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To: Jim Parks
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Good morning Jim. I would like to nominate Kevin Ward for the recently vacated position for river authorities (previously held by Danny Vance.) You probably know this better than me, but do we need to post something seeking nominations?...anyway, pals let me know if you need anything else. Kevin's info is attached. Thanks Jody

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J. KEVIN WARD

J. KEVIN WARD, General Manager. Ward's role as chief executive officer of TRA tasks him with oversight of the largest river authority in Texas and the largest wholesale provider of wastewater treatment services in the state. With the support of seven staff groups and more than 400 employees, Ward drives the implementation of board policy for the operation and development of five water treatment facilities, five wastewater treatment facilities and one recreation project, plus water sales from four reservoirs – all serving 63 wholesale customers including cities, municipalities and districts throughout the Trinity River basin. Ward is also charged with managing the Authority's assets of more than \$1.7 billion and a current operating budget of more than \$199 million.

Ward served as executive administrator of the Texas Water Development Board from May 2002 to February 2011 and in various other capacities at that state agency from 1987 to 2002. Under the direction of a six-member board appointed by the governor, the TWDB is responsible for planning the statewide development of water resources, financing water-related infrastructure, and maintaining and disseminating natural resource data for Texas, which includes water-bearing formations and watersheds.

Ward was the presiding officer of the Water Conservation Implementation Task Force, created through Senate Bill 1094, 78th Texas Legislature, which produced the Report to the 79th Legislature and the Best Management Practices Guide to encourage increased use of water conservation throughout the state. Ward currently serves on the Executive Committee as a board member of the North Texas Commission and is a member of the Tarrant Regional Water District Customer Advisory Committee. He is the immediate past president of the Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities (a national organization representing state agencies operating state revolving fund loan programs) and was an active participant on the State/Environmental Protection Agency State Revolving Fund workgroup several years ago for implementing the Clean and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund programs. Ward previously served on the Visiting Committee for the Bureau of Economic Geology. He was honored in 2011 with the Water Environment Association of Texas Outstanding Public Official Award for actively promoting sound science in policy and regulations affecting water environment issues within the State of Texas through documented, significant contributions in the areas of legislation, public policy and government service.

John Kevin Ward

SKILLS SUMMARY

Chief Executive Officer with 26 years progressive experience in public and private sector senior and executive management positions. Strong communication and interpersonal skills that thrive in environments of collaborative execution of joint initiatives benefiting objectives of multiple entities. Experienced in integrating political goals of elected and appointed officials with corporate goals of private service and product providers. Adept at directing multi-discipline teams, employing stakeholder processes, and developing professional and political organizational networking to achieve complex sets of corporate goals. Active at informing board members in areas of interest, including creating opportunities to effectively involve board in staff activities, legislative hearings, conferences and meetings to insure success of organization. Over 28 years of serving publicly elected or appointed boards held accountable by highly visible independent professional oversight. Experienced in developing and implementing regional and national financial assistance programs designed to construct critical water related infrastructure, including extensive knowledge of construction contracting and project permitting in Texas. Nationally recognized skills in managing and executing conduit bond issuance programs for water related finance. Long-term established relationships with members and staff of the state legislature and leadership, Congress, local and regional political subdivisions, and federal and state agencies. Extensive travel in U.S. with multiple trips to New York and Washington, D.C. for conferences and business meetings.

EMPLOYMENT

General Manager March 2011-Present
Trinity River Authority
Arlington, TX

- Serve twenty-five-member board of directors appointed by the Governor as the Chief Executive Officer of a state political subdivision employing over 400 employees.
- Responsible for oversight of the largest river authority in Texas and the largest wholesale provider of wastewater treatment services in the state
- Implement board policy for the operation and development of five water treatment facilities, five wastewater treatment facilities and one recreation project, plus water sales from four reservoirs – all serving 63 wholesale customers including cities, municipalities and districts throughout the Trinity River basin
- Direct the management of the Authority's assets of more than \$1.7 billion and a current operating budget of more than \$200 million

Executive Administrator May 2002-February 2011
Texas Water Development Board
Austin, TX

- Serve six-member board of directors appointed by the Governor as the Chief Executive Officer of a state agency employing over 350 employees responsible for planning for statewide development of water resources, financing water related infrastructure, and maintaining and disseminating natural resource data for the state and adjacent states and nations that share water bearing formations and watersheds
- President-elect of national infrastructure finance trade organization consisting of states, territories and consulting firms working in close relation with Congressional staff and the Environmental Protection Agency
- Routinely communicate directly with federal, state and local elected officials and their staff to develop programs, policies, legislation, projects and various initiatives necessary to address ongoing water infrastructure needs primarily of Texas, but including programs affecting the nation
- Developed elaborate strategic plan and associated political agenda, involving extensive network of local and regional organizations, budget proposals, policy recommendations and communication plans to effectively support Board directives and leadership agendas to implement landmark water resource legislation and funding programs to address

drought in the state of Texas

- Consistently translate complex legal, policy and finance issues into terms made understandable to various audiences as necessary to further goals of board and leadership of the state and Congress
- Completed action plan started in previous position at agency to sequester and develop agency capital assets necessary to provide solid base to finance key water programs for the state, directing the refunding of debt for over \$50 million in present value savings, and converting non-performing agency assets to secure investments in water infrastructure programs

**Development Fund Manager, Assistant
Development Fund Manager, and Analyst
(in progression)**

December 1987 to

December 1996

Texas Water Development Board

Austin, Texas

- Managed staff of approximately 32 in administering financial aspects of state and federal financial assistance programs
- Designed and implemented new federal revolving loan programs, preparing legislative proposals, participating on national workgroups, and managing internal workgroups and external consulting teams
- Managed process of selecting consultants for board contracts
- Directed the development, implemented and managed the lending policies for portfolios of municipal and corporate loan programs
- Developed and implemented one of the most successful and largest state revolving loan programs in the country, planning the hiring of staff, consultants and policy development with focus on customer service, maximum capacity to serve, and market acceptability of product
- Directed team of staff and consultants to design the legal municipal bond security structure for the first uninsured AAA rated Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund revenue bond in the nation

**Vice-President, General Manager and
Controller**

January 1986 to December 1987

Aqua and Associates, Inc.

Austin, Texas

- Served as General Manager for five area water utilities
- Attended monthly meetings of governing boards
- Controller of client accounting division for company employing 25.
- Conducted all business matters on behalf of clients
- Was a principal officer of firm

**Corporate Secretary/ General Manager
and Controller**

March 1984 to January 1986

Texas Utility Management Services, Inc.

Austin, Texas

- Originally employed as accountant per requirement by public auditing firms
- Attended monthly meetings of governing boards
- Cleared up audit management comments within first year
- Enabled firm to retain clients against competitor entering Austin market
- Promoted to Corporate Secretary of company in third month of employment
- General Manager of two major client accounts

Bookkeeping Consultant

Texas Educational Consultative Services, Inc. June 1982 to March 1984

Austin, Texas

- Processed and reviewed 13 sets of Public School financial statements monthly
- Traveled to districts to train staff in use of bookkeeping software
- Conducted correspondence with cities and districts regarding budget

B.B.A. in Accounting

University of Texas, Austin, Texas, May 1982

Petroleum Engineering until Junior year, changed major to Accounting

Governor's Executive Development Program

Completed all courses in series

Harvard Kennedy School of Government

Two separate one-week executive development courses

ACTIVITIES

Executive Committee and Board Member – North Texas Commission – December 2011 – date.

Member - Tarrant Regional Water District Customer Advisory Council – 2011-date

Serve as representative from Trinity River Authority

Officer and President – Council for Infrastructure Financing Authorities – 2004-2011

National organization representing all states and territories to further goals of infrastructure financing through state revolving funds

Member – Visiting Committee, Bureau of Economic Geology, University of Texas – 2008-2011

Serve with Executives from petroleum industry, other natural resource agencies and elected officials to guide BEG strategic activities to meet ongoing needs of industry and government

Member of USAID Team traveling to Bucharest, Rumania - 2005

Condoned by Texas Senate and House during legislative session, selected as one of three top experts in US to educate former Soviet-block countries, Ukraine and Russia in infrastructure finance, U.S. Capital Markets, and related matters

REFERENCES

Provided upon request

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Subject: Filling of vacancy on Region C Planning Group
Attachments: Kevin Ward BIO.pdf

Region C Group Members and Alternates,

Upon his retirement, Danny Vance has resigned from the Region C Planning Group. Danny represented River Authorities, and this vacancy now needs to be filled. Based on the by-laws the following actions will be taken at the December 3 Region C meeting to fill the vacancy.

- Declare the vacancy as required by the by-laws
- Take nominations from the floor (can be made by the public or the Region C membership)
- Vote to fill the vacancy

If anyone would like to nominate a qualified River Authority candidate prior to the Dec 3 meeting, please send that nomination to Chairman Jim Parks via email (jparks@ntmwd.com). One nomination has already been received. Vice Chair Jody Puckett has nominated Kevin Ward (Mr. Vance's current alternate and his successor at Trinity River Authority). His bio is attached for your review. Bios/resumes of all other nominated parties will be distributed to the Planning Group as they are received. Please keep in mind that nominees must represent a River Authority.

If any members have objection to this approach for filling the vacancy, please contact Chairman Jim Parks at jparks@ntmwd.com.

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