

**SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS
REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP**

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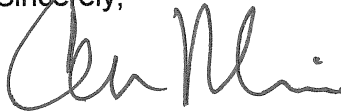
Dear Mr. Kierstead:

I have received your letter requesting Region L to appoint an individual to the seat previously held by Gil Olivares of BexarMet. Please note that our Bylaws do not allow for appointments of planning group members. To seat a member, we need to follow a process that includes (1) planning group authorization to solicit nominations for the position, (2) public notice of that solicitation, and (3) final approval of a nominee by the planning group. This process takes about three months, since we only meet quarterly.

I will ask that an item be placed on our February 5 meeting agenda to consider authorizing a solicitation for nominees. The planning group will decide what action, if any, it wishes to take on the matter at that time.

Thank you for your letter.

Sincerely,



Con Mims, Chair
South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (Region L)