



Nueces River Authority

May 15, 2026

Good Morning, Rachel –

Below is the statement provided by the Nueces River Authority in response to your request:

The Nueces River Authority remains committed to transparency and conducting its business in accordance with Texas law. Following questions regarding a recent website notice, the NRA acknowledges that the reference identifying a special purpose committee may have been interpreted as a board action when, in fact, the Board President appointed this committee under the authority established in the NRA's bylaws. Coming out of a closed executive session and stating that no final action was taken in closed session is a standard practice for NRA and numerous other governmental bodies, reassuring the public that the board of directors did not take any final action in closed session. The Board President's decision to exercise his unilateral authority under the bylaws to create a committee is not an action that was taken by the Board of Directors in closed session or at any other time.

The Board continues to rely on legal counsel's expertise, advice, and guidance to ensure that all actions, committee activities, and related processes are conducted appropriately and in compliance with applicable legal requirements, including the Texas Open Meetings Act. Our legal counsel has advised us that the Texas Open Meetings Act, including its notice requirements, do not apply to NRA committees. The notice provision for committee meetings is an internal requirement adopted by a previous board of directors that is inconsistent with current state law. We have visited with our legal counsel about the need to update the board's bylaws, many of which have been on the books for many decades, to account for numerous changes over the years in the governing law and to reflect numerous practices of the current NRA board. We hope to address that in the near future.

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