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VICTORIA MESSER NEW HPWD GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR

LUBBOCK (*September 2, 2016*) – Victoria Messer is the new Governmental Affairs Director for the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 (HPWD), effective August 23.

“Victoria is a great addition to our organization. Her expertise with public policy and the Texas Legislature are very impressive, which will be of great benefit to the district and its constituents,” said Board President Lynn Tate of Amarillo.

A native of Hereford, Messer attended Canyon High School and is a recent graduate of the Texas Tech University School of Law, where she received her Juris Doctorate (J.D) degree with a Law & Science Concentration in Energy Law. She was appointed by Gov. Greg Abbott to serve a one-year term as Student Regent for the Texas Tech University System for 2015-2016.

Messer also worked as a legislative aide to Rep. Drew Darby of San Angelo during the 83rd and 84th Texas Legislature. She served as policy advisor for multiple areas including higher education, rural healthcare, energy, and natural resources.

Prior to that, Messer was a congressional intern for Texas Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison.

“I am so thrilled to begin this new journey with the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District. I look forward to being a member of the team and utilizing my policy experience, legal education, and passion for my home area to foster an effective voice for the High Plains,” Messer said.

Some of her honors and awards include: Appointed Student Representative, Texas Tech Presidential Search Committee; TTU School of Law Top Austin Regional Extern; Capital Crowd's “House Intern Most Likely to Run the Texas Legislature in Ten Years;” and Texas Tech President's Select Outstanding Senior.

She and her fiancé, Jeffry Whitehead, will be married in October. She is the daughter of Roy Dale and MaryBeth Messer of Canyon.

Created in 1951 by local residents and the Texas Legislature, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) is charged with the responsibility of conserving, preserving, protecting, and preventing waste of groundwater in aquifers within its 16-county service area. HPWD is the first underground water conservation district in Texas. It celebrates its 65th anniversary in September 2016.

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