

REVISED MEETING NOTICE

THE NUECES RIVER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL HOLD A MEETING AT 10:00 A.M. ON MAY 30, 2025. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE NUECES RIVER AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING ROOM, 500 IH 69, SUITE 800, ROBSTOWN, TEXAS 78380. ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

Public Notice – *Members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to address the Board of Directors during the Public Comment period listed on the agenda. Citizens who wish to provide public comment are asked to sign in prior to the meeting. Each speaker is limited to a total of no more than 3 minutes. Written comments may be submitted to cgonzales@nueces-ra.org. Please begin all comments by stating your name and address for the record.*

Agenda Items: The Nueces River Authority Board of Directors may discuss, consider, and take all necessary action, including possible expenditure of funds, regarding each of the agenda items below:

- 1) Call to Order** – *Eric Burnett, President*
- 2) Invocation** – *William Dillard, Director – Uvalde*
- 3) Oath of Office to newly appointed Board of Directors** – *Honorable Pedro “Pete” Trevino, County Judge – Jim Wells County*
- 4) Roll Call** – *Candace Gonzales, Executive Assistant to the Executive Director*
- 5) Public Comments** – This time is reserved for any member of the public to comment on an agenda item or other matters under the jurisdiction of the Nueces River Authority.
- 6) Approval of minutes of May 17, 2025, regular meeting of the Nueces River Authority Board of Directors.** – *Eric Burnett, President*

BRIEFING ITEMS: (7)

7) Executive Director Reports

- a) Update on Nueces River Authority Operations** – *Travis Pruski, Chief Operating Officer*
- b) Update on Nueces Basin Flood Planning Group Public Participation Meetings** – *Travis Pruski, Chief Operating Officer*
- c) Update from Resource Protection Program** - *Lorie Flores – Resource Protection Manager*
- d) Update on Education Program** – *Robin Murray, Chief Financial Officer*
- e) Update and discuss FY 25 financials.** – *Robin Murray, Chief Financial Officer*
- f) Update of Nueces River Authority Grant Funding Opportunities for Proposed Petronilla Creek Regional Wastewater Facility.** *Tim Richardson, President – TRPR Governmental Affairs*

- g) **Update on Spring Flow Enhancement Project.** – *John J. Byrum II, Executive Director*
- h) **Proposed Dates for remaining FY 2025 Board of Director Meetings – August 15, 2025.**
- i) **Proposed Dates for FY 2026 Board of Directors Meetings - November 14, 2025. – February 20, 2026; May 15, 2026; August 21, 2026.** - *John J. Byrum II - Executive Director*

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: (8- 10): All items are considered routine and self-explanatory and may be considered and approved by one motion of the Board. There will be no separate discussion of the items unless a Board Member requests, in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered in its normal sequence.

- 8) **Approval to establish a new checking account at the First State Bank of Uvalde for the Nueces River Authority to accept monies and make payments for the Seawater Desalinization Project.** – *Robin Murray, Chief Financial Officer*
- 9) **Approval to establish a new checking account at the First State Bank of Uvalde for the Nueces River Authority to accept monies and make payments for the Nueces & Frio River Spring Flow Enhancement Program.** *Robin Murray, Chief Financial Officer*
- 10) **Discussion and Approval to Authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement with Haynie and Company, San Antonio, Texas to conduct FY 2025 Audit.** *Robin Murray, Chief Financial Officer*

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS: (11 - 21)

- 11) **Discussion and action to establish a Water Utilities Laboratory in the Lower Nueces River Basin.** - *John J. Byrum II, Executive Director*
- 12) **Discussion and approval to authorize the Executive Director to execute Task Order 2 of the Seawater Desalination Project Master Services Agreement, Black and Veatch, Overland Park, Kansas to develop a pilot test plan, permitting of the pilot plant, development of a finance plan for the next phase of the program, procurement of a Public Private Partnership (P3) Firm, and preliminary design of the Conveyance Pipeline for an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00.** – *John J. Byrum II, Executive Director*
- 13) **Discussion and approval to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate an agreement with Doucet & Associates, Inc. to provide engineering services for the City of Alice, Southside Wastewater Treatment Plant Assessment Project for a fee not to exceed \$100,000.00. Funding for this project is via the Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program.** – *Travis Pruski, Chief Operating Officer*
- 14) **Discussion and action to authorize the Executive Director to apply and accept a grant from the Coastal Bend Council of Governments for funding to complete wastewater system assessments for five small communities within the Nueces Basin.** – *Travis Pruski, Chief Operating Officer*

- 15) Discussion and action to authorize the Executive Director to proceed with an abridged application for funding from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) to conduct low water crossings, develop an early warning system, conduct high hazard dam assessments, develop regional flood mapping and develop nature-based flood solutions within the Nueces Basin. The total amount of funding awarded to the Nueces River Authority through the TWDB FIF Intended Use Plan is not to exceed \$30,000,000.00. The Executive Director will seek any required matching funds from Counties. – Travis Pruski, Chief Operating Officer
- 16) Discussion and action to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate an agreement with Stantec Engineering to provide engineering services associated with the Nueces River Authority 2025 Flood Improvements Project. – Travis Pruski, Chief Operating Officer
- 17) Discussion and action to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate an agreement with Three-Dimensional Development to provide communications consulting services to the Nueces River Authority to support the efforts to construct and produce desalinated water on the Port of Corpus Christi's Harbor Island site. – John J. Byrum II, Executive Director
- 18) Discussion and action to authorize the Executive Director to investigate the development of a project using natural gas currently being flared at oil well production sites within the Nueces Basin. – John J. Byrum II, Executive Director & Director James Bendele
- 19) Discussion and action to authorize the Executive Director to initiate a process to develop a bond anticipation loan by defining the amount of obligation to be issued, maximum term, maximum interest rate, and manner of sale of the obligation for expenses associated with the Harbor Island Desalination & Conveyance Facilities. – John J. Byrum II, Executive Director
- 20) Discussions regarding pending business prospects and payment considerations tied to partnership with the Port of Corpus Christi for water supply development in the lower Nueces River Basin. – John J. Byrum II, Executive Director
- 21) Consider the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the Executive Director or other Authority employees.

Meeting adjournment

At any time during a meeting of the Nueces River Authority Board of Directors and in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated, the Board may meet in a closed executive session on any of the above agenda items or other lawful items for consultation concerning attorney-client matters (§551.071); deliberation regarding real property (§551.072); deliberation regarding prospective gifts (§551.073); personnel matters (§551.074); deliberation regarding security devices (§551.076); or as otherwise authorized under the Texas Open Meetings Act. Any subject discussed in executive session may be subject to action during an open hearing or

meeting.

The above agenda schedule represents an estimate of the order for the indicated items and is subject to change at any time. Public meetings of the Authority are available to all persons regardless of disability. If you require special assistance to attend a hearing or meeting, please call (830) 278-6810 at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to coordinate any special physical access arrangements.

Certification

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that on or before 10amAM on May23, 2025, I posted and filed the above notice of meeting with the Texas Secretary of State, the Nueces River Authority website, and also posted a copy in the front window of the Authority's administrative office in a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public all times and that it will remain so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Byrum, II", is written over a faint, rectangular stamp or watermark.

John J. Byrum, II, Executive Director