



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Thomas E. Taylor, Executive Director
DATE: September 29, 2017
SUBJECT: Board of Directors Meeting - - October 5, 2017



Meeting Place: Upper Trinity Regional Water District
Board Meeting Room
900 N. Kealy
Lewisville, TX 75057

Date: Thursday, October 5, 2017

Board Meeting: 12:30 P.M.

Notice: For the required quorum, your presence is very important. However, if you cannot attend, please contact Nancy Tam by email: ntam@utrwd.com or by telephone at 214-538-8602, as soon as possible.

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT.

Last month the Board adopted budgets for the new fiscal year that has just started. It is quite a budget, and will challenge every capability we have over the next twelve months. The adopted budgets (\$ 58 million for O&M) (\$ 63.3 million for capital projects) confirm the merits of the growing regional program. It simply could not happen - - except as a regional enterprise. Now, we must work smart; and, work together to get it done.

And, the best part has to do with our success on rate management. Long-term, we've done well in keeping rate increases generally in the three to four percent range for many years. I am very proud that we were able to craft a budget this year with zero increase for some wastewater plants and only three percent increase for the Regional Treated Water System. That's a good start for the year. With such budget discipline, the District has been able to keep up with the growth - - while at the same time avoiding a rate squeeze on Members.

So, looking ahead, I expect this to be a very busy year. And, I ask every Board Member to keep their shoulder to the wheel. It is going to take a united effort to fulfill the regional mission; especially, when looking beyond this year. We are approaching the time to begin final design - - then, the start of construction for Lake Ralph Hall. It's getting close.

What a privilege it is to serve on this Board!
- - - what an opportunity we have to participate!
- - - what a learning experience!

I look forward to working with each of you throughout the year. Let's make it a good one!

- - Kevin Mercer, President

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

RFP for Banking Services. As discussed with the Board, staff is proceeding with an open process for consideration of proposals for the District's depository bank and for other banking services. Staff has issued a Request for Proposals; and, proposals will be accepted up to November 8. If any Board Member would like to have a copy of the RFP, please give Lester Harris a call at 972-219-2228.

Denton County Greenbelt Master Plan. The completed Greenbelt Plan has been accepted by the three project sponsors: (1) Denton County, (2) UTRWD, and (3) UT Conservation Trust. Now, the process will shift to the implementation phase, which will be under the guidance of Denton County. UTRWD and the Conservation Trust will have supporting roles, in keeping with our overall interest in Watershed Protection. A county-wide Coordination Committee will help with the implementation process and will work with individual cities who desire to incorporate parts of the Master Plan into local planning codes. If you know of a good candidate who should be considered for the Coordination Committee, please let Jason Pierce know. Also, if your governing body or a civic group would be interested in having a presentation about the Greenbelt Plan, please give Jason a call.

North Texas Land Stewardship Landowner Workshop. Upper Trinity Conservation Trust, in collaboration with the Cooke and Denton County AgriLife offices, is hosting a landowner workshop at the Dixon Water Foundation's Leo Ranch west of Sanger on October 27. The half-day program will focus on land stewardship practices that benefit water quality in nearby creeks and downstream reservoirs. Topics include conservation easements, rotational grazing management, feral hog control, and cost-share programs through the Natural Resources Conservation Service. For more information, please contact Jason Pierce at 972-219-1228.

Feral Hog Management Workshop. The District, in collaboration with the Tarrant Regional Water District, North Texas Municipal Water District and Trinity River Authority, are hosting a series of workshops to provide information to local entities on the best methods to manage feral hogs in their area. The District is hosting one of these workshops on November 9 from 1 PM to 5 PM at the District's office in Lewisville. Attendees will hear from local experts about the basics of feral hog biology and control techniques, communicating with the public, and additional resources to aid entities when managing feral hogs. For more information, contact Jason Pierce at 972-219-1228.

BOARD MEETING

Enclosed is the agenda for the October 5, 2017 Board Meeting, and the Data Sheets for action items and other related information. Please contact me or the appropriate staff person if you have any questions.

