NOTICE OF INTENT TO CREATE THE WEST FORK PUBLIC UTILITY AGENCY

(City of Newark)

Notice is hereby given that the City of Newark intends to join one or more of the following public entities being Wise County, the Cities of Alvord, Aurora, Boyd, Bridgeport, Decatur, New Fairview, Newark, Paradise, and Rhome, Texas, Walnut Creek Special Utility, District Rolling V Ranch Water Control & Improvement District No. 3, Newark Municipal Utility District No. 1, and West Wise Special Utility District (Public Entities) to create the West Fork Public Utility Agency (the PUA or Agency) pursuant to the authority to create a public utility agency contained in Chapter 572 of the Texas Local Government Code.

The PUA will have the authority provided in Chapter 572 of the Texas Local Government Code which includes, but is not limited to, the authority to engage in the collection, transportation, treatment, or disposal of sewage and the conservation, storage, transportation, treatment, or distribution of water and the member public entities may join together as co-tenants or co-owners to plan, finance, acquire, construct, own, operate, or maintain water and wastewater facilities for municipal, domestic, and industrial uses under the direction of the PUA's Board of Directors. **The PUA will be a non-taxing public entity. The PUA will not have the authority to levy and collect ad valorem taxes, but the PUA will have the authority to issue bonds to finance capital improvement projects.** The service area of the proposed PUA includes the territory of Wise County, Texas, service areas of the Public Entities, service area of any future customers of the PUA, and the general area where any infrastructure owned by the PUA is located.

Wise County is currently experiencing significant population growth and development which is anticipated to continue and increase in the future. The creation of the PUA will allow municipalities and water and wastewater service providers in Wise County, Texas to provide regional coordination for the development of drinking water supplies, the provision of potable drinking water, and address the wastewater needs of the area.

The creation of the PUA will occur only after the adoption of concurrent Orders or Ordinances at a public meeting of each participating Public Entity after the expiration of 14 days from the date of the first notice of publication as required by law.

The City of Newark intends to approve its participation in and creation of the PUA at a meeting of the City Council at 7:00 pm on October 16, 2025, at Newark City Hall, 209 Hudson Street, Newark Texas 76071.

For additional information regarding the creation of the West Fork Public Utility Agency, citizens may contact:

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City of Alvord Attn.: City Administrator 215 West Elm Street Alvord, TX 76225

City of Aurora Attn.: City Administrator 320 Derting Road Aurora, Texas 76078 City of Boyd Attn.: City Manager 731 E. Rock Island Boyd, Texas 76023

City of Bridgeport Attn.: City Manager 900 Thompson Street Bridgeport, Texas 76426

City of Decatur Attn.: City Manager 201 E. Walnut Street Decatur, Texas 76234

City of Newark Attn.: City Secretary 209 Hudson Street Newark, Texas 76071

City of New Fairview Attn.: City Administrator 999 Illinois Lane Newark, Texas 76078

City of Paradise Attn.: City Administrator 218 Main Street Paradise, Texas 76073 City of Rhome Attn.: City Administrator 261 School Road Rhome, Texas 76078

Walnut Creek Special Utility District Attn.: President, Board of Directors 1155 W. Highway 199 Springtown, Texas 76082

Rolling V Ranch Water Control & Improvement District No. 3 Attn.: President, Board of Directors 2728 N Harwood Street, Suite 500 Dallas, Texas 75201

Newark Municipal Utility District No.1 Attn.: President, Board of Directors 14755 Preston Road, Suite 600 Dallas, Texas 75254

West Wise Special Utility District Attn.: President, Board of Directors 3412 FM 2952 Bridgeport, Texas 76426