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Board Appoints New Members to LCRA Pedernales 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 Pedernales Regional Council are Allen Goodwin, Comfort; Mayor Pro Tem Jacques DuBose, Boerne; Kyle Bond, Kerrville; John McClintock, Johnson City; Brad Vollmar, Fredericksburg; and John Archer, New Braunfels.

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 Pedernales Regional Council (Gillespie, Blanco, Kerr, Kendall, Bandera and Comal counties), councils are named Buchanan/Inks (Burnet and Llano counties), Colorado/Wharton/Matagorda (Colorado, Wharton, Matagorda counties), LBJ/Marble Falls (Burnet and Llano counties), San Saba/Llano (Hamilton, Mills, Lampasas, San Saba, McCulloch, Menard, Kimble, Mason and Llano counties), Bastrop/Fayette (Bastrop, Fayette and parts of Lee, Caldwell and Washington counties), and Travis/Austin (Williamson, Travis and Hays counties).

The Regional Councils soon are beginning their third year of operation. 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 Pedernales Regional Council who are continuing to serve are Marianne Bonenberger, Pipe Creek; Carson Conklin and Mindy Wendele, Kerrville; County Commissioner Donna Eccleston, Canyon Lake; Gary Guenther and Alfred Weinzierl, Harper; Dwayne Hoppe and County Commissioner James Sultemeier, Johnson City; Robert Koimn, Bandera; Tim Lehmberg and Charles Wilson, Fredericksburg; Robert Madey, Spicewood; Ruby Perez, New Braunfels; and Kerry Sweatt, Leakey.

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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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