



# MEMO

**TO:** NTMWD Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Jenna Covington, Executive Director  
**DATE:** May 22, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** May 28, 2026, Board Meeting

This Board Meeting will be President Hollifield's final meeting as chair. I would like to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for President Hollifield's leadership and guidance over the past year. As many directors know, the role of Board President can be both challenging and time-consuming. Despite this, President Hollifield has consistently approached his responsibilities with a positive attitude and a sense of humor. Additionally, the District was able to tackle several big rocks during his tenure, including the initial startup of the Sister Grove WRRF, the acquisition of the Gateway Transfer Station Property and the addition of Melissa as the sixth Solid Water Member City.

## **1.1 High Quality Service – Pursue Treatment Optimization Recognition**

The District has demonstrated a strong commitment to water treatment optimization through active participation in both the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Texas Optimization Program (TOP) and the American Water Works Association (AWWA) Partnership for Safe Water initiatives. These voluntary programs promote operational excellence beyond minimum regulatory requirements and focus on improving public health protection, treatment reliability, and overall water quality performance.

Through participation in the Texas Optimization Program, District staff have worked collaboratively with TCEQ to evaluate treatment processes, optimize filter performance, improve operational monitoring, and implement data-driven process control strategies. These efforts emphasize continuous improvement and proactive treatment optimization rather than simple regulatory compliance.

As a result of these ongoing efforts, the District has successfully achieved TOP recognition for multiple treatment facilities, including the Wylie Complex Plant 4, Bonham Water Treatment Plant and Leonard Water Treatment Plant. These recognitions reflect the District's ability to consistently maintain turbidity performance standards that exceed state and federal regulatory requirements and demonstrate the effectiveness of the District's operational practices and staff expertise.

In addition to TOP participation, Plant 4 has achieved recognition through the AWWA Partnership for Safe Water program, which is a nationally recognized optimization and self-assessment initiative focused on achieving superior treatment performance and continuous operational improvement. Participation in the Partnership for Safe Water program requires utilities to conduct rigorous self-evaluations, benchmark treatment performance, and implement long-term optimization strategies designed to enhance water quality and operational resiliency.

Building upon the success of Plant 4, the Leonard Water Treatment Plant has also submitted for participation and recognition in the Partnership for Safe Water program. This effort reflects the District's continued commitment to advancing treatment optimization practices across all treatment facilities and pursuing industry-leading standards for drinking water quality and operational excellence.

### **Officer Nominations and Committee Appointments**

This time of year gets a little confusing with the changeover of Board Officers and Committees. At the May Board Meeting, the Board will act on the new slate of Officers – President, Vice President, and Secretary. The new President takes over on June 1. The Committees, with the exception of the Executive Committee, stay the same through June. The new President will assign the membership of the Committees to begin on July 1.