

MEETING NOTICE

THE NUECES RIVER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL HOLD A MEETING AT 10:00 A.M. ON FEBRUARY 20, 2026. 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) Discussion on status of water legislation passed in the 89th Session of the Texas Legislature, and anticipated action of the 90th Session scheduled to begin on January 12, 2027, and end on May 31, 2027. *Hugo Berlanga – Legislative Consultant*
 - c) NRA Quarterly Financial Report. – *Robin Murray, Chief Financial Officer*
 - d) Update of Resource Protection and Water Quality – *Lorie Flores- Director of Resource Protection and Water Quality*

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: (6 - 7): 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 November 14, 2025, regular meeting of the Nueces River Authority Board of Directors. – *Eric Burnett, President*
- 7) Ratification of Executive Director's decision to execute an agreement with Frio County to perform administration and management duties associated with the Texas Department of Agriculture Grant for improvements to specified Colonia's. – *Travis Pruski, Chief Operating Officer*

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS: (13-23)

- 8) Consider approval of the Nueces River Authority FY 2025 Financial Report and Single Audit. – *Robin Murray, Chief Financial Officer, Elizabeth Packer, Hanie & Company, San Antonio*
- 9) Discussion and action to authorize the Executive Director to execute a master services agreement with Lockwood, Andrews & Newnan, Inc. for services associated with the New Water for South Texas Conveyance System upon approval of legal counsel and execute Task Order 1 for development of the first phase of pipeline conveyance routing for a fee of \$500,000.00 from the FY 2026 Operating Budget. – *John J. Byrum II, Executive Director*
- 10) Discussion and action to authorize the Executive Director to execute a master services agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. for design services associated with the New Water for South Texas Conveyance System upon approval of legal counsel and authorizing the Executive Director to execute Task Order 1 for development of the first phase of pipeline conveyance routing for a fee of \$500,000 from the FY2026 Operating Budget. – *John J. Byrum II, Executive Director*
- 11) Discussion and action to authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement with T. Anderson Consulting to provide services as needed by the Executive Director to coordinate project design with contractors and suppliers, identify materials for pre-purchase, identify and relay market information which could result in savings of time and money on the infrastructure goals of the Nueces River Authority. – *John J. Byrum II, Executive Director*
- 12) Discussion and Action to approve amendments to the Nueces River Authority FY2026 Operating Budget. – *John J. Byrum II / Robin Murray, Chief Financial Officer*
- 13) Discussion and action to approve the revised project agreement and authorize the Executive Director to execute a funding agreement with the City of Austwell for the replacement of their wastewater treatment plant. *John Chisholm, Deputy Executive Director*
- 14) Discussion and action on Revisions to the Operating Agreement concerning Operations and Management of the Water and Wastewater Facilities within the Calliham community

and the City of Tilden within McMullen County, Texas. *John Chisholm, Deputy Executive Director*

- 15) Discussion on development of the Nueces River Foundation and action on appointment of Board Members.** – *Robin Murray, Chief Financial Officer*
- 16) Discussion and action on an unimproved property contract for the purchase of 5.12 acres of land out of section 108, map C of the Geo. H. Paul Subdivision of the Driscoll Ranch Nueces County for a price not to exceed \$130,000.00 using grant money provided by the General Land Office of Texas. – *Travis Pruski, Chief Operating Officer***
- 17) Discussion and action on authorizing the Executive Director to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Nature Conservancy of Texas to provide technical assistance, develop a Flood Infrastructure Funding application, and in-kind services up to \$250,000 to support community resilience and enhance flood and hazard mitigation within the Nueces River Basin.** – *Travis Pruski, Chief Operating Officer*
- 18) Discussion and action to authorize the Executive Director to execute a Project Management and Grant Administration Agreement with the City of Mathis, Texas to provide technical assistance with the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TCDBG) offered through the Texas Department of Agriculture for City revitalization for a fee equal to 6% of the grant awarded not to exceed \$60,000.** – *Philip Wiatrek, Director of Planning*
- 19) Discussion and action to authorize the Executive Director to execute a Project Management and Grant Administration Agreement with the City of Austwell, Texas to provide technical assistance with the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TCDBG) offered through the Texas Department of Agriculture for City revitalization for a fee equal to 6% of the grant awarded not to exceed \$60,000.** – *Philip Wiatrek, Director of Planning*
- 20) Discussion and action on the Nueces River Authority Resolution No. 26-01 Authorizing the Nueces River Authority to join and support the Coastal Bend Water Alliance.** – *John J. Byrum II, Executive Director*
- 21) Discussion and action on a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Nueces River Authority requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board, authorizing the filing of an application for assistance; and making certain findings in connection therewith. The application is to be filed for TWDB Clean Water Fund – EDAP program to fund Effluent Filtration Improvements for the Leakey Regional Wastewater System.**
- 22) Discussion and action on a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Nueces River Authority requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board, authorizing the filing of an application for assistance; and making certain findings in connection therewith. The application is to be filed for TWDB State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) for the New Water for Texas Project**

23) Discussion and action to authorize the Executive Director to execute legal services agreements with Allensworth & Porter, LLP and with Waterloo Legal Services, PLLC to provide legal services to the Authority.

24) 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

25) Consider the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the Executive Director or other Authority employees. – John J. Byrum II, Executive Director

26) Approval of amending the salary of the Executive Director. – Eric Burnett, President

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 February 13, 2026, 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.

Nueces River Authority

John J. Byrum, II, Executive Director