



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – July 17, 2017**

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**BRAZOS G REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP (REGION G)  
SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR NEW VOTING MEMBERS**

The Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group (Brazos G) is soliciting nominations for one (1) voting member representing Environmental Interest in the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Area. Nominations will be accepted until the position is filled. To verify whether the position has been filled, please contact Stephen Hamlin at (254) 761-3172. In selecting a voting member for the vacancy, the Brazos G Group will consider a number of factors, including the nominee's qualifications to represent the interest category, willingness to devote the time necessary to participate in the Regional Water Planning process, and willingness to abide by the Bylaws. The Brazos G voting members will strive to achieve geographic, ethnic, and gender diversity. Potential nominees are invited to visit the Brazos G website at [www.brazosgwater.org](http://www.brazosgwater.org) for additional information including this press release, the new member application form and a current member hometown map.

**The voting member vacancies are defined as follows:**

One (1) voting member vacancy representing **Environmental Interests** defined as those persons or groups advocating the conservation of the state's natural resources, including but not limited to soil, water, air, and living resources.

**Meetings:** The newly elected voting members will assume the Interest position immediately upon confirmation by the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group.

**Travel Expenses:** Brazos G members are not compensated for their services by the State of Texas. If eligible, travel expenses for voting members may be reimbursed in accordance with rules adopted by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) as funds are available.

**Nominee packets shall include the following:**

- New Member Application Form
- Resume
- Support Letters – maximum of six (6) recommended
- No current Brazos G RWPG Voting Member shall issue a support letter on behalf of the nominee

Nomination packets should be mailed to the following address and will be accepted until September 15, 2017.

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE DATE**  
**Brazos G RWPG seeks nominations**

Brazos G RWPG Executive Committee  
c/o Stephen Hamlin  
Brazos River Authority  
P.O. Box 7555  
Waco, Texas 76714-7555

The Executive Committee will review the packets as received and will schedule a meeting shortly thereafter to discuss and recommend nominees as needed to the Brazos G Group at their next regularly scheduled meeting. Nominees will be asked to attend these meetings to answer any questions and to meet the Brazos G members.

**What is Brazos G?**

In accordance with Senate Bill 1 passed during the 75th Texas Legislative Session, the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) in Austin was authorized to divide the state into 16 regional water planning areas. The Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group (Brazos G) is one of the regional planning groups established by the TWDB to develop a regional water plan. Brazos G has been working since 1998 to develop a comprehensive regional water plan for its 37-county planning area, which extends generally along the Brazos River from Kent, Stonewall and Knox Counties in the northwest to Washington and Lee Counties in the southeast.

The regional water plans provide for the orderly development, management, and conservation of water resources, and include drought preparation and response. The goal of the planning process is to assure that sufficient water will be available at a reasonable cost to ensure public health, safety and welfare, further economic development and protect agricultural and natural resources.

The first regional water plans were submitted to the state in January 2001 and were compiled to form the State Water Plan in January 2002. The water plans identify current water supplies and future estimates of water demands. In cases where future demands are greater than existing supply sources, strategies are evaluated and recommended to meet the identified needs. State law requires that the regional water plans be updated every 5 years. The Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group is currently developing the 2021 Regional Water Plan.

The Brazos G Regional Water Planning Area has 37 counties including Bell, Bosque, Brazos, Burleson, Callahan, Comanche, Coryell, Eastland, Erath, Falls, Fisher, Grimes, Hamilton, Haskell, Hill, Hood, Johnson, Jones, Kent, Knox, Lampasas, Lee, Limestone, McLennan, Milam, Nolan, Palo Pinto, Robertson, Shackelford, Somervell, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, Throckmorton, Washington, Williamson and Young.



**If applicable, describe your qualifications and/or skills that might represent other Interest Categories for future voting member vacancies that are not being solicited for in this application.**  
*(see last page of this application for a list of definitions for all eleven (11) required Interest Categories)*


**If you could achieve one goal during your term as a Brazos G RWPG member, what would it be?**


**List current and/or past positions held on other boards or committees (professional or otherwise)**


**Checklist (✓) of Required Materials to be included in Applicant’s Packet**

	<b>Application form</b>
	<b>Resume</b>
	<b>Support Letters (maximum of 6 recommended)</b>

The Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group (RWPG) requests this information for the purpose of facilitating the review process of candidates to fill a voting member vacancy within the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group. Applications will be reviewed by the Brazos G Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will make a recommendation to the Brazos G Group as to which applicant should be appointed to fill the vacancy(s).

By signing the application below, you are requesting to be nominated for a voting member position on the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group; and, understand the responsibilities associated with being a voting member, agree to abide by the Brazos G Bylaws, and have adequate time to serve if appointed.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>If not selected this time, keep me on the list for consideration for four (4) years.</b>	<b>YES →</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>NO →</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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## INTERESTS REQUIRED FOR THE REGIONAL WATER PLANNING AREA

*The interests listed in the Texas Water Code, § 16.053 (c) are defined as follows:*

**Public** – defined as those persons or entities having no economic interest in the interests represented by paragraphs (2) through (11) of this subsection other than as a normal consumer

**Counties** – defined as the county governments for the 254 counties in Texas

**Municipalities** – defined as governments of cities created or organized under the general, home-rule, or special laws of the state

**Industries** – defined as corporations, partnerships, sole proprietorships, or other legal entities that are formed for the purpose of making a profit and which produce or manufacture goods or services and which are not small businesses

**Agricultural Interests** – defined as those persons or entities associated with production or processing of plant or animal products

**Environmental Interests** – defined as those persons or groups advocating the conservation of the state's natural resources, including but not limited to soil, water, air, and living resources

**Small Businesses** – defined as corporations, partnerships, sole proprietorships, or other legal entities that are formed for the purpose of making a profit, are independently owned and operated, and have fewer than 100 employees or less than \$1 million in gross annual receipts

**Electric Generating Utilities** – defined as any persons, corporations, cooperative corporations, or any combination thereof, meeting each of the following three criteria: own or operate for compensation equipment or facilities which produce or generate electricity; produce or generate electricity for either wholesale or retail sale to others; and are neither a municipal corporation nor a river authority

**River Authorities** – defined as any districts or authorities created by the legislature which contain areas within their boundaries of one or more counties and which are governed by boards of directors appointed or designated in whole or part by the governor or board, including, without limitation, San Antonio River Authority and Palo Duro River Authority

**Water Districts** – defined as any districts or authorities, created under authority of either Texas Constitution, Article III, § 52(b)(1) and (2), or Article XVI, § 59 including districts having the authority to regulate the spacing of or production from water wells, but not including river authorities

**Water Utilities** – defined as any persons, corporations, cooperative corporations, or any combination thereof that provide water supplies for compensation except for municipalities, river authorities, or water districts

**Groundwater Management Area Interest** - defined as those groundwater management areas wholly or partially located within the Regional Planning Area with groundwater conservation districts located wholly or partially within the Regional Planning Area.