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## **Governor Abbott Appoints SRA Board of Directors**

(Orange, TX) Governor Greg Abbott recently reappointed Cary “Mac” Abney of Marshall to the Sabine River Authority of Texas (SRA) Board of Directors for a six year term. Governor Abbott also appointed Kimberly Fish of Longview and Jeanette Sterner of Holly Lake Ranch to the SRA Board of Directors for six year terms. Created by the Legislature in 1949, the Sabine River Authority is an official agency of the State of Texas. The Authority was created as a conservation and reclamation district with responsibilities to control, store, preserve, and distribute the waters of the Sabine River and its tributary streams for useful purposes. The Sabine River Authority of Texas is governed by nine Board of Directors who are leaders in their communities and are dedicated to addressing water issues in the Sabine River Basin. The Board of Directors, appointed by the Governor, must reside in a county within the basin.

Cary “Mac” Abney is a certified public accountant and president of Abney and Company, PLLC. Mr. Abney is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants, and Texas Forestry Association, and a board member of the Marshall Harrison County Joint Airport Zoning Board, and the Harrison County Soil and Water Conservation District, USDA. He is also past president of the Harrison County Housing Finance Corporation and Harrison County Airport Advisory Committee, secretary and treasurer of the Harrison County EMS (Dist #2), and secretary of the Fern Lake Club. He received a bachelor's degree from Southern Methodist University and is a graduate of the College of Financial Planning. Mr. Abney and his wife Claudia have two children and five grandchildren and reside in Marshall.

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Kimberly Fish is a freelance writer specializing in marketing and media materials, as well as a creative consultant in the community development field. Trained as a professional film maker, her career path gravitated to pre-production specialties, with a strong emphasis on writing. With experience honed in the auto manufacturing world, real estate development, and non-profits, her writing expertise has lead to publication in professional, civic, and statewide magazines. She currently sits on the board of Longview 2020, Community Connections Center, Longview Arboretum, the LeTourneau University President's Advisory Committee, LeTourneau University Board of Trustees, and is an active member of Mobberly Baptist Church, Longview-Greggton Rotary, Zonta International, Gregg County Republican Women, Longview 2020, is the current Republican Precinct Chair for her district. Kimberly and her husband, Dr. Melton Fish, are proud parents of Mike and Laura Fish.

Col. Jeanette Sterner was honorably discharged from the United States Army and Texas Army National Guard after 30 years of service. While serving in the Texas Army National Guard, she worked for the Veteran Administration Medical Center in Dallas as a vocational rehabilitation counselor and clinical coordinator for the Veterans Homeless Program. She is an active member of the Military Officers Association of America, VFW Mineola, and the Women's Service Guild Holly Lake Ranch. She is vice president of Greater Hawkins Veterans Memorial Association and president of Holly Lake Ranch Veterans Association and the Women's Auxiliary to Greater Hawkins Memorial Association. Col. Sterner received a Bachelor of Arts from Oklahoma City University, Masters of Science from Trinity University and a master's degree in strategic planning for Global Situations from the Army War College.

Other members of the SRA Board include J. D. Jacobs, Jr. from Rockwall, David Koonce from Center, Stan Mathews from Pinehurst, Sharon Newcomer from Mauriceville, Cliff Todd from Carthage and Earl Williams from Orange.

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