

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST
for Consideration of Resolution

AGENDA REQUESTED: November 6, 2024

DATE OF REQUEST: October 18, 2024

INDIVIDUAL TO CONTACT REGARDING CHANGES TO THIS REQUEST, IF NEEDED: Gwen Ricco, Texas Register/Agenda Coordinator, (512) 239-2678

CAPTION: Docket No. 2024-0911-MIS. Consideration of the appointment of three nominees to the Irrigator Advisory Council (Council) to replace three members whose terms expire on February 1, 2025, (*See* 30 Texas Administrative Code Section 5.2 and Section 344.80(e)). The Request for Nominations for Appointment to Serve on the Irrigator Advisory Council was published in the July 12, 2024, issue of the *Texas Register* (49 TexReg 5196). (Joseph Hopkins, Alicia Ramirez) (Project No. 2024-028-OTH-NR)



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Interoffice Memorandum

To: Commissioners **Date:** October 18, 2024

Thru: Laurie Gharis, Chief Clerk
Kelly Keel, Executive Director

From: Craig Pritzlaff, Director *CP* 10/8/24
Office of Compliance and Enforcement

Docket No.: 2024-0911-MIS

Subject: Consideration for the Appointment of Members to the Irrigator Advisory Council
Non-Rule Project No. 2024-028-OTH-NR

Requested Commission Action:

Staff requests commission approval for the appointment of three nominees to the Irrigator Advisory Council (“Council”) to replace members with terms expiring on February 1, 2025, See 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §5.2 and §344.80(e). The three nominees are Mr. Remmington Holt (irrigator), Mr. Sergio Martinez (irrigator), and Ms. Paula Syzmanski (public member). Once approved, these three nominees will each serve a six-year term that will expire on February 1, 2031. See the detailed information of qualifications and resumes for recommended nominees (Attachment A), other nominees (Attachment B), and current members (Attachment C).

Council Background:

The Council is established under Subchapter D of the Texas Occupations Code, §§1903.151-159 (Attachment D). The Council coordinates its advice to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ or commission) on matters that relate to landscape irrigation through the Program Support and Environmental Assistance Division’s (PSEAD) Landscape Irrigation Program, See 30 TAC §5.14(b). The nine-member Council has six members who represent licensed irrigators and three members who represent the public. Members should reflect diverse geographic areas of the state, ethnic groups, businesses, government entities, and trade associations. See 30 TAC §5.2(2). Three Council members have terms that are set to expire on February 1, 2025, as shown in Attachment E.

Selection Process:

On February 1, 2025, three current members’ terms will expire and create three vacancies on the Council. Two of these vacancies must be filled by licensed irrigators and the remaining vacancy must be filled by a member who represents the public. PSEAD initiated the process to fill these vacancies by soliciting nominations through a notice sent through the irrigation listservs, publication in the July 12, 2024 publication of the *Texas Register* (49 TexReg 5196), and correspondence to various trade associations and individuals. PSEAD received twenty-seven nominations to fill the three vacancies. For the two irrigator vacancies, PSEAD considered the professional experience, industry knowledge, subject matter expertise, experience with the Irrigator Advisory Council, and geographical representation of each nominee. For the public member, PSEAD considered the eligibility criteria set by Texas Occupations Code §1903.152. Based on these criteria, PSEAD recommends the following individuals to fill the anticipated vacancies: Mr. Remmington Holt (irrigator), Mr. Sergio Martinez (irrigator), and Ms. Paula Syzmanski (public member). A draft resolution was enclosed as Attachment F.

Re: Docket No. 2024-0911-RES

Nominees' Background:

Mr. Remmington Holt, LI0023357, Randall County, Texas (TCEQ Region 1)

Mr. Holt is a licensed Irrigator and previously held an Irrigation Technician license. Mr. Holt is the Owner and Operator of Amarillo Land Services, an irrigation repair, aquascaping and landscape lighting company. Mr. Holt has a Bachelor of Science from West Texas A&M University in Plant, Soil, and Environmental Science. Mr. Holt is a U.S.

Navy veteran and serves as the Vice Chair and State Irrigation Director for the Texas Nursery and Landscape Association. He is the Chair of the Llano Cemetery Board, and a Board Member for the West Texas A&M Ag Development Association and was previously a Board Member for the Texas Panhandle Builders Association.

Mr. Sergio Martinez, LI0015714, Montgomery County, Texas (TCEQ Region 12)

Mr. Martinez is a licensed Irrigator for over 15 years. Mr. Martinez is the owner of Sergio's Lawn Services and Landscaping, a landscape design and creation, lawn maintenance, irrigation design and installation, and tree services company which serves both residential and commercial properties. He previously served as a Board Member, Vice President, and President for the Houston Gulf Coast Irrigation Association.

Ms. Paula Syzmanski, public member, Collin County, Texas (TCEQ Region 4)

Ms. Syzmanski is the Education Outreach Coordinator for the City of Frisco, where she coordinates programs that engage the community on responsible water usage, develops impactful learning experiences for local organizations, schools, and the public. She is a former secondary science teacher and research lab technician, with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology from Seton Hill University and a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction with a Secondary Science Concentration from the University of Texas at Arlington. Ms. Syzmanski is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Curriculum Studies and Teacher Education at the Texas Tech University.

The resumes of all nominees and current Council members are attached, along with a brief summary prepared by program staff.

Key points in the resolution schedule:

***Texas Register* publication date for solicitation of nominations:** July 12, 2024

Anticipated appointment agenda date: November 6, 2024

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Attachments:

- A. Resumes of Recommended Nominees
- B. Summary of Qualifications for Other Nominees Considered
- C. Summary of Current Members
- D. Copy of Texas Occupations Code, Subchapter D §§1903

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- E.** Map of IAC Members' Serving Areas
- F.** Draft Resolution

cc: Chief Clerk, 7 copies

Attachment A

Resumes for Recommended Nominees

Remmington Holt

2000 3rd Ave Canyon Texas 79015 | (806)477-2605 | holtremmington@gmail.com

Objective

My primary aim is to put God first, develop myself, build meaning relationships with others, and improve the world around me.

Education

Bachelor of Science from WTAMU in Plant and Soil Science May 2021

Qualifications

TCEQ Licensed Irrigator 2017-Present

Work History

Amarillo Land Services Amarillo, TX

Owner *February 2017 - Present*

- Negotiate and write contracts.
- Design irrigation and landscapes using a vast variety of plant materials.
- Exceptional conflict resolution skills
- Commercial buying of landscape and irrigation products

Bell Helicopter Amarillo, TX

Quality Assurance Inspector *August 2008 – February 2017*

- Inspected products prior to delivery to ensure safety and quality.
- Verified work performance produced by technicians.
- Audited policy and procedures to align with contract standards.

U.S. Navy Rota, Spain

Aircraft Mechanic (Egress) *August 2002-August 2007*

Honors and Involvement

Llano Cemetery Chair of the Board
Texas Nursery and Landscape Association Vice Chair of the Board Region 6 / State Irrigation Director
West Texas A&M Ag Development Association Board Member
Previous Texas Panhandle Builders Association Board Member
Blue Jacket Sailor of the Year

From: [Sergio Martinez](#)
To: [Install](#)
Subject: The Irrigation Advisory council
Date: Thursday, August 15, 2024 1:52:03 PM

To whom it may concern, my name is Sergio Martinez, and I am currently a licensed irrigator by the state of TX, LI0015714. I have been a licensed irrigator since 2007 and am still active to this day. I am the owner of Sergios Lawn Service & Landscaping. I was the vice president for the Gulf Coast Houston Irrigation Association for 1 year and the president for 2 years. Then I became part of the board of directors for 2 years. I will appreciate your consideration to be part of the TCEQ irrigator advisory council.

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PAULA SZYMANSKI

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WORK EXPERIENCE

EDUCATION OUTREACH COORDINATOR

City of Frisco | Frisco, TX

2023 - PRESENT

Coordinate educational outreach programs that engage the community in ways on how to use water responsibly in North Texas. Develops impactful, relevant learning experiences for local organizations, schools, and the public. Identified as the Water Conservation Coordinator in the City of Frisco's 2024 Water Management Plan and played an extensive role in preparing the 2024 Water Quality Report. An active participant in workgroups associated with water conservation initiatives at the local, state, and federal levels: TX-AWWA, WCAC, WLAC, and WENNT. Ongoing communication and collaboration with representatives from TCEQ and TWDB to ensure compliance standards have been met.

INSTRUCTIONAL COACH & SECONDARY SCIENCE TEACHER

2004 – 2022 | Multiple Campuses

I have developed and implemented engaging, standards-based instruction that aimed to show the connectedness between scientific concepts and real-world application. I have mentored fellow teachers, and provided guidance with instructional strategies, classroom management, and curriculum development. My experience includes both private and public educational environments in Florida, North Carolina, and Texas.

2015 - Teacher of the Year (GCISD)

RESEARCH LAB TECHNICIAN

Whitney Laboratory, University of Florida

2003 – 2004 | St. Augustine, FL

Performed routine lab procedures (i.e. gel electrophoresis, cell culture, PCR, and DNA sequencing) that supported research which focused on the various applications of using fluorescent proteins.

Center for Biodefense, Rutgers (previously UMDNJ)

2002 – 2003 | Newark, NJ

Under the direction of Dr. Nancy Connell, I was part of a research team that focused on biodefense and public health. Working in a BSL-3 containment laboratory, our infection models were used in DNA microarray analysis which studied host response to biological agents such as anthrax, plague, monkeypox, influenza, and SARS.

EDUCATION

PH.D CANDIDATE, CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION CURRICULUM STUDIES & TEACHER EDUCATION

Texas Tech University

Degree anticipated Spring 2025

MASTER OF EDUCATION, CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION SECONDARY SCIENCE CONCENTRATION

University of Texas at Arlington

BACHELOR OF ARTS, BIOLOGY

Seton Hill University (formerly Seton Hill College)

CERTIFICATIONS

- Texas Landscape Irrigation Auditor (TxCLIA)
 - Water Loss Auditor Certification (TWDB)
 - Texas Educator Certifications
 - Grades 4-8 Science
 - Grades 7-12 Life Science
 - Grades 4-12 ESL Supplemental
 - CITI Program – Research, Ethics, Compliance, and Safety Training
 - Conflict of Interest
 - Human Subjects Social & Behavioral Investigators
 - Humanities Responsible Scholarship
 - Export Compliance
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Attachment B

Summary of Qualification and Resumes for Other Nominees Considered

Jerrod M Ainsworth, LI0023528, Rockwall County

Mr. Ainsworth has been a licensed Irrigator since 2017. Mr. Ainsworth is the owner and operator of Texas Irrigators, Inc.

Brandalann M Bruno, LI0024239, Fort Bend County

Ms. Bruno has been a licensed Irrigator since 2018. Ms. Bruno is the owner of Texas Environmental Irrigation Design, LLC and a board member in the Houston Gulf Coast Irrigation Association.

Chad R Cospers, LI0020726, Bexar County

Mr. Cospers has been a licensed Irrigator since 2013 and is also an Irrigation Inspector, II0000247. Mr. Cospers is a Senior Planner at San Antonio Water Systems.

Joseph B Dyche, LI0014944, Wharton County

Mr. Dyche has been a licensed Irrigator since 2006 and is also a Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester, BP0013572. Mr. Dyche has owned his own business for more than twenty years.

Arden L Field Jr, LI0013996, Grayson County

Mr. Field has been a licensed Irrigator since 2005 and is also a Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester, BP0010218. Mr. Field is the owner of DFW Site and Design.

Ron E Garcia, LI0020189, Denton County

Mr. Garcia has been a licensed Irrigator since 2012 and is also an Irrigation Inspector, II0000129, and Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester, BP0012920. Mr. Garcia is the Irrigation Superintendent for the City of Frisco.

Luke T Garner, LI0022686, Parker County

Mr. Garner has been a licensed Irrigator since 2014 and is also a Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester, BP0017289.

Joe Edward Groff, LI0000148, Bexar County

Mr. Groff has been a licensed Irrigator since 1973. Mr. Groff is the owner of Groff Conglomerate.

Michael L Hall, LI0016176, Lubbock County

Mr. Hall has been a licensed Irrigator since 2006. Mr. Hall is currently a Park Planner for the City of Lubbock.

Mark E Hanz, LI0019908, Harris County

Mr. Hanz has been a licensed Irrigator for more than 10 years. Mr. Hanz is currently a irrigation services manager and consultant at RTL Ventures.

Adam Hopper, LI0026798, Brazos County

Mr. Hopper has been a licensed Irrigator since 2019 and is also a Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester, BP0021511. Mr. Hopper is currently an irrigation specialist at SCC @ Aggie Park.

William D Keeney Jr, LI0015495, Bell County

Mr. Keeney has been a licensed Irrigator since 2006. Mr. Keeney is the owner and operator of Keeney Landscape.

Magin LaGrave, LI0005888, Smith County

Mr. LaGrave has been a licensed Irrigator since 1986. Mr. LaGrave is the owner of Habitat Landscape Management & Irrigation Co.

James Darrell Lang, IT0007330, Harris County

Mr. Lang has been an Irrigation Technician since 2021. Mr. Lang is currently an Irrigation Technician at SSC Services for Education at Prairie View A&M University.

Ruben E Lopez, LI0025552, Harris County

Mr. Lopez has been a licensed Irrigator since 2020 and is also a Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester, BP0019833. Mr. Lopez is currently an Operation Manager for Silversand Services.

Dixie Marye Moloney, LI0026986, Midland County

Ms. Moloney has been a licensed Irrigator since 2022 and is also a Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester, BP0021844. Ms. Moloney is the co-owner of Irrigator Systems.

James L Prichard, LI0004361, Colorado County

Mr. Prichard has been a licensed Irrigator since 1998 and is also a Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester BP0015212. Mr. Prichard is the owner of Waldo's Camp and Columbus River Co., LLC.

Jesus R Salinas, LI0009390, Kaufman County

Mr. Salinas has been a licensed Irrigator since 2003. Mr. Salinas is the owner of Mechanically Inclined Sprinkler Repair.

Bradley J Sims, LI0023623, Hays County

Mr. Sims has been a licensed Irrigator since 2017. Mr. Sims is a Project Manager and Associate Principal with Studio 16:19. Mr. Sims is a member of the Central Texas Professional Irrigation Association.

Jeffrey Daniel Smith, LI0023791, Lubbock County

Mr. Smith has been a licensed Irrigator since 2017 and has a pending application to be a Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester. Mr. Smith is the owner of M&M Sprinkler and is also a certified arborist and is involved with the Texas Irrigation Association.

Jason Springer, LI0028305, Travis County

Mr. Springer has been a licensed Irrigator since 2023. Mr. Springer is the Director of Irrigation Maintenance for Cleanscapes Landscaping and is involved with the Texas Nursery & Landscape Association.

Nicholas A Zachary, LI0014810, Tarrant County

Mr. Zachary has been a licensed Irrigator since 2006. Mr. Zachary is currently an Irrigation Technician for Zach Irrigation Repair.

Michael McBroom, Public Member Nominee

Mr. McBoom holds a AA in Liberal Arts from Hill College. Mr. McBroom formerly worked as a Senior Officer/Correctional Systems Officer for the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Mr. McBroom is currently an Environmental Specialist with the City of Cleburne and holds a Surface Water Treatment Operator B license, WS0016075.

Duy D Vu, Public Member Nominee

Mr. Vu holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Texas at Arlington and a Master of Science in Management & Leadership from Western Governor's University. Mr. Vu is currently a Environmental Compliance Manager with the City of Irving. Mr. Vu is also a OSSF Designated Representative, OS0033888.

Attachment C

Summary of Qualifications and Résumés for Current Members

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David Moulton, LI0016835, term expires 02/01/2025, Ellis County

Mr. Moulton is a licensed Irrigator, Irrigation Inspector, Customer Service Inspector, Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester, and Water Operator A. In addition to being a licensed Irrigator for over 10 years, Mr. Moulton has served as the president of the Lone Star Irrigation Association as well as being a board member for the Texas Irrigation Network. Mr. Moulton currently works as the Utility Administration Superintendent for the City of Mansfield where he oversees the enforcement of the city's landscape irrigation ordinances.

Charles Swanson, LI0016931, term expires 02/01/2025, Burleson County

Mr. Swanson has been a licensed Irrigator for over 10 years. Currently Mr. Swanson works for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and has conducted over 185 short courses for over 3,500 licensed irrigation professionals. Mr. Swanson is currently the vice-chairman of the American Society of Biological & Agricultural Engineers (ASABE) Turf and Landscape Irrigation Committee. Mr. Swanson is also a member of the Irrigation Standards Development Committee created by the partnership of The Irrigation Association and the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE). As an extension specialist for landscape irrigation, Mr. Swanson also manages the Smart Irrigation Laboratory in the Biological & Agricultural Engineering Department at Texas A&M University where he conducts testing and assists with product development for irrigation manufacturers.

Jimmy Burgdorf, LI0008675, Term expires 02/01/2027, Tarrant County

Mr. Burgdorf is a licensed Irrigator, Irrigation Inspector, Customer Service Inspector, Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester, and Water Distribution Operator C. In addition to having more than 20 years of irrigation experience, Mr. Burgdorf has served as a board member for both the Texas Irrigation Association, and the North Texas American Backflow Prevention Association. He has also been an active member of the Lone Star Irrigation Association since 2007.

James Garvin, LI0020828, Term expires 02/01/2027, Guadalupe County

Mr. Garvin is a licensed Irrigator, Irrigation Inspector, Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester, Customer Service Inspector, On-Site Sewage Facility Designated Representative, Ground Water Treatment Operator C, and Water Distribution Operator C. Mr. Garvin has served as a board member for the Texas Irrigation Association. He is the current President of the New Braunfels Irrigation Association; he has been an active member of the American Backflow Prevention Association since 2012 and served as its Central Texas Chapter President from 2014-2016.

Norman Werback, LI0013721, term expires 02/01/2029, Denton County

Mr. Werback is a licensed Irrigator, Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester, and Customer Service Inspector. Mr. Werback has been the owner of Wet Dog Irrigation since 2005. He was previously an Adjunct Professor for the University of North Texas, teaching classes for the Department of Retail and Hospitality Management. Mr. Werback is a board member and EXPO program chair for the Lone Star Irrigation Association.

DJ Seeger, LI0025137, term expires 02/01/2029, Comal County

Mr. Seeger is a licensed Irrigator, Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester, and Customer Service Inspector. Mr. Seeger has been the President of Seeger Water since 2015, and has expanded the company's operations to include backflow testing and repairs and water pumps. Mr. Seeger is the Chairman for the Hill County Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Council, as well as, the Chairman for the New Braunfels Irrigation Association. He is also active in the San Antonio Irrigation Association and Texas Irrigation Association.

Donna Starling, public member, term expires 02/01/2025, Denton County

Ms. Starling has approximately 30 years of experience in the public utility sector. Currently, she is the Water Utilities Program Manager for the City of Irving where she provides oversight for Water Conservation, Environmental Compliance, and Leak Detection Programs. She has a Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Texas A&M University and a Master of Public Administration with a focus on urban management from Texas A&M University. Ms. Starling is affiliated with the Texas Section of the American Water Works Association (AWWA) and the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG).

Mark A. Peterson, public member, term expires 02/01/2027, Bexar County

Mr. Peterson has retired and was formerly a project coordinator for water conservation programs pertaining to landscape and irrigation for the Conservation Department of San Antonio Water System (SAWS). Prior to joining SAWS, Mr. Peterson worked for the Texas Forestry Service (TFS) for over 20-years and maintains his license as a Certified Forester. Mr. Peterson also administered TFS Urban Forestry Partnership Grants for 24 Texas counties, and the Oak Wilt Suppression Project for ten counties within this same region. Mr. Peterson has continued membership in all following major professional organizations: Society of American Foresters (SAF), International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), and Municipal Arborists and Urban Foresters Society (MAUFS).

Monique Cogburn, public member, term expires 02/01/2024, Bexar County

Ms. Cogburn is a homeowner and professional administrator with more than 15 years of experience in a variety of fields including research and development, insurance, healthcare, and the legal system. Ms. Cogburn attended San Antonio College and completed coursework in business administration.

Attachment D

Copy of Texas Occupations Code, Subchapter D §§1903

OCCUPATIONS CODE

TITLE 12. PRACTICES AND TRADES RELATED TO WATER, HEALTH, AND SAFETY

SUBTITLE A. OCCUPATIONS RELATED TO WATER

CHAPTER 1903. IRRIGATORS

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 1903.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

- (1) "Commission" means the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.
- (2) "Council" means the Irrigator Advisory Council.
- (3) "Executive director" means the executive director of the commission.
- (4) "Irrigation system" means an assembly of component parts permanently installed for the controlled distribution and conservation of water to irrigate landscape vegetation, reduce dust, or control erosion. The term does not include a system used on or by an agricultural operation as defined by Section [251.002](#), Agriculture Code.
- (5) "Person" means an individual.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1421, Sec. 4, eff. June 1, 2003.

Amended by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1276, Sec. 14A.434(a), eff. Sept. 1, 2003.

Sec. 1903.002. EXEMPTIONS. (a) In this section, "property owners' association" has the meaning assigned by Section [202.001](#), Property Code.

(b) The licensing requirements of this chapter do not apply to a person who is:

- (1) licensed by the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners; or
- (2) a licensed engineer, registered architect, or registered landscape architect to the extent the person's acts are incidental to the pursuit of the person's profession.

(c) The licensing requirements of this chapter do not apply to:

- (1) irrigation or yard sprinkler work performed by a property owner in a building or on premises owned or occupied by the person as the person's home;
- (2) irrigation or yard sprinkler repair work, other than extension of an existing irrigation or yard sprinkler system or

installation of a replacement system, that is:

(A) performed by a maintenance person who does not act as an irrigator or engage in yard sprinkler construction or maintenance for the public; and

(B) incidental to and on premises owned by the business in which the person is regularly employed or engaged;

(3) irrigation or yard sprinkler work performed:

(A) by a regular employee of a railroad who does not act as an irrigator or engage in yard sprinkler construction or maintenance for the public; and

(B) on the premises or equipment of the railroad;

(4) irrigation or yard sprinkler work performed on public property by a person who is regularly employed by a political subdivision of this state;

(5) irrigation or yard sprinkler work performed by an agriculturist, agronomist, horticulturist, forester, gardener, contract gardener, garden or lawn caretaker, nurseryman, or grader or cultivator of land on land owned by the person;

(6) irrigation or yard sprinkler work performed by a member of a property owners' association on real property owned by the association or in common by the association's members if the irrigation or yard sprinkler system waters real property that:

(A) is less than one-half acre in size; and

(B) is used for aesthetic or recreational purposes;

(7) irrigation or yard sprinkler work performed by a person using a garden hose, hose sprinkler, hose-end product, or agricultural irrigation system;

(8) activities involving a commercial agricultural irrigation system;

(9) a person who assists in the installation, maintenance, alteration, repair, or service of an irrigation system under the direct supervision of an individual described by Subchapter F of this chapter who is licensed under Chapter 37, Water Code; or

(10) an owner of a business that employs an individual described by Subchapter F of this chapter who is licensed under Chapter 37, Water Code, to supervise the business's sale, design, consultation, installation, maintenance, alteration, repair, and service of irrigation systems.

(d) A person who is exempt from the licensing requirements of this chapter shall comply with the standards established by this chapter and the rules adopted under this chapter.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1421, Sec. 4, eff. June 1, 2003.
Amended by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1276, Sec. 14A.435(a), eff. Sept. 1, 2003.

SUBCHAPTER B. COMMISSION POWERS AND DUTIES

Sec. 1903.053. STANDARDS. (a) The commission shall adopt by rule and enforce standards governing:

- (1) the connection of irrigation systems to any water supply;
- (2) the design, installation, and operation of irrigation systems;
- (3) water conservation; and
- (4) the duties and responsibilities of licensed irrigators.

(b) The commission may not require or prohibit the use of any irrigation system, component part, or equipment of any particular brand or manufacturer.

(c) In adopting standards under this section, the commission shall consult the council.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1421, Sec. 4, eff. June 1, 2003.
Amended by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1276, Sec. 14A.436(a), eff. Sept. 1, 2003.

Amended by:

Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1352 (H.B. 4), Sec. 13, eff. June 15, 2007.

Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1430 (S.B. 3), Sec. 2.34, eff. September 1, 2007.

SUBCHAPTER D. IRRIGATOR ADVISORY COUNCIL

Sec. 1903.151. COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP. (a) The Irrigator Advisory Council consists of nine members appointed by the commission as follows:

- (1) six members who are irrigators, residents of this state, experienced in the irrigation business, and familiar with irrigation methods and techniques; and
- (2) three public members.

(b) Appointments to the council shall be made without regard to the race, creed, sex, religion, or national origin of the appointee.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1421, Sec. 4, eff. June 1, 2003.
Amended by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1276, Sec. 14A.438(a), eff. Sept. 1,

2003.

Sec. 1903.152. ELIGIBILITY OF PUBLIC MEMBERS. A person is not eligible for appointment as a public member of the council if the person or the person's spouse:

(1) is licensed by an occupational regulatory agency in the field of irrigation; or

(2) is employed by, participates in the management of, or has, other than as a consumer, a financial interest in a business entity or other organization related to the field of irrigation.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1421, Sec. 4, eff. June 1, 2003.

Sec. 1903.155. PRESIDING OFFICER. The council shall elect a presiding officer.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1421, Sec. 4, eff. June 1, 2003.

Amended by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1276, Sec. 14A.438(b), eff. Sept. 1, 2003.

Sec. 1903.157. MEETINGS. The council shall hold meetings at the call of the commission or presiding officer.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1421, Sec. 4, eff. June 1, 2003.

Amended by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1276, Sec. 14A.438(c), eff. Sept. 1, 2003.

Sec. 1903.158. PER DIEM; REIMBURSEMENT. A council member is entitled to a per diem as set by legislative appropriation for each day the member engages in the business of the council. A council member is entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses, including expenses for meals and lodging, as prescribed by the General Appropriations Act.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1421, Sec. 4, eff. June 1, 2003.

Sec. 1903.159. COUNCIL DUTIES. The council shall provide advice to the commission and the commission's staff concerning matters relating to irrigation.

Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1276, Sec. 14A.438(d), eff. Sept. 1, 2003.

SUBCHAPTER F. LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

Sec. 1903.251. LICENSE REQUIRED. (a) A person must hold a license issued by the commission under Chapter 37, Water Code, if the person:

- (1) sells, designs, installs, maintains, alters, repairs, or services an irrigation system;
- (2) provides consulting services relating to an irrigation system;
- (3) connects an irrigation system to a private or public, raw or potable water supply system or any water supply; or
- (4) inspects an irrigation system for a municipality or water district.

(b) A person is ineligible for a license under Subsection (a)(4) if the person engages in or has a financial or advisory interest in an entity that engages in an activity under Subsection (a)(1), (2), or (3).

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1421, Sec. 4, eff. June 1, 2003.

Amended by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1276, Sec. 14A.435(c), eff. Sept. 1, 2003.

Amended by:

Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. 874 (H.B. 1656), Sec. 1, eff. June 15, 2007.

Sec. 1903.252. LICENSING OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT. The commission may not require a person who on August 27, 1979, held a license as a landscape architect under Chapter 457, Acts of the 61st Legislature, Regular Session, 1969 (Article 249c, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), to pass an examination in order to be licensed.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1421, Sec. 4, eff. June 1, 2003.

Amended by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1276, Sec. 14A.435(c), eff. Sept. 1, 2003.

Sec. 1903.255. RECIPROCAL LICENSING. The commission may waive any prerequisite for obtaining a license for an applicant who is registered or licensed as an irrigator or installer by another jurisdiction with which this state has a reciprocity agreement. The commission may make an agreement, subject to the approval of the governor, with another state to allow for licensing by reciprocity.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1421, Sec. 4, eff. June 1, 2003.

Amended by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 1276, Sec. 14A.439(a), eff. Sept. 1, 2003.

Sec. 1903.256. INSTALLATION OF IRRIGATION SYSTEM WITHOUT LICENSE; OFFENSE. (a) Unless exempt under Section [1903.002](#), a person commits an offense if the person installs an irrigation system without holding a license issued by the commission under Chapter [37](#), Water Code.

(b) An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

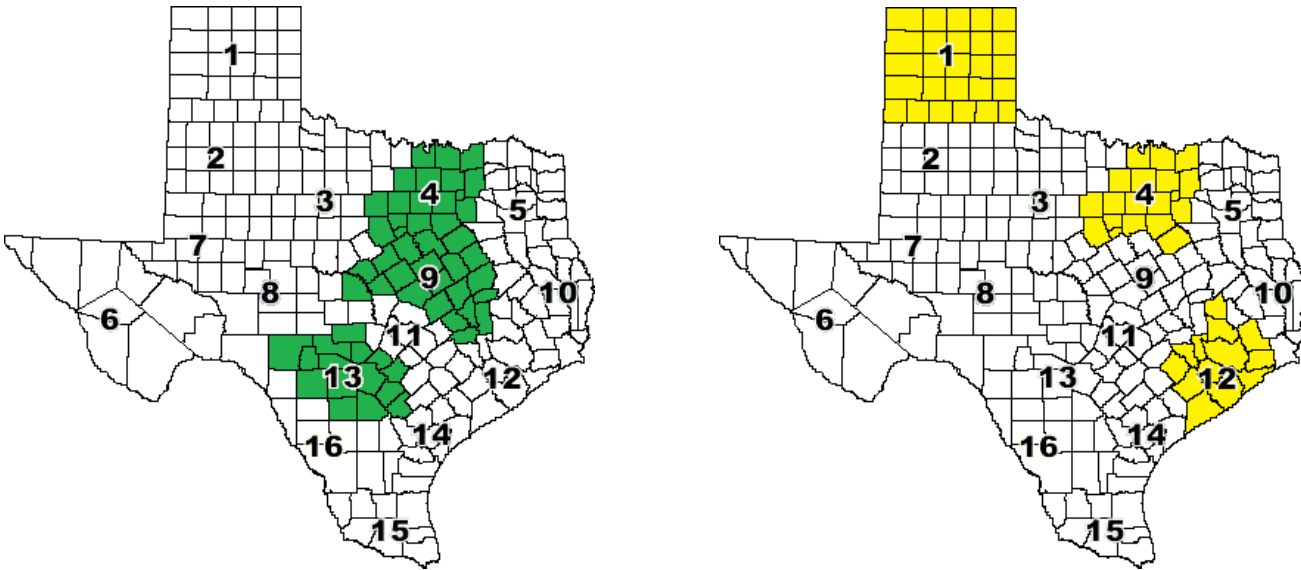
Added by Acts 2011, 82nd Leg., R.S., Ch. 324 (H.B. [2507](#)), Sec. 1, eff. September 1, 2011.

Attachment E

Map of IAC Members' Serving Areas

TCEQ REGIONAL MAP OF IAC CURRENT MEMBERS AND RECOMMENDED NOMINEES

- Current Members through February 1, 2025 (left)
- Future members with recommended nominees (right)



Name	TCEQ Region	Current member*	Outgoing member	Future member*
Remmington Holt	1	-	-	Yes(i)
David Moulton	4	Yes (i)	Yes(i)	-
Donna Starling	4	Yes (p)	Yes(p)	-
Jimmy Burgdorf	4	Yes (i)	-	-
Norman Werback	4	Yes (i)	-	-
Paula Syzmanski	4	-	-	Yes(p)
Charles Swanson	9	Yes (i)	Yes(i)	-
Sergio Martinez	12	-	-	Yes(i)
James Garvin	13	Yes (i)	-	-
Mark Peterson	13	Yes (p)	-	-
DJ Seeger	13	Yes(i)	-	-
Monique Cogburn	13	Yes(p)	-	-
Other nominees received	2,4,5,7,9,11,12,13	-	-	-

*i: irrigator member; p: public member

Attachment F

Draft Resolution

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



A RESOLUTION Appointing new members to the Irrigator Advisory Council at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality;
TCEQ Docket No. 2024-0911-MIS
Project No. 2024-028-OTH-NR

WHEREAS, Texas Water Code, § 5.107 provides the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (Commission) with the authority to create and consult with the Irrigator Advisory Council (Council); and

WHEREAS, the Regular Session of the 73rd Legislature (1993) adopted Senate Bill 383, subsequently codified as Texas Government Code, Chapter 2110; and

WHEREAS, the Commission advisory committees are subject to the Commission's rules regarding such committees pursuant to 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 5. The Council's sole duty is to advise the Commission. The Council has no executive or administrative powers with respect to the operation of the Commission, and all such powers and duties rest solely with the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the following Council members will expire on February 1, 2025: Charles Swanson, David Moulton, Donna Starling, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, that the following persons be appointed to fill the vacancies on the Irrigator Advisory Council, with their terms to expire accordingly:

Remmington Holt, whose term shall be effective February 1, 2025 for a six-year term to expire February 1, 2031; and

Sergio Martinez, whose term shall be effective February 1, 2025 for a six-year term to expire February 1, 2031; and

Paula Syzmanski, whose term shall be effective February 1, 2025 for a six-year term to expire February 1, 2031.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Jon Niermann, Chairman

Date Signed

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