

WaterMatters

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Hello

Welcome To WATER MATTERS

The new e-newsletter of the **Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority (BCRUA)**.

We'll be sending news and updated information every other month to keep you informed of progress with our water supply project.

If you know of someone who would like to receive this e-letter, suggest they get a request to us by e-mail at info@bcrua.org. We'll be glad to add them to our list.

Hiring

Looking For THE BEST

With the start of Phase 1 construction activities nearing, a review of applications for a **permanent project general manager** is underway. **Chris Lippe**, who has managed BCRUA on a part-time basis since 2007, will step down early this summer.

Schedule

BCRUA Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.,
Wednesday, May 20
Leander City Hall

BCRUA
Board Meeting
Agenda **online** at
bcrua.org

Comment

We Want to Hear From You!

Your comments are welcome.
Call our hotline at
684-3200

Or write us at
info@bcrua.org

Due Diligence Update

A Studied Approach

The due diligence study of the proposed Site 4 deep-water intake is expected to get underway this month following approval by BCRUA member cities. The study, by **Jacobs Engineering**, will examine feasibility and potential impacts of the intake site, which is located in the **Village of Volente**. Following the 120-day review, Jacobs will report findings to the BCRUA board and, assuming site approval, will begin preliminary design of facilities. That phase will include whatever mitigation strategies are required to manage local impacts.

New Board President

BCRUA Taps Fuller



Cedar Park City Council member **Mitch Fuller** has taken leadership of the Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority board of directors. He was elected president earlier this spring, replacing Round Rock's **Scott Rhode**, who resigned from the board.

"I'm honored to serve this important public works project," said Fuller, *"and I am pleased to represent Cedar Park in cooperating with the cities of Round Rock and Leander on this regional project."*

Fuller has been a member of the BCRUA board since July 2008. A captain on active duty with the **Texas Army National Guard** at Camp Mabry, he served in Iraq from January 2005 to January 2006. He also holds a Masters of Public Administration from the **University of Oklahoma** and a BA in Political Science from **Southwestern Oklahoma University**.

Spotlight on Conservation

Meet Round Rock's Jessica Woods



With the hottest, driest days of the year ahead, water conservation is more a concern than ever. All three BCRUA partner cities have well-developed programs, and now Round Rock has hired its first full-time water conservation specialist.

"Being able to develop such an important, timely program from its foundation is very exciting," said **Jessica Woods**, a Round Rock resident for the past five years.

When she joined the city staff in February, Jessica arrived with more than nine years of professional experience in the well-regarded water conservation programs at the city of Austin, where she managed the rain water harvesting program, the commercial and multifamily toilet replacement programs, and an elementary school education program called *Water In Our World*. She is a TCEQ-licensed landscape irrigator, and she provides irrigation system evaluations and water audits for City of Round Rock water customers.

"My main focus currently is customer education, but I'm determined to build the program over time to provide rebates and other services," Jessica noted. She holds a Master's of Applied Geography degree from **Texas State University**.