member/employee, member of organization/society, other)

Current voting member of Region F WPG since 2011  
Active participant at GMA 3&7 joint planning meetings, MPGCD meetings, and GAM stakeholder forums  
Partner for environmental consulting firm (Trident Environmental): 2001 - present  
Chairman of SPE Environmental Study Group (Permian Basin Section): 2007-08, 2011-16  
Committee member on Bruno Hansen/Midland College Environmental Excellence Award; 2003-present  
Former member on Midland Water Resources Committee (committee no longer exists); 2007-10  
National Ground Water Association (Member since 1989)  
National Registry of Environmental Professionals (Registered Environmental Manager) 1992-2010  
Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists (Professional Geoscientist since 2003)  
West Texas Geological Society (member since 1989; Former Environmental Chairman)

**Qualifications:**

34 years experience in environmental consulting business with emphasis in hydrogeology projects  
B. S Geology: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI (1979); post-graduate hydrological studies at  
Wright State University, Dayton OH (1989-90) and Oklahoma State University, Stillwater OK (1991)

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