

MEETING NOTICE

THE NUECES RIVER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL HOLD A MEETING AT 10:00 A.M. ON NOVEMBER 14, 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) **Roll Call** – *Candace Gonzales, Executive Assistant to the Executive Director*
- 4) **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.

BRIEFING ITEMS: (6)

- 5) **Executive Director Reports**
 - a) **Update on Public Communications Program** – *Debbie Lindsay-Opal, Three-Dimensional Development*
 - b) **Nueces River Authority's engagement of Water Finance Exchange for assistance in obtaining funding for the Petronila Regional Wastewater System.** – *William Martin, Director of Finance and Capital Projects*
 - c) **Ideas for Funding Education Program** – *Robin Murray, Chief Financial Officer*
 - d) **Proposed Dates for FY 2026 Board of Director Meetings – February 20, 2026; May 15, 2026; August 21, 2026.** – *John J. Byrum II - Executive Director*

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: (6 - 12): 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.

- 6) Approval of minutes of August 8, 2025, regular meeting of the Nueces River Authority Board of Directors. – *Eric Burnett, President***
- 7) Resolution by the Board of Directors of the Nueces River Authority requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board; authorizing the Executive Director to file an application for assistance in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 to provide for the costs of a Nueces Basin High Hazard Dam Identification and Risk Assessment; and authorizing John J. Byrum II, Executive Director, Nueces River Authority, Hilltop Securities, Stantec, and McCall Parkhurst & Horton to assist in the preparation and submission of the application. – *Travis Pruski, Chief Operating Officer***
- 8) Resolution by the Board of Directors of the Nueces River Authority requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board; authorizing the Executive Director to file an application for assistance in the amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 to provide for the cost of a Nueces Basin Early Flood Warning System Study; and authorizing John J. Byrum II, Executive Director, Nueces River Authority, Hilltop Securities, Stantec, and McCall Parkhurst & Horton to assist in the preparation and submission of the application. – *Travis Pruski, Chief Operating Officer***
- 9) Resolution by the Board of Directors of the Nueces River Authority requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board; authorizing the Executive Director to file an application for assistance in the amount not to exceed \$775,000 to provide for the cost of a Nueces Basin Low Water Crossing Study and Upgrade Prioritization; and authorizing John J. Byrum II, Executive Director, Nueces River Authority, Hilltop Securities, Stantec, and McCall Parkhurst & Horton to assist in the preparation and submission of the application. – *Travis Pruski, Chief Operating Officer***
- 10) Resolution by the Board of Directors of the Nueces River Authority requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board; authorizing the Executive Director to file an application for assistance in the amount not to exceed \$25,000,000 to provide for the cost of a Nueces Basin Floodplain Map Updates Study; and authorizing John J. Byrum II, Executive Director, Nueces River Authority, Hilltop Securities, Stantec, and McCall Parkhurst & Horton to assist in the preparation and submission of the application. – *Travis Pruski, Chief Operating Officer***
- 11) Resolution by the Board of Directors of the Nueces River Authority requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board; authorizing the Executive Director to file an application for assistance in the amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 to provide for the cost of a Nueces Basin Scaling Up Mature-Based Solutions Study; and authorizing John J. Byrum II, Executive Director, Nueces River Authority, Hilltop Securities, Stantec, and McCall**

Parkhurst & Horton to assist in the preparation and submission of the application. – Travis Pruski, Chief Operating Officer

- 12) Approval of a Project Management Agreement with Aransas, Atascosa, Bandera, Bee, Brooks, Dimmit, Duval, Edwards, Frio, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kenedy, Kleberg, LaSalle, Live Oak, Maverick, McMullen, Medina, Nueces, Real, Refugio, San Patricio, Uvalde, Webb, Wilson, and Zavala Counties, Texas for payment of a pro-rata portion of the matching funds required by the Texas Water Development Board for the Flood Infrastructure Fund. – Travis Pruski, Chief Operating Officer**

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS: (13-23)

- 13) Discussion and action to authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement with Hugo Berlanga for consulting services as needed in identifying and establishing long-term funding relationships with private, state, and federal sector entities consistent with the conservation and resilient infrastructure goals of the Nueces River Authority. – John J. Byrum II, Executive Director**
- 14) Discussion and action to authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement with Hicks Pate Strategies for consulting services as needed in identifying and establishing long-term funding relationships with private and state sector entities consistent with the conservation and resilient infrastructure goals of the Nueces River Authority -John J. Byrum II, Executive Director**
- 15) Discussion and action to rescind the Nueces River Authority Board of Directors' previous approval of Task Order No.2 to Black and Veatch for services associated with the development of the New Water for South Texas Project. – John J. Byrum II, Executive Director**
- 16) Discussion and action to approve an agreement with CleanEnergy Capital for assistance in selection and engagement of a Private Partner of the New Water for South Texas Project, which has been approved for the Board's consideration by the Nueces River Authority Executive Committee. – John J. Byrum II, Executive Director**
- 17) Discussion and action to approve an agreement with Civitas Engineering Group, Inc. for professional engineering services to include permitting support, pilot test plan development, and P3 RFQ development, which has been approved for the Board's consideration by the Nueces River Authority Executive Committee. – John J. Byrum II, Executive Director**
- 18) Discussion and action to transform the Authority's Education Program to address the fundamentals of desalination and to extend beyond the classroom to include the broader community conveying the Nueces River Authority's leadership role in ensuring sustainable water resources for the region. – Robin Murray, Chief Financial Officer**

- 19) Discussion and action to establish a 501c3 non-profit organization intended to strengthen the Authority's capacity to obtain external funding and ensure long-term sustainability of the Education and other programs associated with the Nueces River Authority's statute and mission. – Robin Murray, Chief Financial Officer
- 20) Discussion and action to amend the Nueces River Authority FY 2026 Budget. – Robin Murray, Chief Financial Officer
- 21) Discussion and action to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate engineering design services contracts with Lockwood, Andrews & Newnan, Inc., Ardurra Group, Inc, HDR Engineering, Inc., Black & Veatch, Inc., and Aurora Technical Services, LLC, for program management and design services associated with the New Water for South Texas Project Conveyance System. – *John J. Byrum II, Executive Director*
- 22) Discussion regarding legal matters involving the partnership with the Port of Corpus Christi for water supply development in the lower Nueces River Basin. – *John J. Byrum II, Executive Director*
- 23) Consider the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the Executive Director or other Authority employees. - *John J. Byrum II*
- 24) Executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.071 to consult with attorneys concerning legal issues related to compromise and Settlement Agreement by and between the Nueces River Authority and Jerry Hickman. - *John J. Byrum II*

Meeting adjournment

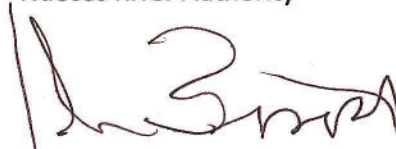
At any time during a meeting of the Nueces River Authority Board of Directors and in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated, the Board may meet in a closed executive session on any of the above agenda items or other lawful items for 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 10 AM on August 4, 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 three business days 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 "John J. Byrum, II", written over a horizontal line.

John J. Byrum, II, Executive Director