



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **UGRA Welcomes New Member and Honors Exemplary Volunteer**

The Board of Directors of the Upper Guadalupe River Authority (UGRA) welcomed a new member on Tuesday, November 15, 2016. New Director Dr. Bill Rector was previously sworn in and joined the Board for his first meeting on Tuesday. Dr. Rector was appointed by Governor Abbott to serve a term expiring February 1, 2017 and will join current UGRA Board members Mike Allen, Bob Waller, Blake Smith, Wayne Musgrove, Aaron Bulkley, Harold Danford, Mike Hughes, and Diane McMahon.

Dr. William Rector of Kerrville graduated from Tivy High School in 1960 and from Texas A&M in 1964. He received his MD from University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. Dr. Rector did his internship in the Air Force followed by a three-year tour of duty in the Far East during the Vietnam War. Following his years as a flight surgeon, he left the Air Force for a residency in radiology at the University of Colorado where he developed a special interest in ultrasound working with his mentor and friend, Dr. Joseph Holmes, regarded as the "Father of American Ultrasound."

Dr. Rector joined the teaching staff of the University of Colorado for two years followed by a year at Vanderbilt University to establish their Ultrasound Department. He then returned to Denver and later practiced for three years in Mobile, Alabama before receiving an invitation to return to Sid Peterson Memorial Hospital as a radiologist in 1980.

In addition to advancing SPMH's ultrasound capabilities, Dr. Rector and his partners put together a group of community leaders to purchase the first CT scanner and gamma nuclear camera for Kerrville. These units were both placed in Sid Peterson Memorial Hospital. Dr. Rector served as chief of staff as well as chairman of radiology and served many years on the hospital's medical executive committee. He retired as senior partner in 2011 after 31 years.

Dr. Rector has served on the Board of the Kerrville Area Chamber of Commerce, two terms as a KISD trustee and one term on Kerrville City Council. He served on the Main Street Advisory Board and is currently on the Symphony of the Hills Board. He is also the longest serving member of the Kerr County Historical Commission. Dr. Rector is a member of the radiology residency teaching staff at Wilford Hall Hospital at Lackland AFB where he works one to two weeks per month teaching and caring for our veterans and active duty personnel.

Additionally, the UGRA Board honored Kerrville resident Tim Lewis with a special recognition award for his contribution to water quality in Kerr County through the Town Creek Clean Up Team. "We present you with this certificate in recognition of personal initiative and valuable contributions of time and resources to the health of the upper Guadalupe River watershed through the Town Creek Clean Up Team," said UGRA Board President Mike Allen.

Mr. Lewis had participated in past UGRA Annual River Clean Up events, but in 2012 decided to organize an effort to conduct more frequent clean ups in the Town Creek watershed. Mr. Lewis coordinated with UGRA staff to identify primary areas of concern and to outline a plan for the clean up team. UGRA participated in the effort by providing trash bags, trash grabbers, reflective vests, and administrative support. The City of Kerrville provided vouchers to the landfill and Riverside Nature Center and Hill Country Master Naturalists helped advertise the events and recruit volunteers.

The first Town Creek Clean Up was held on October 13, 2012 and continued each January, April, July, and October until 2016. Mr. Lewis was the driving force behind all 17 Town Creek Clean Ups and conducted the events in an organized, safe, and efficient manner. Over the four years, he skillfully wrangled 194 volunteers and recorded 3,024 pounds of trash collected; although the actual total was much more because trash totals were not recorded at every event. “Tim exemplifies the concept of watershed stewardship by building upon the mission of UGRA’s Annual River Clean Up to keep his community and watershed trash free,” said UGRA General Manager Ray Buck.



UGRA Board President Mike Allen (r) presents Tim Lewis (l) with a Certificate of Recognition. UGRA Board Directors pictured in the back row are from left to right: Bill Rector, Mike Hughes, Aaron Bulkley, Bob Waller, Blake Smith, Wayne Musgrove, and Harold Danford.