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## **Board Appoints New Member to LCRA Bastrop/Fayette Regional Council**

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AUSTIN – The LCRA Board of Directors this week approved new members to its seven Regional Councils that act as communication links between LCRA and the communities it serves in the Colorado River basin.

Joining the LCRA Bastrop/Fayette Regional Council is Terah Lux of Schulenburg. The members in this council represent Bastrop, Fayette and parts of Caldwell, Lee and Washington counties.

The council program is a mechanism for two-way communication between LCRA and communities in its service area on LCRA issues, projects and activities. The members play a key role in providing feedback, helping LCRA identify and analyze regional issues and consider solutions.

The councils were created to build trust, improve understanding and strengthen relationships in the LCRA service territory. Altogether, 140 people hold positions on the seven councils. In addition to the Bastrop/Fayette Regional Council, councils are named Buchanan/Inks (Burnet and Llano counties), Colorado/Wharton/Matagorda (Colorado, Wharton, Matagorda counties), LBJ/Marble Falls (Burnet and Llano counties), Pedernales (Gillespie, Blanco, Kerr, Kendall, Bandera and Comal counties), San Saba/Llano (Hamilton, Mills, Lampasas, San Saba, McCulloch, Menard, Kimble, Mason and Llano counties) and Travis/Austin (Williamson, Travis and Hays counties).

The Regional Councils soon are beginning their third year of operation, except for the Bastrop/Fayette group that is beginning its second year. The councils meet every other month to discuss regional issues related to LCRA's mission, which is to provide energy, water and community services and to help ensure the protection and constructive use of natural resources in the lower Colorado River basin.

“Each Regional Council is working well, providing us with much-needed and much-appreciated input from the communities we serve,” said Gail Oliver, LCRA's manager of Public Affairs. “We look forward to enhancing our communication efforts through learning and sharing together for the betterment of the citizens living in our service territory.

“LCRA very much appreciates the time and effort each of our council members volunteers to this worthwhile effort. We welcome each of our new members.”

Members of the Bastrop/Fayette Regional Council who are continuing to serve are Joe Bailey, Flatonia; Douglas R. Borchardt and Carol Babcock Muegge, Brenham; City Councilmember Chris Cannon and Jeff Carter, Elgin; Blake Clampffer and Philip Cook, Cedar Creek; James A. Cowan, Bastrop; Mark Johnson, Giddings; Gene Kruppa, Plum; Michael Kuck, Luling; Adena Lewis and Cathy Meek, Smithville; Sherry Murphy, Winchester; Timothy Pylant and Mike G. Wallace, La Grange; Philip A. Ruiz, Lockhart; Kevin Ustynik, Schulenburg; and City Councilmember Tony Tavary, Lexington.

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### **About LCRA**

LCRA is a nonprofit conservation and reclamation district that provides energy, water and community services to Texans. Created by the Texas Legislature in 1934, LCRA has no taxing authority and operates solely on utility revenues and service fees. LCRA supplies electricity to more than 1.1 million Texans through more than 40 wholesale customers. LCRA also provides many other services to the region. These services include managing floods, protecting the quality of the lower Colorado River and its tributaries, providing parks and recreational facilities, offering economic development assistance, operating water and wastewater utilities, and providing soil, energy and water conservation programs.

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