

TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS

Regular Business Meeting
February 11-12, 2015
Crowne Plaza, Austin, Texas
AGENDA

Wednesday, February 11, 2015

10:00 am Executive Committee Meeting

- A. Call to Order and Invocation – 1:15 p.m.
- B. Speaker Sessions
 - 1. Benefits of 3-D Visualization for Drilling, Groundwater Availability, Groundwater Exploration and Permitting, *Allan Standen and Michelle Sutherland*
 - 2. Groundwater Resources Planning, *David Harkins and Joshua Grimes, Carollo Engineers*
 - 3. Oil and Gas and Groundwater 101, *Brian Miller, Miller Consulting, Inc.*
 - 4. Sourcing Water for Oil and Gas in Texas, *Wade Oliver, Intera*
- C. Roll Call
- D. Membership update and announcement of new members
- E. Discussion and possible action on minutes of prior meeting
- F. Discussion and possible action on financial reports and Annual Report

5:00 p.m. On-site networking reception (included with registration)

Thursday, February 12, 2015

- G. Call to Order – 8:30 a.m.
- H. Speaker Sessions
 - 1. Takings law and groundwater regulation - how do we coexist? *Deborah Trejo, Kemp Smith LLP*
 - 2. Legislative Update, *Carolyn Cadena, TAGD*
- I. Discussion and possible action on legislative proposals and TAGD Legislative Policy
- J. Officer and Committee Reports

Executive Director (Stacey Steinbach)	Groundwater Protection (David Van Dresar)
Executive Committee (Kathy Turner Jones)	Information/Education (Carolyn Cadena & Leah Adams)
Legislative Committee (Dirk Aaron)	Railroad (Sue Young)
Bylaws Committee (Zach Holland)	Aquifer Storage and Recovery (Open)
Drought Preparedness (David Van Dresar)	Soil & Water Conservation (Joel Pigg)

- K. Member and Group Reports
- L. Other TAGD Business
- M. Adjournment

Upon Adjournment: Legislative Committee Meeting

The meeting may be closed in accordance with Article 6.0.D.2. of the TAGD Bylaws
NOTE: Agenda items may be considered, deliberated, and/or acted upon in a different order than set forth above.

Total Membership Numbers
FY 2013-2014: 32 Associate, 83 District
Fy 2014-2015: 32 Associate, 79 District

Agenda Item D

FY 2014-2015 Members

Member Type	Member	First	Last	Email	Address	City	State	Zip	Renewal
Associate	Andrew Aelvoet	Andrew	Aelvoet	aelvoet@nunleyfirm.com	1580 So. Main St.	Boerne	Texas	78006	x
Associate	Apex Geoscience Inc	William	Gamblin	wgamblin@apexgeo.com	2120 Brandon Drive	Tyler	Texas	75703	NEW
Associate	Aquasurance	Harry	Peyton	hpeyton@aquasurance.us	1618 W. Sam Houston Pkwy N.	Houston	Texas	77043	x
Associate	AW Blair Engineering	Al	Blair	awblair@awblair.com	PO Box 4615	Austin	Texas	78765	x
Associate	Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, Acosta LLP	Bill	Dugat	bdugat@bickerstaff.com	3711 S. MoPac Expwy, Bldg One, Ste 300	Austin	Texas	78746	x
Associate	Blanton & Associates, Inc.	Velma	Danielson	velma.danielson@blantonassociates.com	300 Convent Street, Suite 1330	San Antonio	Texas	78205	x
Associate	Canadian River Municipal Water Authority	Kent	Satterwhite	ksatterwhite@crmwa.com	PO Box 9	Sanford	Texas	79078	x
Associate	Carollo Engineers	Joshua	Grimes	jgrimes@carollo.com	8911 N Capital of TX Hwy Suite 2200	Austin	Texas	78759	x
Associate	Charles Porter	Charles	Porter	cporter@sbcglobal.net	2103 N. Oak Canyon Rd.	Austin	Texas	78746	x
Associate	Daniel B. Stephens & Associates	Andy	Donnelly	adonnelly@dbstephens.com	4030 Braker Lane, Ste. 325	Austin	Texas	78759	x
Associate	Fritz, Byrne, Head & Harrison, PLLC	J.D.	Head	jdhead@fbhh.com	98 San Jacinto Blvd, Suite 2000	Austin	Texas	78701	x
Associate	GM Ellis Law Firm, PC	Greg	Ellis	greg.ellis@gmservices.info	2104 Midway Ct.	League City	Texas	77573	x
Associate	Hance Scarborough, LLP	Amanda	Biediger	abiediger@hslawmail.com	400 W. 15th Street, Ste. 950	Austin	Texas	78701	x
Associate	Harris-Galveston Subsidence District	Michael	Turco	mturco@subsidence.org	1660 West Bay Area Blvd	Friendswood	Texas	77546	x
Associate	INTERA Inc	Steve	Young	syoun@intera.com	1812 Centre Creek Drive	Austin	Texas	78754	x
Associate	Kelly Hart & Hallman LLP	Monica	Jacobs	monica.jacobs@kellyhart.com	301 Congress Ave.	Austin	Texas	78701	NEW
Associate	Kemp Smith LLP	Drew	Miller	dmiller@kempsmith.com	816 Congress Ave., Suite 1260	Austin	Texas	78701	x
Associate	Laura Raun Public Relations	Laura	Raun	laura@raunpr.com	206 Fletcher Street	Austin	Texas	78704	x
Associate	LBG-Guyton Associates	James	Beach	jbeach@lbg-guyton.com	1101 S. Capital of TX Hwy, Suite B-220	Austin	Texas	78746	x
Associate	Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C.	Ty	Embrey	tembrey@lglawfirm.com	816 Congress Ave, Ste. 1900	Austin	Texas	78701	x
Associate	McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, LLP	Russ	Johnson	rjohnson@mcginnislaw.com	600 Congress Ave., Ste. 2100	Austin	Texas	78701	x
Associate	Monique Norman, Attorney at Law	Monique	Norman	norman.law@earthlink.net	PO Box 50245	Austin	Texas	78763	x
Associate	Resource Action Programs	Stefani	Richards	srichards@resourceaction.com	976 United Circle	Sparks	Nevada	89431	x
Associate	Robert L. "Robby" Cook, III	Robby	Cook	robbycook@westcapitol.com	1122 Colorado, Ste 208, West Gate Bldg	Austin	Texas	78701	NEW
Associate	San Antonio Water System	Darren	Thompson	darren.thompson@saws.org	2800 US 281 North	San Antonio	Texas	78212	x
Associate	San Jacinto River Authority	Jace	Houston	jhouston@sjra.net	PO Box 329	Conroe	Texas	77305	x
Associate	SaveWaterTexas	Barbara	Payne	bpayne@savewatertexas.com	6514 Coral Ridge Rd.	Houston	Texas	77069	x
Associate	Sledge Fancher, PLLC	Brian	Sledge	bsledge@sledgelaw.com	919 Congress Ave., Suite 460	Austin	Texas	78701	x
Associate	Southwest Research Institute	Ronald	Green	rgreen@swri.edu	6220 Culebra	San Antonio	Texas	78238	x
Associate	Texas Water Conservation Association	Dean	Robbins	drobbins@twca.org	221 East 9th Street, Suite 206	Austin	Texas	78701	x
Associate	U S Geological Survey	Lynne	Fahlquist	lfahlqst@usgs.gov	1505 Ferguson Lane	Austin	Texas	78754	x
Associate	William R. Hutchison	Bill	Hutchison	billhutch@texasgw.com	9802 Murmuring Creek Dr.	Austin	Texas	78736	x
District	Bandera Co. River Authority and Groundwater District	David	Mauk	dmauk@bcragd.org	PO Box 177	Bandera	Texas	78003	x
District	Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District	John	Dupnik	jdupnik@bseacd.org	1124 Regal Row	Austin	Texas	78748	x
District	Bee Groundwater Conservation District	Lonnie	Stewart	louwcd@yahoo.com	PO Box 682	Beeville	Texas	78104	x
District	Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District	Ron	Fieseler	manager@blancocountygroundwater.org	PO Box 1516	Johnson City	Texas	78636	x
District	Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District	Zach	Holland	zholland@bluebonnetgroundwater.org	PO Box 269	Navasota	Texas	77868	x
District	Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District	Alan	Day	aday@brazosvalleygcd.org	PO Box 528	Hearne	Texas	77859	x
District	Brewster County Groundwater Conservation District	Conrad	Arriola	bcgwcd@gmail.com	203 North 7th Street	Alpine	Texas	79830	x
District	Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District	Felix	Saenz	brushcountrygcd@gmail.com	PO Box 136	Falfurrias	Texas	78355	x
District	Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District	Charles	Shell	cshell@centraltexasgcd.org	PO Box 870	Burnet	Texas	78611	x
District	Clear Fork Groundwater Conservation District	Belynda	Rains	clearforkgcd@gmail.com	P.O. Box 369	Roby	Texas	79543	x
District	Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District	Dirk	Aaron	dirk.aaron@clearwaterdistrict.org	P.O. Box 1989	Belton	Texas	76513	x
District	Coastal Bend Groundwater Conservation District	Neil	Hudgins	nhudgins@cbgcd.com	P.O. Box 341	Wharton	Texas	77488	x
District	Coastal Plains Groundwater Conservation District	Neil	Hudgins	shorris@co.matagorda.tx.us	2200 7th St., #303	Bay City	Texas	77414	x
District	Coke County Underground Water Conservation District	Winton	Milliff	ccuwcd@wcc.net	P.O. Box 1110	Robert Lee	Texas	76945	x
District	Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District	Jim	Brasher	jim@ccgcd.net	P.O. Box 667	Columbus	Texas	78934	x
District	Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District	Micah	Voulgaris	manager@ccgcd.org	201 E. San Antonio Avenue #100	Boerne	Texas	78006	x
District	Crockett County Groundwater Conservation District	Slate	Williams	euwcd@verizon.net	P.O. Box 1458	Ozona	Texas	76943	x
District	Culberson County Groundwater Conservation District	Sumner	Webb	Srwebb@culbersongroundwater.org	P.O. Box 1295	Van Horn	Texas	79855	x
District	Duval County Groundwater Conservation District	Luis "Louie"	Pena	duvalgwcdmng@gmail.com	PO Box 506	Benavides	Texas	78341	x
District	Edwards Aquifer Authority	Roland	Ruiz	rruiz@edwardsaquifer.org	1615 N. St. Mary's Street	San Antonio	Texas	78215	x
District	Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District	Russell	Labus	russell.labus@evergreenuwcd.org	110 Wyoming Boulevard	Pleasanton	Texas	78064	x
District	Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District	David	Van Dresar	info@fayettecountygroundwater.com	255 Svoboda Lane, Room 115	La Grange	Texas	78945	x
District	Gateway Groundwater Conservation District	Jack	Campsey	gatewaygcd@att.net	P.O. Box 338	Quanah	Texas	79252	x
District	Glasscock Groundwater Conservation District	Rhetta	Yanez	ggcdone@crcom.net	P.O. Box 208	Garden City	Texas	79739	x
District	Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District	Greg	Sengelman	greg.sengelman@gcuwcd.org	P.O. Box 1921	Gonzales	Texas	78629	x
District	Guadalupe County Groundwater Conservation District	Ron	Naumann	ronnaumann@sbcglobal.net	P.O. Box 1221	Seguin	Texas	78156	x
District	Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District	Rick	Broun	manager2@haysgroundwater.com	P.O. Box 1648	Dripping Spring	Texas	78620	x
District	Headwaters Groundwater Conservation District	Gene	Williams	gene@hgcd.org	125 Lehmann Dr., Suite 201	Kerrville	Texas	78028	x

Member Type	Member	First	Last	Email	Address	City	State	Zip	Renewal
District	Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District	Janet	Guthrie	j.guthrie@hemphilluwc.org	P.O. Box 1142	Canadian	Texas	79014	x
District	High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1	Jason	Coleman	jason.coleman@hpwd.com	2930 Avenue Q	Lubbock	Texas	79411	x
District	Hill Country Underground Water Conservation District	Paul	Tybor	ptybor@gmail.com	508 S. Washington	Fredericksburg	Texas	78624	x
District	Hudspeth County Underground Water Conservation District	Randy	Barker	hcuwcd1@dellcity.com	P.O. Box 212	Dell City	Texas	79837	x
District	Irion County Water Conservation District	Scott	Holland	icwcd@verizon.net	P.O. Box 10	Mertzon	Texas	76941	x
District	Jeff Davis County Underground Water Conservation District	Janet	Adams	janet@fdwsc.com	P.O. Box 1203	Fort Davis	Texas	79734	x
District	Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District	Andy	Garza	general_manager@kenedygcd.com	P.O. Box 212	Sarita	Texas	78385	x
District	Kimble County Groundwater Conservation District	Jerry	Kirby	kcwcd@cebridge.net	P.O. Box 31	Junction	Texas	76849	x
District	Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District	Genell	Hobbs	kinneyh2o@att.net	112 W. Spring St.	Brackettville	Texas	78832	x
District	Live Oak Underground Water Conservation District	Lonnie	Stewart	louwcd@yahoo.com	3460A Hwy 281	George West	Texas	78022	x
District	Llano Estacado Underground Water Conservation District	Lori	Barnes	leuwcdlb@gmail.com	200 S.E. Ave C	Seminole	Texas	79360	x
District	Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District	Kathy Turner	Jones	kjones@lonestargcd.org	655 Conroe Park North Drive	Conroe	Texas	77303	x
District	Lone Wolf Groundwater Conservation District	Sue	Young	sueyoung@lwgcd.org	P.O. Box 1001	Colorado City	Texas	79512	x
District	Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District	Joe P.	Cooper	jcooper@lostpineswater.org	P.O. Box 1027	Smithville	Texas	78957	x
District	Lower Trinity Groundwater Conservation District	Bill	Jacobs	ltgcdistrict@livingston.net	P.O. Box 1879	Livingston	Texas	77351	x
District	McMullen Groundwater Conservation District	Lonnie	Stewart	mcmullengcd@yahoo.com	P.O. Box 232	Tilden	Texas	78072	x
District	Medina County Groundwater Conservation District	David	Caldwell	davidcaldwellmccgcd@sbcglobal.net	1607 Avenue K	Hondo	Texas	78861	x
District	Menard County Underground Water District	Caroline	Runge	mcuwd@wcc.net	P.O. Box 1215	Menard	Texas	76859	x
District	Mesa Underground Water Conservation District	Harvey	Everheart	harvey.everheart@gmail.com	P.O. Box 497	Lamesa	Texas	79331	x
District	Mesquite Groundwater Conservation District	Amy	Crowell	mgcd@windstream.net	802 9th Street	Wellington	Texas	79095	x
District	Mid-East Texas Groundwater Conservation District	David	Bailey	david_metgcd@att.net	P.O. Box 477	Madisonville	Texas	77864	x
District	Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District	Paul	Weatherby	mpgcd@sbcglobal.net	P.O. Box 1644	Fort Stockton	Texas	79735	x
District	Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District	Joe B.	Cooper	mtgcd1@centurylink.net	930 N. Wolfe Rd.	Stephenville	Texas	76401	x
District	Neches and Trinity Valleys Groundwater Conservation District	David	Alford	manager@ntvgcd.org	P.O. Box 1387	Jacksonville	Texas	75766	x
District	North Plains Groundwater Conservation District	Steve	Walthour	swalthour@northplainsgcd.org	P.O. Box 795	Dumas	Texas	79029	x
District	North Texas Groundwater Conservation District	Drew	Satterwhite	ntgcd@northtexasgcd.org	PO Box 508	Gainesville	Texas	76241	x
District	Northern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District	Bob	Patterson	bobpatterson@cybermesa.com	13600 Heritage Parkway, Suite 200	Fort Worth	Texas	76177	x
District	Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District	C. E.	Williams	cew@pgcd.us	P.O. Box 637	White Deer	Texas	79097	x
District	Panola County Groundwater Conservation District	Leah	Adams	ladams@pcgcd.org	419 West Sabine Street	Carthage	Texas	75633	x
District	Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District	Leatrice	Adams	permianbasin@sbcglobal.net	P.O. Box 1314	Stanton	Texas	79782	x
District	Pineywoods Groundwater Conservation District	Jackie	Risner	jrisner@pgcd.org	P.O. Box 635187	Nacogdoches	Texas	75963	x
District	Plateau Underground Water Conservation and Supply District	Jon	Cartwright	jonc@plateauuwcsd.com	P.O. Box 324	Eldorado	Texas	76936	x
District	Plum Creek Conservation District	Johnie	Halliburton	jhalliburton@pccd.org	P.O. Box 328	Lockhart	Texas	78644	x
District	Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District	Gary	Westbrook	posgcd@tconline.net	P.O. Box 92	Milano	Texas	76556	x
District	Prairelands Groundwater Conservation District	Jim	Conkwright	jimconkwright@prairielandsgcd.org	P.O. Box 3128	Cleburne	Texas	76033	x
District	Real-Edwards Conservation and Reclamation District	Joel	Pigg	info@recred.org	P.O. Box 807	Camp Wood	Texas	78833	x
District	Red River Groundwater Conservation District	Drew	Satterwhite	rrgcd@redrivergcd.org	P.O. Box 1214	Sherman	Texas	75091	x
District	Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District	Mike	McGuire	mmcguire@rpgcd.org	P.O. Box 717	Munday	Texas	76371	x
District	Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District	Amanda	Maloukis	amanda@rcgcd.org	500 North High Street	Henderson	Texas	75653	x
District	Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District	Gary	Walker	glw@crosswind.net	P.O. Box 130	Plains	Texas	79355	x
District	Santa Rita Underground Water Conservation District	Wendy	Pool	srwcdist@verizon.net	P.O. Box 849	Big Lake	Texas	76932	x
District	Saratoga Underground Water Conservation District	Randy	McGuire	mcguirer@juno.com	P.O. Box 231	Lampasas	Texas	76550	x
District	South Plains Underground Water Conservation District	Lindy	Harris	lindy@spuwcd.org	P.O. Box 986	Brownfield	Texas	79316	x
District	Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District	John	Martin	jmartin@setgcd.org	P.O. Box 1407	Jasper	Texas	75951	x
District	Southern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District	Scooter	Radcliffe	stgcd@att.net	1414 Lisa St	Waco	Texas	76705	NEW
District	Sterling County Underground Water Conservation District	Diana	Thomas	scuwcd@verizon.net	P.O. Box 873	Sterling City	Texas	76951	x
District	Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District	Jim	Polonis	sutuwc7@verizon.net	301 S. Crockett Ave.	Sonora	Texas	76950	x
District	Trinity Glen Rose Groundwater Conservation District	George	Wissmann	mail@trinityglenrose.com	6335 Camp Bullis Rd, Ste 25	San Antonio	Texas	78257	x
District	Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District	Doug	Shaw	jillianmcdonald@uwmmail.com	P.O. Box 1749	Springtown	Texas	76082	x
District	Wes-Tex Groundwater Conservation District	Dale	Adams	dale.adams@co.nolan.tx.us	100 East Third Street, Suite 305B	Sweetwater	Texas	79556	x
District	Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District	Ed	Walker	wgcd.swtrea@sbcglobal.net	PO Box 1433	Carrizo Springs	Texas	78834	x

FY 2014-2015 Cancelled Memberships

Member Type	Member	First	Last	Email	Address	City	State	Zip	Renewal
Associate	Aqua Water Supply Corporation	Dave	McMurry	dmcmmurry@aquawsc.com	PO Drawer P	Basrop	Texas	78602	Cancelled
Associate	Debra Cerda	Debra	Cerda	dcerda@besstinc.com	12601 Oro Valley Trail	Austin	Texas	78729	Cancelled
District	Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District	Barbara	Smith	bsmith@goliadcogcd.org	P.O. Box 562	Goliad	Texas	77963	Cancelled
District	Pecan Valley Groundwater Conservation District	Charlotte	Krause	director@pvgcd.org	107 N. Gonzales	Cuero	Texas	77954	Cancelled
District	Refugio Groundwater Conservation District	Tim	Andruss	admin@rgcd.org	P.O. Box 116	Refugio	Texas	78377	Cancelled
District	Texana Groundwater Conservation District	Tim	Andruss	admin@texanagcd.org	P.O. Box 1098	Edna	Texas	77957	Cancelled
Associate	Texas Water Exchange	Bruce	Gillooly	brucergillooly@gmail.com	110 Broadway Suite 360	San Antonio	Texas	78205	Cancelled
District	Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District	Tim	Andruss	tim.andruss@vcgcd.org	2805 N. Navarro, Suite 210	Victoria	Texas	77901	Cancelled

**Minutes of
Regular Business Meeting
TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS
October 29-30, 2014
Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Center, Kingsville, TX**

Agenda Item E

These Minutes are a record of the items discussed, including motions on any matters that involve the TAGD Membership. The Minutes mostly follow the order on the previously distributed agenda, but may not have been discussed in that order, as noted in the Minutes.

- A. Call to Order and Invocation.** President Kathy Turner Jones called the meeting to order at 1:15 PM October 29, 2014. No invocation was given.
- B. Welcome to Kingsville, Mayor Sam Fugate.** Stacey Steinbach introduced the Mayor of Kingsville. The Mayor welcomed everyone to the community, home to Texas A&M Kingsville and Naval Air Force Station – Kingsville.
- C. Welcome to the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Center and Texas A&M University –Kingsville, Fred C Bryant.** Stacey then introduced Dr. Fred Bryant who welcomed us to the facility and provided information about Caesar Kleberg, widely considered to be the “father of Texas wildlife conservation”.
- D. Speaker Sessions.**
1. Regional Issues: a look at Kenedy County GCD, Brush County GCD, and Duval County GCD by Mary Sahs, Felix Saenz, and Atlee Parr.
 2. City of Brownsville Desalination Plant, Judy Adams, Water Treatment Manager, *Brownsville Public Utilities*.
- E. Roll Call.** Secretary Leah Adams called the roll and informed the Chair there were 33 District Members in attendance, comprising a quorum. A list of GCDs represented at the meeting is attached as Attachment 1.
- F. Announcement of New Members.** Kathy Jones presented 3 new associate members to TAGD: Apex Geosciences, Robby Cook, and Kelly Hart & Hallman.
- G. Discussion and possible action on minutes of prior meeting.** Kathy Turner Jones presented the minutes from the last meeting. Andy Garza made the motion and Zack Holland seconded to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- H. Discussion and possible action on Financial Reports.** Steve Walthour asked Stacey Steinbach to cover the financial reports provided in meeting attachments. Ron Fieseler made the motion and Joel Pigg seconded to approve the financial reports as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- I. Election of Vice President to serve remainder of term (through September 30, 2015).** Kathy Turner Jones announced that due to a Board vacancy in the office of Vice President, the Executive Committee temporarily appointed Dirk Aaron to serve until the next scheduled meeting. The Nominations Committee then met and nominated Dirk Aaron to serve as Vice President for the remainder of the term. Kathy then requested nominations from the floor and Joe B. Cooper nominated Bob Patterson to serve as Vice President. C.E. Williams made and Gary Walker seconded a motion to cease nominations and vote. Janet Adams moved and Joel Pigg seconded to count ballots. Both motions passed unanimously. During the regular agenda item I, Kathy Jones announced the vote results showing Dirk Aaron as the individual elected to complete the term for Vice President of TAGD.
- J. Discussion and possible action on legislative proposals and TAGD Legislative Policy.** Dirk Aaron asked Stacey Steinbach to present the legislative policy changes. Stacey referred to page 12 of the agenda packets. The three main changes presented for approval were: 1) Associate members are non-voting

members of the Legislative Committee, 2) once an individual signs up for the Legislative Committee, s/he is the member, but alternates can be sent (the alternate must be an employee of the member GCD or TAGD must have a letter on file), and 3) A quorum is satisfied by those present at the meeting. C.E. Williams moved and Alan Day seconded a motion to approve the changes effective immediately. The motion passed unanimously.

Stacey informed the membership that the Brackish bill has not yet reached a consensus with TWCA. TAGD will also send out a doodle poll to membership once TWCA puts forward a bill for voting. Dirk Aaron, standing Legislative Committee Chair, established a task force to work on brackish groundwater matters and prepare an alternative for consideration by the membership. Stacey mentioned that three other bills did reach consensus at TWCA: the ASR bill, the State Auditor's Office bill, and the TDLR bill.

The meeting was then recessed at 4:02 PM.

A. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 8:35 AM October 30, 2014.

B. Speaker Sessions.

1. Current Groundwater Investigations at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Richard Hay, *Assistant Director, Center for Water Supply Studies.*
2. Water Supply Enhancement Program: Increasing Availability Surface and Ground Water Through Brush Control, Aaron Wendt, *Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board*
3. Texas Underground Injection Control Program Overview: Lottie Council, *Texas Commission on Environmental Quality*

C. Officer and Committee Reports. The report as listed below:

1. Executive Director – Stacey referred to the Executive Directors report included in the agenda packets. There will be an annual report in February. Membership renewals are due. The Groundwater Summit revenue was up, but attendance was down.
2. Executive Committee – Kathy Turner Jones has been spending time setting the agenda for this October meeting. In January, they will meet to discuss meeting locations for the 2015 year.
3. Legislative Committee – Dirk reiterated the decisions from earlier in the meeting specifically discussing the Brackish Task Force. Members of the Brackish Task Force will include Dirk, C.E. Williams, Kody Bessent, Steve Walthour, Greg Sengelmann, Greg Ellis, Gary Westbrook, and Alan Day.
4. Bylaws Committee – None.
5. Drought Preparedness – None.
6. Groundwater Protection – None.
7. Outreach & Education – Carolyn Cadena asked everyone to check out the feature article on Texas Water and let everyone know featuring a GCD on the website was going to begin again. She also presented the formation of the following subcommittees: 1) GCD Index Committee; 2) GCD Manual Committee which will hopefully include a 101 Handbook for New GCDs or General Managers; 3) Salary Survey Committee; and 4) Outreach Tools Committee. Carolyn then provided a presentation of the new online GCD Index.
8. Railroad – None.
9. Aquifer Storage and Recovery – None.
10. Soil & Water Conservation – None.

D. Member and Group Reports. Stacey reminded everyone that the Executive Committee will set the upcoming meetings soon. A discussion on where to meet was held. No other reports from GCDs or GMAs.

E. Other TAGD Business. Kathy Turner Jones thanked the meeting sponsor: Brush Country GCD, Kenedy County GCD, and Duval County GCD. No other business.

F. Adjournment. Zach Holland made a motion and Slate Williams seconded to adjourn the meeting. Kathy Turner Jones adjourned the meeting at 12:15 pm.

Prepared and submitted by Stacey Steinbach, Executive Director, and Leah Adams, Secretary.

Approved by the Members on _____, 2015.

Kathy Turner Jones, President

Leah Adams, Secretary

Attachment 1
Members Attending the TAGD Regular Business Meeting
October 29-30, 2014
Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Center, Kingsville, TX

1. Bandera Co. River Authority and Groundwater District
2. Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
3. Bee Groundwater Conservation District
4. Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District
5. Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District
6. Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District
7. Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District
8. Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District
9. Duval County Groundwater Conservation District
10. Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District
11. Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District
12. High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1
13. Irion County Water Conservation District
14. Jeff Davis County Underground Water Conservation District
15. Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District
16. Live Oak Underground Water Conservation District
17. Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District
18. McMullen Groundwater Conservation District
19. Menard County Underground Water District
20. Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
21. North Plains Groundwater Conservation District
22. Northern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
23. Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District
24. Panola County Groundwater Conservation District
25. Plateau Underground Water Conservation and Supply District
26. Plum Creek Conservation District
27. Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District
28. Prairelands Groundwater Conservation District
29. Real-Edwards Conservation and Reclamation District
30. Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District
31. Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District
32. Sterling County Underground Water Conservation District
33. Wes-Tex Groundwater Conservation District

Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts

BALANCE SHEET

As of December 31, 2014

First Quarter 2014-2015 Balance Sheet with Previous Year

Agenda Item F

	TOTAL	
	AS OF DEC 31, 2014	AS OF DEC 31, 2013 (PY)
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
First Bank - M.M.	0.00	175,872.98
First Bank - OPR	0.00	4,937.46
WellsFargo Bank - Checking	106,667.70	
WellsFargo Bank - Savings	75,035.72	
Total Bank Accounts	\$181,703.42	\$180,810.44
Accounts Receivable		
Accounts Receivable	9,230.00	1,465.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$9,230.00	\$1,465.00
Other current assets		
Deposits	400.00	0.00
Prepaid Rent	0.00	465.00
Total Other current assets	\$400.00	\$465.00
Total Current Assets	\$191,333.42	\$182,740.44
TOTAL ASSETS	\$191,333.42	\$182,740.44
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
Accounts Payable	0.00	4,885.70
Total Accounts Payable	\$0.00	\$4,885.70
Total Current Liabilities	\$0.00	\$4,885.70
Total Liabilities	\$0.00	\$4,885.70
Equity		
Opening Bal Equity	84,433.05	84,433.05
Retained Earnings	40,581.32	34,398.83
Net Income	66,319.05	59,022.86
Total Equity	\$191,333.42	\$177,854.74
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$191,333.42	\$182,740.44

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BUDGET VS. ACTUALS: TAGD - FY15 P&L

October - December, 2014

First Quarter 2014-2015 P&L

	TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income		
Grants and Donations		0.00
Interest Income	5.67	9.00
Meeting Income		
Leadership Training Income		0.00
PFIG Training		0.00
Quarterly Meeting Income	7,235.00	7,000.00
Texas Groundwater Summit		0.00
Total Meeting Income	7,235.00	7,000.00
Member Dues		
Membership Dues - Associates	30,250.00	25,000.00
Membership Dues - Voting	73,500.00	75,000.00
Total Member Dues	103,750.00	100,000.00
Total Income	\$110,990.67	\$107,009.00
Gross Profit	\$110,990.67	\$107,009.00
Expenses		
Meeting Expenses		
Leadership Training Expenses		0.00
Meeting Supplies		200.00
Quarterly Meeting Expenses	2,522.52	3,000.00
Total Meeting Expenses	2,522.52	3,200.00
Office Expense		
Business Phone	11.85	210.00
Cell Phone	405.00	405.00
Furniture and Equipment		600.00
Internet		111.00
Postage and PO Box	73.50	100.00
Rent	2,580.00	3,000.00
Supplies	11.86	0.00
Total Office Expense	3,082.21	4,426.00
Personnel		
Staff		
Health Insurance Reimburse	1,972.26	2,250.00
Payroll Taxes	2,486.25	2,500.00
Retirement		1,950.00
Salaries	32,500.02	32,500.00
Total Staff	36,958.53	39,200.00
Total Personnel		

	36,958.53	39,200.00
Professional Services		
Audit/Tax Return		1,000.00
Contracted Services		0.00
Insurance - Bonds		0.00
Payroll/Bookkeeping/Banking	193.45	600.00
PFIA Instructor		0.00
Texas Legislative Service	412.50	426.00
Total Professional Services	605.95	2,026.00
Travel/Confer/Dues/Outreach		
Conference Fees	725.00	850.00
Member Dues/Registrations	250.00	450.00
Outreach	81.30	750.00
Travel and Hotel	446.11	950.00
Total Travel/Confer/Dues/Outreach	1,502.41	3,000.00
Total Expenses	\$44,671.62	\$51,852.00
Net Operating Income	\$66,319.05	\$55,157.00
Net Income	\$66,319.05	\$55,157.00

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BALANCE SHEET

As of February 4, 2015

2014-2015 Balance Sheet with Previous Year as of February 4, 2015

	TOTAL	
	AS OF FEB 4, 2015	AS OF FEB 4, 2014 (PY)
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
WellsFargo Bank - Checking	108,492.61	83,211.59
WellsFargo Bank - Savings	75,037.63	90,001.11
Total Bank Accounts	\$183,530.24	\$173,212.70
Accounts Receivable		
Accounts Receivable	1,610.00	715.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$1,610.00	\$715.00
Other current assets		
Deposits	400.00	0.00
Prepaid Rent	0.00	465.00
Total Other current assets	\$400.00	\$465.00
Total Current Assets	\$185,540.24	\$174,392.70
TOTAL ASSETS	\$185,540.24	\$174,392.70
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
Accounts Payable	0.00	4,847.69
Total Accounts Payable	\$0.00	\$4,847.69
Total Current Liabilities	\$0.00	\$4,847.69
Total Liabilities	\$0.00	\$4,847.69
Equity		
Opening Bal Equity	84,433.05	84,433.05
Retained Earnings	40,581.32	34,398.83
Net Income	60,525.87	50,713.13
Total Equity	\$185,540.24	\$169,545.01
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$185,540.24	\$174,392.70

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Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts

BUDGET VS. ACTUALS: TAGD - FY15 P&L

October 2014 - September 2015

2014-2015 P&L as of February 4, 2015
against annual budget

	TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income		
Grants and Donations		2,000.00
Interest Income	7.58	36.00
Meeting Income		
Leadership Training Income		3,000.00
PFIG Training		4,000.00
Quarterly Meeting Income	14,300.00	25,000.00
Texas Groundwater Summit		30,000.00
Total Meeting Income	14,300.00	62,000.00
Member Dues		
Membership Dues - Associates	31,250.00	25,000.00
Membership Dues - Voting	74,062.50	75,000.00
Total Member Dues	105,312.50	100,000.00
Total Income	\$119,620.08	\$164,036.00
Gross Profit	\$119,620.08	\$164,036.00
Expenses		
Meeting Expenses		
Leadership Training Expenses		2,000.00
Meeting Supplies		1,000.00
Quarterly Meeting Expenses	2,522.52	12,000.00
Total Meeting Expenses	2,522.52	15,000.00
Office Expense		
Business Phone	26.29	840.00
Cell Phone	540.00	1,620.00
Furniture and Equipment		2,500.00
Internet		440.00
Postage and PO Box	73.50	200.00
Rent	4,300.00	12,000.00
Supplies	54.37	800.00
Total Office Expense	4,994.16	18,400.00
Personnel		
Staff		
Health Insurance Reimburse	2,688.17	9,000.00
Payroll Taxes	3,315.00	10,000.00
Retirement		7,800.00
Salaries	43,333.36	130,000.00
Total Staff	49,336.53	156,800.00
Total Personnel		

	49,336.53	156,800.00
Professional Services		
Audit/Tax Return		1,000.00
Contracted Services		1,000.00
Insurance - Bonds		2,000.00
Payroll/Bookkeeping/Banking	326.09	2,500.00
PFIA Instructor		2,000.00
Texas Legislative Service	412.50	1,700.00
Total Professional Services	738.59	10,200.00
Travel/Confer/Dues/Outreach		
Conference Fees	725.00	2,500.00
Member Dues/Registrations	250.00	1,300.00
Outreach	81.30	3,000.00
Travel and Hotel	446.11	2,500.00
Total Travel/Confer/Dues/Outreach	1,502.41	9,300.00
Total Expenses	\$59,094.21	\$209,700.00
Net Operating Income	\$60,525.87	\$ -45,664.00
Net Income	\$60,525.87	\$ -45,664.00

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2014 Annual Report



TAGD is a 501(c)(3) educational association that supports Texas GCDs and their efforts to conserve, preserve, and protect Texas groundwater.

----- *Executive Committee* -----

Kathy Turner Jones, President--Lone Star GCD

Bob Patterson, Vice President--Upper Trinity GCD

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Steven Walthour, Treasurer--North Plains GCD

Zach Holland, Parliamentarian--Bluebonnet GCD

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Jim Polonis--Sutton County UWCD

Greg Sengelmann--Gonzales County UWCD

Ron Fieseler--Blanco-Pedernales GCD



Texas Alliance Of Groundwater Districts

2014 Program Highlights



This year TAGD held its first ever Leadership Training in partnership with High Plains Water District in Lubbock, Texas. Attendees included GCD board members, new general managers, and staff members who received a comprehensive overview of local government laws, groundwater science and policy, and other groundwater management topics. In addition, this year TAGD rolled out the Groundwater Conservation District Index, its online interactive GCD database, which provides important data to lawmakers and the public. The project was funded by a grants from the Dixon Water Foundation, Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District, Central Texas GCD, Clearwater UWCD, Middle Pecos GCD, Lone Star GCD, Hemphill County UWCD, Sandy Land UWCD, and Upper Trinity GCD.

Education & Outreach

This year's Summit at the San Marcos Embassy Suites & Conference Center was the most successful yet in terms of sponsors (16), exhibitors (20), and money raised. As in previous years, we had over 300 attendees. Keynote speakers included Representatives Jason Isaac, Lyle Larson, Doug Miller, and Eddie Lucio III, and TWDB Chairman Carlos Rubinstein. The newly featured Legislative Lowdown was hugely popular and included a wide variety of stakeholders discussing strategies and plans for the upcoming legislative session.

Summit

2014 was a great year for TAGD's quarterly meeting program. We had a very successful fall 2013 meeting in Cleburne, thanks to Prairielands GCD. We welcomed some impressive speakers in 2014, including numerous TAGD members. As in the past, we continued to enjoy some great networking opportunities at these events.

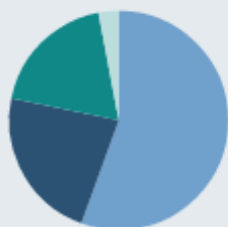
Quarterly Meetings



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Total Income

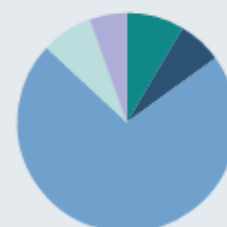


Member Dues	\$105,513
Meeting Income	\$43,060
Summit	\$35,702
Grants & Donations + Interest Income	\$5,652
TOTAL INCOME	\$189,927



2014 Financials

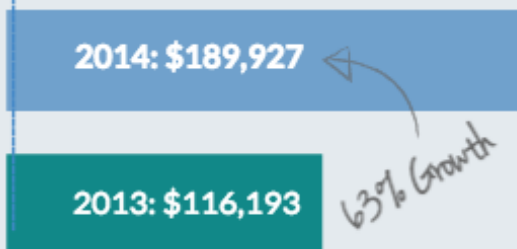
Total Expenses



Meetings Expenses	\$15,619
Professional Services	\$11,975
Personnel	\$132,140
Office Expenses	\$13,875
Travel, Education, Outreach	\$10,136
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$183,745

Net Income for FY 2014 **\$6,182**

Total Income



GCD Members: 83
Associate Members: 32

10% Growth

(TAGD's 2014 fiscal year ran from October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014.)

Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts

BALANCE SHEET

As of September 30, 2014

Revised FY 13-14 Balance Sheet

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
WellsFargo Bank - Checking	9,042.07
WellsFargo Bank - Savings	75,030.05
Total Bank Accounts	\$84,072.12
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	40,077.25
Total Accounts Receivable	\$40,077.25
Other current assets	
Deposits	400.00
Prepaid Rent	465.00
Total Other current assets	\$865.00
Total Current Assets	\$125,014.37
TOTAL ASSETS	\$125,014.37
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	84,433.05
Retained Earnings	34,398.83
Net Income	6,182.49
Total Equity	\$125,014.37
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$125,014.37

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Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts

BUDGET VS. ACTUALS: TAGD - FY14 P&L

October 2013 - September 2014

Revised FY 13-14 P&L

	TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income		
Grants and Donations	5,500.00	2,500.00
Interest Income	152.39	36.00
Meeting Income		
Leadership Training Income	6,375.00	0.00
PFIA Training	3,550.00	4,000.00
Quarterly Meeting Income	33,135.00	23,000.00
Texas Groundwater Summit	35,702.25	30,000.00
Total Meeting Income	78,762.25	57,000.00
Member Dues		
Membership Dues - Associates	29,000.00	22,000.00
Membership Dues - Voting	76,512.50	72,250.00
Total Member Dues	105,512.50	94,250.00
Total Income	\$189,927.14	\$153,786.00
Gross Profit	\$189,927.14	\$153,786.00
Expenses		
Meeting Expenses		
Leadership Training Expenses	3,925.40	
Meeting Supplies	1,130.97	1,000.00
Quarterly Meeting Expenses	10,562.90	9,000.00
Total Meeting Expenses	15,619.27	10,000.00
Office Expense		
Business Phone	900.37	840.00
Cell Phone	735.00	840.00
Furniture and Equipment	3,836.20	3,500.00
Internet	334.95	440.00
Postage and PO Box	168.46	200.00
Rent	6,325.33	5,580.00
Supplies	835.31	800.00
Website	739.25	800.00
Total Office Expense	13,874.87	13,000.00
Personnel		
Executive Director		
Health Insurance Reimburse	4,569.00	5,645.00
Payroll Taxes	6,258.30	5,355.00
Salaries	74,999.96	70,000.00
Total Executive Director	85,827.26	81,000.00
Staff		

Health Insurance Reimburse	3,172.72	4,800.00
Payroll Taxes	2,581.89	3,200.00
Salaries	40,557.84	45,000.00
Total Staff	46,312.45	53,000.00
Total Personnel	132,139.71	134,000.00
Professional Services		
Audit/Tax Return	5,075.00	4,500.00
Contracted Services		800.00
Insurance - Bonds	1,916.05	400.00
Payroll/Bookkeeping/Banking	1,883.77	3,600.00
PFIA Instructor	1,450.00	2,000.00
Texas Legislative Service	1,650.00	1,700.00
Total Professional Services	11,974.82	13,000.00
Travel/Confer/Dues/Outreach		
Conference Fees	2,315.00	2,200.00
Member Dues/Registrations	153.63	450.00
Outreach	5,461.72	4,400.00
Travel and Hotel	2,205.63	2,450.00
Total Travel/Confer/Dues/Outreach	10,135.98	9,500.00
Total Expenses	\$183,744.65	\$179,500.00
Net Operating Income	\$6,182.49	\$ -25,714.00
Net Income	\$6,182.49	\$ -25,714.00

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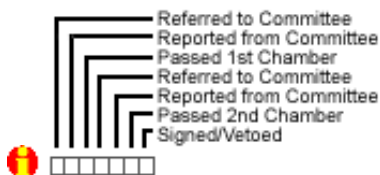


Agenda Item I

TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS HIGH PRIORITY BILLS

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A - Action in the date range
 R - Link to Related Information
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High Priority Bills

HB 30

Larson, Lyle(R)

Relating to the development of brackish groundwater.

Remarks: Substantively very similar to the brackish groundwater provisions in HB 2578 as it passed the House last session. Requires RWPs to include considerations related to large-scale desalination facilities. Changes "seawater desalination" to "seawater or brackish groundwater desalination" in Chapter 16 of the Water Code. Requires TWDB, in conjunction with GCDs and stakeholders, to identify brackish groundwater production zones that meet certain standards (and include those in the biennial desalination progress report). On a request of a person with a legally defined interest in groundwater, GCDs must adopt rules for issuing permits in these zones. Permits must be for 30 years, and may not include production limitations. GCDs could implement production limitations only to respond to significant changes in aquifer conditions and after receiving a report from TWDB. Adds "goals for the development of brackish groundwater desalination strategies in designated brackish groundwater production zones" to the list of management goals that should be included in a management plan. States that DFCs do not apply to groundwater in brackish groundwater production zones.

Track Name(s): All Bills, High Priority Bills

Bill History: 01-21-15 H Filed

HB 139

Stickland, Jonathan(R)

Relating to the posting of certain notices for political subdivisions on the comptroller's Internet website.

Remarks: Requires political subdivisions to provide to the comptroller an electronic copy of notice required by law to be published in a newspaper. Requires the

comptroller to post notices on the comptroller's website.

Track Name(s): All Bills, High Priority Bills

Bill History: 11-10-14 H Filed

HB 190

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Burkett, Cindy(R)

Relating to the regulatory analysis of rules proposed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Remarks: Before adopting an environmental rule, TCEQ would be required to conduct a regulatory analysis that weighs the costs and environmental effects expected to result from implementation of and compliance with the rule. The agency would also be required to publish a draft impact analysis that identifies the problem, environmental effects, costs estimates, and benefits expected. Allows affected persons to challenge the validity of a rule based on noncompliance with this section.

Track Name(s): All Bills, High Priority Bills

Bill History: 11-10-14 H Filed

HB 201

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Leach, Jeff(R)

Relating to the procedure for action by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on an application for a water right.

Companions: **SB 109** Taylor, Van (F) (Identical)
1-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs

Remarks: Establishes procedures for the water right application process, including timelines for the TCEQ and applicants.

Track Name(s): All Bills, High Priority Bills

Bill History: 11-10-14 H Filed

HB 280

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Simmons, Ron(R)

Relating to the information required to be posted by the Texas Water Development Board on the board's Internet website regarding the use of the state water implementation fund for Texas.

Remarks: Expands the information required to be on TWDB's website, including the amount of bonds issued and terms of the bonds, repayment status, risk assessments, check registers, a description of the investment portfolio, expenses, rates of return, system for prioritizing projects, nonconfidential information submitted as part of an application for assistance, and any other information required by board rule.

Track Name(s): All Bills, High Priority Bills, cew water

Bill History: 11-12-14 H Filed

HB 484

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Capriglione, Giovanni(R)

Relating to the eligibility of a person to be a candidate for or holder of a public elective office.

Remarks: Amends the qualifications for eligibility to be a candidate for or holder of public elective office. Requires candidates to be registered voters and to have been registered to vote in the territory from which the office is elected for at least 12 months.

Track Name(s): All Bills, High Priority Bills**Bill History:** 12-10-14 H Filed

HB 632

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Simpson, David(R)

Relating to the planning and funding of water projects to be constructed in a region other than the region proposing the project.

Remarks: Amends Chapter 16 of the Water Code to prohibit a regional water plan from including a proposal for the construction of a water project in another regional water planning area unless at least two-thirds of the members of the regional water planning group for that area have consented to the inclusion of the proposal in the plan.

Track Name(s): All Bills, High Priority Bills**Bill History:** 01-08-15 H Filed

HB 655

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Larson, Lyle(R)

Relating to the storage and recovery of water in aquifers.

Remarks: Defines an ASR project as a project involving the injection of water into a geologic formation for subsequent recovery and beneficial use. Streamlines ASR permitting and relocates statutes related to ASR projects from Chapter 11 of the Water Code (related to Water Rights) to Chapter 27 of the Water Code (related to Injection Wells). Eliminates requirement for ASR developers to first conduct pilot projects. Gives TCEQ exclusive jurisdiction over ASR projects. Clarifies that a surface water right amendment is not needed to store appropriated surface water in an ASR project prior to beneficial use. Requires TCEQ when issuing ASR permits, to consider Safe Drinking Water Act compliance, the extent to which the amount of water injected can be actually recovered and the effects of commingling, the extent to which existing wells may be impacted by the project, and the potential for groundwater quality degradation. Requires TCEQ to limit the recoverable amount of water from the project to the total amount injected, and must further limit that amount if it finds unrecoverable losses will occur. If the project ultimately produces more water than the amount

authorized for withdrawal by TCEQ, a GCD's spacing production, and permitting rules and fees will apply to the withdrawals above the amount authorized. Requires ASR wells to be registered with the GCD and subject to regular well registration fees. Requires wells in a single ASR project to be located on a continuous tract or two or more adjacent tracts under common ownership or contract. Requires ASR developers to meter all wells and report total injected and recovered amounts monthly to TCEQ and (if applicable) to the GCD, as well as annual water quality testing of injected and recovered water. Allows GCDs to consider ASR-related hydrogeologic conditions when planning and monitoring for the achievement of a desired future condition. Requires TCEQ to adopt rules to implement the new legislation by May 1, 2016. The EAA, Subsidence Districts, and the BSEACD are exempted from the bill.

Track Name(s): All Bills, High Priority Bills, cew water

Bill History: 01-12-15 H Filed

HB 685

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Sheets, Kenneth(R)

Relating to the production of public information available on the website of a political subdivision of this state.

Remarks: States that a political subdivision complies with requests under the Public Information Act if it refers a requestor to a website maintained by the political subdivision and accessible to the public if the requested information is identifiable and readily available on that website.

Track Name(s): All Bills, High Priority Bills

Bill History: 01-13-15 H Filed

HB 814

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Larson, Lyle(R)

Relating to posting notice of a meeting of a governmental body on the Internet instead of in a newspaper.

Companions: [SB 392](#) Burton, Konni (F) (Identical)
2- 2-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

Remarks: Allows governmental bodies required by law to post notice of a meeting in the newspaper to instead post notice on the internet.

Track Name(s): All Bills, High Priority Bills

Bill History: 01-20-15 H Filed

HB 835

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Larson, Lyle(R)

Relating to research, development and utilization of brackish groundwater resources.

Remarks: Authorizes a person with a legally defined interest in groundwater to file a petition with a GCD to designate a brackish groundwater management zone (or authorizes a GCD to designate a zone on its own initiative). On request of the petitioner or on its own motion, the GCD must forward the petition to TWDB and request a technical report. The GCD must hold a hearing on the petition upon receipt of the technical report from the TWDB. Once a zone is designated, the GCD must adopt rules for issuing production permits in the zone. Production limitations must be based on impacts to water outside of the zone, but a GCD could either allocate groundwater in the same way it does for other formations, or adopt rules specific to the designated zone. After requesting a report from TWDB, GCDs can implement additional restrictions if monitoring shows impacts are greater than anticipated.

Track Name(s): All Bills, High Priority Bills

Bill History: 01-21-15 H Filed

HB 836

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Larson, Lyle(R)

Relating to the development of brackish groundwater.

Remarks: Sets up a two-step process for management of brackish groundwater:

(1) Designation of "brackish groundwater production zone" (BGPZ) at GCD level with TWDB participation:

A GCD may designate or a project developer may petition a GCD to designate a BGPZ (defined areas within a groundwater reservoir where brackish groundwater can be produced for desalination without "unreasonable negative impacts" on groundwater quality and quantity, existing groundwater users, and DFCs. Designations are not allowed in formations that serve as a primary source of water supply for municipal or agricultural purposes. Designations are based on projected pumping within the formation over a specific time frame with a specific total amount of groundwater that can be produced. Project developers must include sufficient hydrogeologic data, mitigation plans, and monitoring plans to justify the creation of the zone. The GCD must hold a public hearing on the petition. At the request of the GCD or the petitioner, the Executive Administrator (EA) of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) must provide the GCD with its recommendation regarding the petition. The petitioner or an affected person may seek review of the GCD's decision on the petition at the TWDB. The TWDB will hold an evidentiary hearing and either grant or deny the petition.

(2) Uncontested permit process at GCD level once zone has been designated:

GCD must issue a permit authorizing production from the BGPZ. The GCD must process the permit application in the same manner as an uncontested permit application. Production limits, permit terms, and monitoring requirements must be consistent with the designation of the zone. The permit term will be equal to the expected project financing term but no longer than 30 years. Permits in a Brackish Groundwater Production Zone may be amended to reduce the amount or rate of production or change the monitoring or mitigation plan in amounts necessary to achieve the original assumptions made in the zone designation. Production and export fees may be imposed on these permits.

Includes language relating to brackish groundwater use in the drilling, exploration, and production of hydrocarbons.

Track Name(s): All Bills, High Priority Bills

Bill History: 01-21-15 H Filed

HB 898

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Ashby, Trenton(R)

Relating to the confidentiality of certain water well reports.

Remarks: States that a groundwater withdrawal report submitted by a well owner to a GCD that requires reporting is not subject to disclosure under the Public Information Act if the well owner has submitted a written request for confidentiality to the GCD. Once the GCD has received such a request, it may release confidential groundwater production information only if the information is summarized so that individual owners or parcels cannot be identified. Does not apply to a well that is owned or operated by a public entity, including Article 16, Section 59 districts and municipalities.

Track Name(s): All Bills, High Priority Bills

Bill History: 01-23-15 H Filed

HB 928

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Guillen, Ryan(D)

Relating to state and local planning for and responses to drought.

Companions: **SB 329** Hinojosa, Chuy (Identical)
2- 2-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs

Remarks: Requires the Water Conservation Advisory Council (WCAC) to monitor drought information and technology and recommend methods for conducting drought contingency plan evaluations. Requires wholesale and retail PWSs and irrigation districts to review and, as necessary, update their drought contingency plan and resubmit to the TCEQ. Wholesale water suppliers and retail public water

suppliers that provide water service to 3,300 or more connections and all irrigation districts must include in their DCPs an evaluation of the effectiveness of strategies in the plan that have been implemented in the preceding 5 years. Requires notification to TCEW when a DCP is implemented, changed, or ceased. Requires TCEQ to put on its website a list of wholesale and retail public water suppliers that are implementing a DCP, as well as the degree of drought, whether there is a state of disaster, and the drought response state being implemented. Requires TCEQ to adopt rules consistent with the bill. Requires TWDB and the WCAC to jointly review and update the BMP guide for water conservation, including BMPs for drought response.

Track Name(s): All Bills, High Priority Bills

Bill History: 01-26-15 H Filed

HB 930

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Miller, Doug(R)

Relating to water well drillers and pump installers.

Remarks: Authorizes TDLR to reinstate the apprentice driller program and the apprentice pump installer program. Modernizes well log notice requirements and adds GCDs to the list of entities that receive notice of well logs in Chapter 1901. Requires a driller to supervise the recompletion, perforation, or conversion of an oil and gas well to a water well and that any such well that will be used by a public water system must comply with all applicable TCEQ requirements. Requires TDLR to establish a field operations program. TDLR may enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with a field operator to assist in the enforcement of Chapter 1901 (relating to water well drillers) or 1902 (related to water well pump installers) of the Occupations Code.

Track Name(s): All Bills, High Priority Bills

Bill History: 01-26-15 H Filed

HB 950

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Lucio III, Eddie(D)

Relating to the review of groundwater conservation districts by the state auditor.

Remarks: Strikes the provisions related to SAO review of groundwater management activities in Chapter 36, leaving it to TCEQ, and amends section 36.061(b) so that it is identical to the corresponding language in Chapter 49 for other types of water districts (regarding the SAO being able to review financial transactions).

Track Name(s): All Bills, High Priority Bills

Bill History: 01-27-15 H Filed

HB 1019

Flynn, Dan(R)

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Relating to publication of notice by a governmental entity on a newspaper's Internet website.

Remarks: Authorizes a government entity required to provide notice in a newspaper to publish the notice on a newspaper's Internet website. Limits the expense for publishing such notice to \$25, provides for evidence of the notice, and sets specifications for the notice. Requires newspapers to establish an Internet-only option for publication and meet certain other criteria to be a qualified newspaper for notices under Chapter 2051 of the Government Code.

Track Name(s): All Bills, High Priority Bills

Bill History: 01-28-15 H Filed

HB 1113

Clardy, Travis(R)

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Relating to the standard of review for a determination of standing in a contested case hearing conducted by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Remarks: States that a determination of standing by TCEQ is discretionary and no evidentiary hearing is required. A court may reverse and remand TCEQ only if it finds that TCEQ: (1) failed to consider a factor required by law to be considered; (2) considered an irrelevant factor; or (3) considered only relevant factors required by law to be considered but reached a completely unreasonable result.

Track Name(s): All Bills, High Priority Bills

Bill History: 02-03-15 H Filed

HB 1153

Turner, Scott(R)

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Relating to the repeal of the junior priority of a water right authorizing a transfer of water from one river basin in this state to another river basin in this state.

Remarks: Repeals the junior water rights provisions of section 11085(s) and (t) of the Water Code, relating to interbasin transfers.

Track Name(s): All Bills, High Priority Bills

Bill History: 02-05-15 H Filed

HJR 76

Phillips, Larry(R)

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Proposing a constitutional amendment to change the name of the Railroad Commission of Texas to the Texas Energy Commission.

Remarks: Changes the name of the Railroad Commission of Texas to the Texas Energy Commission.

Track Name(s): All Bills, High Priority Bills

Bill History: 02-03-15 H Filed

SB 63



Huffines, Donald (F)(R)

Relating to the qualifications for and time that a person may serve in certain offices.

Remarks: Adds provisions to the Election and Office Holding Chapter of the Texas Government Code. Sets term limits and minimum requirements for serving as a Chairperson of a Senate or House Committee and as Speaker of the House. Sets 8-year term limits for state, district, and political subdivision offices that are filled by popular election if the office qualifications or term are not provided in the constitution (and service in more than one position on the board is considered service in the same office). Does not apply to service before January 1, 2016. Does not apply to an office in which another law imposes a more restrictive term limit. Also sets 4-year term limits on certain state agency heads appointed by the governor.

Track Name(s): All Bills, High Priority Bills

Bill History: 01-26-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

SB 77



Ellis, Rodney(D)

Relating to the development of a climate adaptation plan by certain entities.

Remarks: Requires certain state agencies, including TCEQ and TWDB, to publish every four years a climate adaptation plan that assesses the entity's role with respect to climate change. The plan must be based on current peer-reviewed climate science and be produced in consultation with the Texas state climatologist or other climate expert employed at a Texas institution of higher education or nonprofit research institution. The plan must address vulnerability, existing programs, steps to fulfill its mission during the anticipated climate change, analysis of the effects of implementing those steps, and potential sources of funding. Requires the agencies to make the plan publicly accessible online.

Track Name(s): All Bills, High Priority Bills

Bill History: 01-26-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

SB 78



Ellis, Rodney(D)

Relating to the matters to be considered in developing the state water plan.

Remarks: Adds information that must be included in the State Water Plan, including an assessment of the best available science related to future water availability and future water use. Requires State Water Plan guidance principles to consider the best available science in forecasting future water availability and

environmental flow standards and set-asides. Adds groundwater to the list of considerations under that section.

Track Name(s): All Bills, High Priority Bills, cew water

Bill History: 01-26-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs

SB 109



Taylor, Van (F)(R)

Relating to the procedure for action by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on an application for a water right.

Companions: [HB 201](#) Leach, Jeff (Identical)
11-10-14 H Filed

Remarks: Establishes procedures for the water right application process, including timelines for the TCEQ and applicants.

Track Name(s): All Bills, High Priority Bills

Bill History: 01-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs

SB 309



Campbell, Donna(R)

Relating to public access to boundary, financial, and tax rate information of certain political subdivisions.

Remarks: Requires the comptroller to create and make accessible online a Political Subdivision Public Information Warehouse, a database that will contain information on all active political subdivisions authorized to impose an ad valorem or sales and use tax to issue bonds, notes, or other obligations. The database must include the name of the political subdivision, its sales and use tax rate, the table of ad valorem tax rates for the most recent tax year, amount of debt, political subdivision website address, and appraisal district website address. The database may include the political subdivision's boundaries, budget, check registry, and other financial audit or annual report. Requires political subdivisions to submit relevant records to the comptroller annually. Requires political subdivisions to provide data on boundaries to the comptroller, including information form, map, and plat by September 1, 2016 and thereafter within six months of any dissolution, annexation, or consolidation of the district.

Track Name(s): All Bills, High Priority Bills

Bill History: 02-02-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

SB 329



Hinojosa, Chuy(D)

Relating to state and local planning for and responses to drought.

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1-26-15 H Filed

Remarks: Requires the Water Conservation Advisory Council (WCAC) to monitor drought information and technology and recommend methods for conducting drought contingency plan evaluations. Requires wholesale and retail PWSs and irrigation districts to review and, as necessary, update their drought contingency plan and resubmit to the TCEQ. Wholesale water suppliers and retail public water suppliers that provide water service to 3,300 or more connections and all irrigation districts must include in their DCPs an evaluation of the effectiveness of strategies in the plan that have been implemented in the preceding 5 years. Requires notification to TCEW when a DCP is implemented, changed, or ceased. Requires TCEQ to put on its website a list of wholesale and retail public water suppliers that are implementing a DCP, as well as the degree of drought, whether there is a state of disaster, and the drought response state being implemented. Requires TCEQ to adopt rules consistent with the bill. Requires TWDB and the WCAC to jointly review and update the BMP guide for water conservation, including BMPs for drought response.

Track Name(s): All Bills, High Priority Bills

Bill History: 02-02-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs

[SB 360](#)

Estes, Craig(R)

Relating to regulatory takings.



Remarks: Makes comprehensive amendments to the Private Real Property Rights Preservation Act. Amends the definition of "taking" to include a series of actions within a 10-year period and expands the test for a taking that restricts or limits the owner's right to property by: (1) changing the required market value reduction from 25% to 20%, and (2) adding an alternative scenario where a taking could occur when there is a 20% reduction of revenue or income from the use or sale of the affected property. Amends the applicability section, making the following actions no longer excluded from the Act:

1. Actions taken by municipalities;
2. Actions taken to comply with federal or state law;
3. Rules related to water safety, hunting, fishing, or control of nonindigenous or exotic aquatic resources;
4. Actions taken by a political subdivision to regulate (1) construction in floodplain areas, (2)

on-site sewage facilities, or (3) prevent waste or protect rights of owners of interest in groundwater (leaves the subsidence exemption intact) and

5. Actions that are (1) taken in response to a real and substantial threat to public health and safety, (2) designed to significantly advance the health and safety purpose, and (3) that do not impose a greater burden than is necessary to achieve the health and safety purpose.

Extends the timeline for filing a takings lawsuit or a contested case. Adds a provision for damages for "temporary or permanent economic loss" for the time the taking was in effect when a taking is found to occur but has ceased or has been rescinded. Limits the attorneys' fees provision for prevailing governmental entities to only situations in which the court determines that the property owner knew that the case had no merit when it was filed. States that a governmental action requiring a takings impact assessment is void if the assessment is not prepared in compliance with the guidelines developed by the attorney general, and allows for a suit to be stayed in such an instance. Applies only to a governmental action or series of actions that commences on or after the effective date.

Track Name(s): All Bills, High Priority Bills

Bill History: 02-02-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

SB 392



Burton, Konni (F)(R)

Relating to posting notice of a meeting of a governmental body on the Internet instead of in a newspaper.

Companions: [HB 814](#) Larson, Lyle (Identical)
1-20-15 H Filed

Remarks: Allows governmental bodies required by law to post notice of a meeting in the newspaper to instead post notice on the internet.

Track Name(s): All Bills, High Priority Bills

Bill History: 02-02-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

SB 413



Seliger, Kel(R)

Relating to qualifications for membership on the Water Development Board.

Remarks: Changes the required experience of the TWDB board members from one member each with experience in engineering, finance, and law or business to one member each with experience in engineering, finance and production agriculture. Also requires one board member to reside in a rural area and be a registered voter of a county with a

population of less than 155,000.

Track Name(s): All Bills, High Priority Bills

Bill History: 02-04-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs

SB 440

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Burton, Konni (F)(R)

Relating to the authority of a county or municipality to prohibit hydraulic fracturing treatment.

Remarks: Prohibits counties and municipalities from prohibiting hydraulic fracturing.

Track Name(s): All Bills, High Priority Bills

Bill History: 02-03-15 S Filed

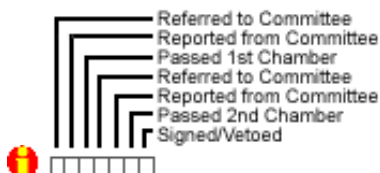
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TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS LOW PRIORITY WATER BILLS

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Low Priority - Water

HB 163

Larson, Lyle(R)

Relating to interstate cooperation to address regional water issues.

Remarks: Renames the Multi-State Water Resources Planning Commission to the Southwestern States Water Commission. Changes the commission from a state agency to an advisory commission to the governor and the legislature. Lays out conditions for commission composition and appointment and terms of commissioners. Changes the charge of the commission to discussing water needs from studying water needs. Changes the commission's charge to confer with Mexico from mandatory to discretionary. Eliminates the commission's authority to contract with the Mexican government.

Track Name(s): All Bills, Low Priority - Water, cew water

Bill History: 11-10-14 H Filed

HB 497

Wu, Gene(D)

Relating to the applicability of the law governing saltwater pipeline facilities located in the vicinity of public roads.

Remarks: Expands definition of "Saltwater pipeline facility" in Section 91.901(1) Natural Resources Code, to include pipeline facilities intended to be used in drilling or operating a well used in the exploration for or production of oil or gas, including hydraulic fracturing wells.

Track Name(s): All Bills, Low Priority - Water

Bill History: 12-12-14 H Filed

HB 551

Johnson, Eric(D)

Relating to the consideration of criminal history record information regarding applicants for professional licenses.

Remarks: Prohibits a licensing authority from suspending or revoking a license or disqualifying a person with a conviction from receiving a license (1) without first allowing the applicant to formally present arguments and evidence in their favor; or (2) for certain convictions under the penal code. If the applicant is nonetheless deemed ineligible, the licensing authority must issue a letter detailing how the nature of the offense is a disqualifying conviction for specific aspects of the licensed activity.

Track Name(s): All Bills, Low Priority - Water

Bill History: 12-18-14 H Filed

HB 912

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Isaac, Jason(R)

Relating to the dismissal of protests against certain decisions and actions of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regarding wastewater discharge permits.

Remarks: Requires TCEQ to dismiss a municipality-filed protest on a permitting decision if the municipality has less stringent wastewater treatment requirements than the requirements established by the permit.

Track Name(s): All Bills, Low Priority - Water

Bill History: 01-23-15 H Filed

HB 947

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Workman, Paul(R)

Relating to the authority of certain political subdivisions to change the date of their general elections.

Remarks: Extends the deadline to December 31, 2016 for a political subdivision to change its election date to the uniform election date.

Track Name(s): All Bills, Low Priority - Water

Bill History: 01-26-15 H Filed

HB 1016

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King, Tracy(D)

Relating to the designation of certain river or stream segments as being of unique ecological value.

Remarks: Designates portions of certain state rivers as streams of unique ecological value and lists the effects of the designation.

Track Name(s): All Bills, Low Priority - Water

Bill History: 01-28-15 H Filed

HB 1042

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Frank, James(R)

Relating to the designation of a site of unique value for the construction of a reservoir.

Remarks: Designates the site of the proposed Ringgold reservoir in Clay County as having unique value for the construction of a dam and reservoir and further determines that the reservoir is necessary to meet water supply needs.

Track Name(s): All Bills, Low Priority - Water

Bill History: 01-29-15 H Filed

HB 1106

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Phillips, Larry(R)

Relating to the name of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Remarks: Changes the name of the Railroad Commission of Texas to the Texas Energy Commission.

Track Name(s): All Bills, Low Priority - Water

Bill History: 02-03-15 H Filed

SB 253

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Ellis, Rodney(D)

Relating to applications for permits issued by the Commission on Environmental Quality for certain new or expanded facilities in certain low-income and minority communities.

Remarks: Establishes certain requirements for permit applicants applying for a new facility or facility expansion when the facility will be located in an "environmental justice community," defined as areas that are either economically underprivileged or have 50% or more racial minority population.

Track Name(s): All Bills, Low Priority - Water

Bill History: 01-28-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

SB 363

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Fraser, Troy(R)

Relating to election dates for directors of the Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District.

Remarks: Local bill. Changes election date and director terms.

Track Name(s): All Bills, Low Priority - Water, Local Bills

Bill History: 02-02-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs

SB 394

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Perry, Charles (F)(R)

Relating to the use of supplemental environmental projects by a local government to come into compliance with environmental laws or remediate environmental harm caused by the local government.

Remarks: Requires TCEQ to approve a local government's supplemental environmental project that is necessary to bring the local government into compliance with environmental law if the local government has not previously committed the same environmental violation.

Track Name(s): All Bills, Low Priority - Water

Bill History: 02-02-15 S Introduced and referred to committee
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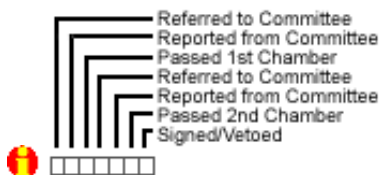
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TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS LOW PRIORITY GENERAL GOVERNMENT BILLS

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Low Priority - General Gov't.

HB 114

Flynn, Dan(R)

Relating to the issuance of certain capital appreciation bonds by political subdivisions.

Remarks: Prohibits political subdivisions from issuing capital appreciation bonds secured by ad valorem taxes unless they have a scheduled maturity date that is not later than 20 years after issuance, the governing body has received a written estimate of the cost of issuance, the governing body discloses certain personal and financial relationships, and the governing body posts prescribed information on its website. Capital appreciation bonds may not exceed 25% of the entity's bonded indebtedness.

Track Name(s): All Bills, Low Priority - General Gov't.

Bill History: 11-10-14 H Filed

HB 133

Simpson, David(R)

Relating to the repeal of the additional ad valorem taxes imposed as a result of certain changes in the use of open-space land appraised as agricultural land.

Companions: **SB 362** Estes, Craig (Identical)
2- 2-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

Remarks: Amends the tax code to repeal certain ad valorem taxes imposed on land appraised as agricultural land.

Track Name(s): All Bills, Low Priority - General Gov't.

Bill History: 11-10-14 H Filed

HB 134

Simpson, David(R)

Relating to certain information included with ballot propositions for elections to authorize state and local general obligation bonds.

Remarks: Requires a local government to include certain information on a ballot proposition for an election to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds.

Track Name(s): All Bills, Low Priority - General Gov't.

Bill History: 11-10-14 H Filed

HB 208

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Leach, Jeff(R)

Relating to the applicability of project design and construction requirements to agencies or instrumentalities of, or agreements between, governmental entities subject to those requirements.

Remarks: Extends the applicability of state project design and construction laws, including procurement laws. If it applies to a government entity, it would now apply to to an agency or instrumentality of the governmental entity, an economic development corporation created by the governmental entity, or certain other alliances, partnerships, etc. created between one or more governmental entities.

Track Name(s): All Bills, Low Priority - General Gov't.

Bill History: 11-10-14 H Filed

HB 361

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Springer, Drew(R)

Relating to the uniform election date.

Remarks: Requires general or special elections to be held the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, except as otherwise provided.

Track Name(s): All Bills, Low Priority - General Gov't.

Bill History: 11-21-14 H Filed

HB 365

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Elkins, Gary(R)

Relating to the calculation of the ad valorem rollback tax rates of certain taxing units.

Companions: [SB 182](#) Bettencourt, Paul (F) (Identical)
1-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

Remarks: Amends Chapter 26, Tax Code and Chapter 49, Water Code to lower the rollback tax rate from 1.08 to 1.04. Allows the prior calculation only if the taxing unit is in a disaster area. Repeals Section 26.07 of the Tax Code, relating to a petition for an election on whether to reduce a proposed tax rate increase to the rollback tax rate.

Track Name(s): All Bills, Low Priority - General Gov't.

Bill History: 11-24-14 H Filed

HB 630

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Bonnen, Greg(R)

Relating to requiring state contractors and

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governmental entities to participate in the federal electronic verification of work authorization program, or E-Verify.

Remarks: Prohibits a political subdivision from awarding a contract for goods and services unless the contractor and any subcontractor register with and participate in the federal E-Verify program. Chapter 619 is added to the Government Code to require the state or political subdivision of the state to register and participate in the federal E-Verify program to verify information of all new employees. Chapter 53 is added to the Labor Code to prohibit employers from knowingly employing a person not lawfully present in the U.S. A violation may subject the employer to the suspension of any license held by the employer.

Track Name(s): All Bills, Low Priority - General Gov't.

Bill History: 01-08-15 H Filed

HB 739

Button, Angie(R)

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Relating to requiring governmental entities to participate in the federal electronic verification of employment authorization program or E-verify.

Remarks: Requires the state or a political subdivision to register and participate in the E-verify program under the federal Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act.

Track Name(s): All Bills, Low Priority - General Gov't.

Bill History: 01-15-15 H Filed

HB 870

Smith, Wayne(R)

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Relating to the investment training requirement for certain local government officers.

Remarks: Reduces investment training for certain local government officials from 10 to 5 hours every two years after the required 10 hours of initial training. (Does not apply to GCDs: they would still be subject to 6 hours of initial training and 4 hours every two years thereafter.)

Track Name(s): All Bills, Low Priority - General Gov't.

Bill History: 01-22-15 H Filed

HB 932

Murphy, Jim(R)

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Relating to the evaluation and ranking of similar offers submitted to a governmental entity for certain construction-related contracts.

Remarks: Allows the submitter of a bid, proposal, or request for a government contract to request that the governmental entity explain the evaluation and ranking of a submission that was not selected.

Track Name(s): All Bills, Low Priority - General Gov't.

Bill History: 01-26-15 H Filed

HB 1086

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Isaac, Jason(R)

Relating to the form of a motion to adopt an ordinance, resolution, or order setting an ad valorem tax rate that exceeds the effective tax rate.

Remarks: Edits the language that must be included in a motion to adopt an ordinance, resolution, or order setting a tax rate that exceeds the effective tax rate.

Track Name(s): All Bills, Low Priority - General Gov't.

Bill History: 02-02-15 H Filed

HB 1137

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Israel, Celia (F)(D)

Relating to the definition of appropriate law enforcement authority for the purpose of reporting a violation of the law by a state or local governmental entity.

Remarks: Provides a definition for "appropriate law enforcement authority" in Chapter 554, Government Code, relating to protection for reporting violations of law.

Track Name(s): All Bills, Low Priority - General Gov't.

Bill History: 02-04-15 H Filed

HB 1148

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Kacal, Kyle(R)

Relating to the investment training requirement for certain municipal officers.

Remarks: Does not apply to GCDs. Exempts officers of a municipality from investment training every two years if the municipality does not invest municipal funds or only deposits municipal funds.

Track Name(s): All Bills, Low Priority - General Gov't.

Bill History: 02-04-15 H Filed

HB 1182

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Shaheen, Matt (F)(R)

Relating to ballot propositions authorizing political subdivisions to issue bonds.

Companions: **SB 102** Hinojosa, Chuy (Identical)
1-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

Remarks: Requires certain information to be included in a ballot for a bond election by a political subdivision. A sample ballot must be posted on the political subdivision's website if it maintains one.

Track Name(s): All Bills, Low Priority - General Gov't.

Bill History: 02-05-15 H Filed

HB 1184

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Paddie, Chris(R)

Relating to authorizing certain alternative fuel programs as eligible for local government energy savings performance contracts.

Remarks: Adds alternative fuel programs to the list of work covered by an energy savings performance contract.

Track Name(s): All Bills, Low Priority - General Gov't.

Bill History: 02-05-15 H Filed

SB 102

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Hinojosa, Chuy(D)

Relating to ballot propositions authorizing political subdivisions to issue bonds.

Companions: [HB 1182](#) Shaheen, Matt (F) (Identical)
2- 5-15 H Filed

Remarks: Requires certain information to be included in a ballot for a bond election by a political subdivision. A sample ballot must be posted on the political subdivision's website if it maintains one.

Track Name(s): All Bills, Low Priority - General Gov't.

Bill History: 01-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

SB 182

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Bettencourt, Paul (F)(R)

Relating to the calculation of the ad valorem rollback tax rates of certain taxing units.

Companions: [HB 365](#) Elkins, Gary (Identical)
11-24-14 H Filed

Remarks: Amends Chapter 26, Tax Code and Chapter 49, Water Code to lower the rollback tax rate from 1.08 to 1.04. Allows the prior calculation only if the taxing unit is in a disaster area. Repeals Section 26.07 of the Tax Code, relating to a petition for an election on whether to reduce a proposed tax rate increase to the rollback tax rate.

Track Name(s): All Bills, Low Priority - General Gov't.

Bill History: 01-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

SB 279

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Watson, Kirk(D)

Relating to the authority of the governing body of a taxing unit other than a school district to adopt an exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion, expressed as a dollar amount, of the appraised value.

Remarks: Allows the governing body of a taxing unit to adopt certain property tax exemptions.

Track Name(s): All Bills, Low Priority - General Gov't.

Bill History: 01-28-15 S Introduced and referred to committee

on Senate Finance

SB 337



Taylor, Van (F)(R)

Relating to the right of directors of special districts to obtain district information, documents, and records.

Remarks: Requires special districts upon request of a board member of the special district to disclose to the board member both public information and confidential information otherwise excepted from public disclosure. In doing so the district does not otherwise waive the confidentiality of the information. The district may require recipients to sign a confidentiality agreement.

Track Name(s): All Bills, Low Priority - General Gov't.

Bill History: 02-02-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

SB 343



Huffines, Donald (F)(R)

Relating to the conformity of local law with state law.

Remarks: Requires local governments to restrict their jurisdiction and passage of ordinances, rules, and regulations to be in conformity with state law. Prohibits local governments from implementing ordinances, rules, or regulations that are more stringent than a statute or rule.

Track Name(s): All Bills, Low Priority - General Gov't.

Bill History: 02-02-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

SB 362



Estes, Craig(R)

Relating to the repeal of the additional ad valorem taxes imposed as a result of certain changes in the use of open-space land appraised as agricultural land.

Companions: [HB 133](#) Simpson, David (Identical)
11-10-14 H Filed

Remarks: Amends the tax code to repeal certain ad valorem taxes imposed on land appraised as agricultural land.

Track Name(s): All Bills, Low Priority - General Gov't.

Bill History: 02-02-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

SB 368



Garcia, Sylvia(D)

Relating to the right of a public employee to representation in certain internal investigatory interviews.

Remarks: Entitles a public employee to be represented by a labor organization when a public employer initiates

an investigatory interview that the employee reasonably believes may result in disciplinary action.

Track Name(s): All Bills, Low Priority - General Gov't.

Bill History: 02-02-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

SB 376



Rodriguez, Jose(D)

Relating to the consideration of criminal history record information regarding applicants for employment.

Remarks: Prohibits an employer from questioning an applicant's criminal history record on an initial application form, but authorizes such inquiry after the employer has determined that the applicant is otherwise qualified and has been offered employment or an interview. Does not apply to jobs where consideration of criminal history record is required by law.

Track Name(s): All Bills, Low Priority - General Gov't.

Bill History: 02-02-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

SB 399



Campbell, Donna(R)

Relating to ballot propositions authorizing certain political subdivisions to issue debt obligations.

Remarks: Lays out the requirements for the contents of a ballot proposition to authorize a political subdivision to issue debt obligations.

Track Name(s): All Bills, Low Priority - General Gov't.

Bill History: 02-02-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

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TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS LEGISLATIVE POLICY

1.0 BACKGROUND

The Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts is a 501(c)(3) organization created exclusively for charitable, educational, or scientific purposes. As such, TAGD's principal goals related to legislation affecting groundwater conservation districts and the management of groundwater in Texas is to:

1. Serve as an informational resource for State and Federal Legislators and agencies; and
2. Inform TAGD members of relevant legislation and how it may impact district governance.

Toward that end, TAGD representatives and employees should endeavor to serve as a premier resource on groundwater management practices in the State and keep the membership up to date on the status of legislation affecting groundwater conservation districts. TAGD believes that such efforts are the best way to positively affect and respond to legislation related to groundwater conservation districts. In the limited instances where legislative advocacy is deemed necessary by TAGD members, this Policy will serve as a guide for participation and decision-making. Nothing in this Policy should be construed as limiting a member's ability to pursue lobbying activities on behalf of an employer or client.

2.0 EMPLOYEE, OFFICER, AND COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS

TAGD's Executive Director should serve the following roles related to legislative information and advocacy:

1. Act as the main point of contact for Legislators, legislative staffers, and the public concerning TAGD legislative positions;
2. Function as a resource for and provide relevant information to public officials as necessary in furtherance of TAGD's mission and this Policy;
3. Inform the membership of pending legislation of possible interest to groundwater districts and provide regular updates on tracked legislation as provided herein;
4. Notify the membership of Legislative Committee meetings as necessary; and
5. Report lobbying activities to the Executive Committee on a regular basis and to the Texas Ethics Commission as required by law.

As maintained in the Bylaws, TAGD's Vice President is the chair of the Legislative Committee. As it relates to this Policy, the Vice President is responsible for:

1. Presiding over meetings of the Legislative Committee;
2. Facilitating compliance with TAGD's policies related to legislative advocacy;
3. Working with the Executive Director to respond to inquiries regarding TAGD's legislative positions; and
4. Coordinating with the Executive Director to serve as resource for public officials as necessary in furtherance of TAGD's mission and this Policy

The Legislative Committee is responsible for:

1. Initiating legislative proposals, policies and resolutions for presentation to TAGD's membership;

2. Informing TAGD's membership of pending legislation of possible interest to groundwater districts;
3. Developing a position on legislation of possible interest to groundwater districts that is pertinent to the TAGD; and
4. Acting on legislation with approval from the Executive Committee.

3.0 Legislative Committee Participation

3.1. Membership on the Committee

At the start of each fiscal year, TAGD shall open up membership in the Legislative Committee ("Committee") for a two-week sign up period (the "sign-up period"). Any individual employed by a TAGD-member GCD may serve on the Committee, but voting membership is limited to one representative per TAGD-member GCD. Individuals who qualify and sign up during the sign-up period will make up the standing Committee until the subsequent fiscal year, when the process will be repeated.

If an individual begins employment with a TAGD-member GCD after the sign-up period, he or she may join the Committee outside of the sign-up period as long as no other employee of that member-GCD is already a member. If an individual otherwise misses the sign-up period but wishes to sign up for the Committee during a fiscal year, they may request to join the Committee by email to the Executive Director. The Committee will then vote to approve or deny the membership request for membership during that fiscal year.

A voting member of the Committee may designate an alternate to attend a Committee meeting and vote in the member's place, provided the member notifies the Executive Director in writing in advance of the meeting. If the alternate is not an employee of the designated TAGD-member GCD or a consultant with no other clients than the designated TAGD-member GCD, the Committee member must submit a written notice in accordance with section 8.0(B) of the Bylaws.

3.2. Committee Votes

Each GCD-member of the Committee is entitled to one vote on all matters before the Committee. A quorum is made up of the people who come.

3.3. Consensus

At the first meeting of each fiscal year, the Committee shall define the voting standards that will be used for the Committee.

3.4. Committee Meetings

GCD-member representatives who are not formal Committee members as specified herein and associate member representatives may participate as nonvoting members of the Committee. Committee meetings may not be closed to TAGD-member GCD staff.

4.0 LEGISLATIVE TRACKING

During a session of the Texas Legislature, the Executive Director should regularly inform TAGD's membership of pending legislation of possible interest to groundwater districts. In so doing, the Executive Director should track such legislation and provide updates to the membership as applicable. The Legislative Committee should give an

update on prospective and pending legislation, as well as a summary of the positions TAGD has taken on such legislation, if any, at each TAGD meeting that occurs during a session of the Texas Legislature.

5.0 POLICY STATEMENTS

Policy statements drafted prior to each Legislative Session are TAGD's preferred method of legislative advocacy. Beginning in January of each even-numbered year, the Legislative Committee should meet regularly by electronic communication, by conference call, or in person to discuss and attempt to reach consensus on pending issues related to groundwater districts that may be raised during the next session of the Texas Legislature. Any policy statements drafted and approved by the Committee should be presented to the full membership for a vote prior to the beginning of the legislative session, if possible. Approved policy statements may be distributed to groundwater conservation district boards, Legislators and their staff, and any other interested parties. To the extent that a piece of proposed legislation encompasses an approved position statement, TAGD representatives may support and advocate for such legislation, including testifying for bills at Committee hearings. In such testimony, the TAGD representatives should explicitly note whether the applicable position statement was or was not unanimously approved by the TAGD membership.

6.0 OTHER LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

Starting in January of each odd-numbered year and running through the end of the Texas Legislative Session, the Committee should meet regularly by electronic communication, by conference call, or in person. The purpose of these meetings should be to determine whether any pending legislation filed or amended since the last meeting warrants action by TAGD and to vote on relevant bills. If the Committee cannot reach a consensus on the bill, as that term is defined by the Committee, it will remain in the neutral category and TAGD should avoid taking a position.

Pursuant to the Bylaws, the Committee may not act on legislation without approval from the Executive Committee. The Legislative Committee should regularly report the status and result of Committee votes on proposed bills to the TAGD Membership and summarize TAGD positions during pending legislation updates at TAGD quarterly meetings as described in section 3.0.

TAGD Legislative Committee Members

- Dirk Aaron (Chairman)
- David Mauk
- Alan Day
- Zach Holland
- Conrad Arriola
- John Dupnik
- LG Raun
- Marc Friberg
- David Van Dresar
- Greg Sengelmann
- Gene Williams
- Janet Guthrie
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