

TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS

Regular Business Meeting

June 3-4, 2015

Austin Crowne Plaza

SCHEDULE AND AGENDA

Wednesday June 3, 2015

- A. Call to Order and Invocation – 2:30 pm
- B. Speaker Sessions:
 - 1. *Essential Components for Custom GCD Water Management Software: Utilizing Modern Web Standards and the Amazon Cloud*, Brandon Gartrell, Richard Williams, and Aaron Collier, Collier Consulting, Inc.
 - 2. *Panel Discussion: MAGs, Planning, and the “Balancing” Test for DFCs*, James Beach, Bill Hutchison, Larry French and Kristen O. Fancher
- C. Roll Call
- D. Announcement of new members
- E. Discussion and possible action on minutes of prior meeting
- F. Discussion and possible action on financial reports
- G. Report from committees, with discussion and possible action
 - 1. Conference Planning Committee
 - 2. Employment Policy Committee
 - 3. Meetings Committee
 - 4. Hiring Committee

Networking Reception (included with registration): 5:30 pm

Thursday, June 4, 2015

- H. Call to Order – 8:30 am
- I. Speaker Sessions:
 - 1. *Legislative Update*, Robby Cook, Kody Bessent, Greg Ellis, Ty Embrey, and Brian Sledge
 - 2. *Developing an Online Water Well Management System*, Kenny Calhoun, DBS&A
 - 3. *Research Presentation: Potential Pathways to Shallow Aquifers in Unconventional Oil and Gas Plays – the Eagle Ford Shale Play, South Texas*, Joshua W. Brownlow, P.G. Department of Geology, Baylor University.
- J. Officer and Committee Reports

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

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

AGENDA ITEM D

Membership Form

Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts

Thank you for supporting TAGD. We welcome and encourage your participation! Membership in TAGD runs from October 1 - October 1 each year and is prorated on a quarterly basis for new membership applications. If you have any questions about membership or benefits, please call 1-512-522-8243.

Upon receipt of a completed application form and approval by the Executive Committee, you will receive an invoice for payment.

Member Name

Water Sage

Primary Contact Information

First Name

Harry

Last Name

Brookby

E-mail Address

hbrookby@watersage.com

Add this e-mail to the Google Group(s)?

☐ Yes

☐ NO

Street Address

8414 N Hilshire Park

City

Houston

State

TX

Zip Code

77055

Phone Number

8324991116

Membership Information

(select the appropriate choice based on your entity type)

GCD Members

- ☐ Annual Budget \$0-\$99,999: \$550.00
- ☐ Annual Budget \$100,000-\$249,999: \$750.00
- ☐ Annual Budget \$250,000-\$499,999: \$1,000.00
- ☐ Annual Budget \$500,000-\$999,999: \$1,250
- ☐ Annual Budget \$1,000,000 and up: \$1,500.00

Associate Members

- ☐ Individual or Sole Proprietorship: \$500.00
- ☐ 501(c)(3) or Educational Institution: \$750.00
- ☒ Small Corporation (budget<\$500,000) or Non-GCD Government Entity: \$1,000.00
- ☐ Medium Corporation (budget \$500,000-\$1,000,000): \$1,250.00
- ☐ Large Corporation (budget>\$1,000,000): \$1,500.00

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Member Name

Collier Consulting, Inc.

Primary Contact Information

First Name

hughbert

Last Name

collier

E-mail Address

hughbert@collierconsulting.com

Add this e-mail to the Google Group(s)?

☒ Yes

☐ NO

Street Address

Box 1137

City

stephenville

State

TX

Zip Code

76401

Phone Number

2549688721

Membership Information

(select the appropriate choice based on your entity type)

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- ☐ Annual Budget \$100,000-\$249,999: \$750.00
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- ☒ Large Corporation (budget>\$1,000,000): \$1,500.00

AGENDA ITEM E

**Minutes of
Regular Business Meeting
TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS
February 11-12, 2015
Crowne Plaza, Austin, TX**

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 February 11, 2015. No invocation was given.

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. Secretary Leah Adams called the roll and informed the Chair there were 46 District Members in attendance, comprising a quorum. A list of GCDs represented at the meeting is attached as Attachment 1.

D. Membership update and announcement of new members. Kathy Turner Jones presented new members, new General Managers, and visitors. These included Rusk County GCD, Amanda Maloukis; Panhandle GCD, Peter Winegeart; Lower Trinity GCD, Gary Ashmore; Santa Rita Underground WCD, Gina Gomez; Kemp Smith LLP, Debra Trejo. Stacey announced this meeting had a record number of 97+ registrations.

E. Discussion and possible action on minutes of prior meeting. Kathy Turner Jones presented the minutes from the last meeting. C.E. Williams made the motion and Jim Conkwright seconded to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Discussion and possible action on Financial Reports and Annual Reports. Steve Walthour presented the financial reports included in the meeting packets. Steve reported \$66,319.05 net income for the first quarter and the reports show we are within budget so far, but are predicting to spend more than budgeted by the end of the year. Gary Westbrook made the motion and Alan Day seconded to approve the financial reports as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Steve then moved into review of the 2014 Annual Report. The report showed a profit of \$6,182 for 2014 and an increase in total membership. Janet Adams made the motion and Zach Holland seconded to approve the 2014 Annual Report. The motion passed unanimously.

Kathy announced that the legislative update will be presented tomorrow and asked for any GCD Updates. Updates are as follows:

- Steve Walthour reported North Plains GCD is celebrating 60 years of operations.

- John Dupnik with Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District reported on some current events happening in and around BSEACD.
- Gary Westbrook with Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District reported working through issues with Blue Water and Clayton Williams.
- Kathy Turner Jones with Lone Star GCD reported discussions the District is having in regards to the groundwater reduction plan implemented by the District.
- Kathy also recognized Gary Walker's retirement from Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District after 28 years of service.

The meeting was then recessed at 4:46 PM.

G. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 8:40 AM February 12, 2015.

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. No action.

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

1. Executive Director – Stacey announced to TAGD she had been offered and taken a position with TWCA.
2. Executive Committee – Kathy Turner Jones stated that the Executive Committee met the morning of February 11, 2015 to discuss a succession plan for the Executive Director, the retirement policy, and the 2015 meeting dates. Committees were established to review these issues and make recommendations. The Succession Committee will consist of Joe B. Copper (Chair), Janet Adams, Jim Conkwright, and Kathy Turner Jones. The Retirement Committee will be Steve Walthour (Chair), Leah Adams, Diana Thompson, and Kathy Turner Jones. The Meeting Committee will consist of Joe B. Cooper (Chair), Lindy Harris, Dirk Aaron, and Janet Guthrie.
3. Legislative Committee – Dirk Aaron reminded everyone of the meeting scheduled after the February 12, 2015 business meeting.
4. Groundwater Protection – None.
5. Bylaws Committee – None.
6. Drought Preparedness – None.
7. Information & Education – Leah Adams reminded everyone to complete the salary survey. Only a 20% participation rate as of the meeting.
8. Railroad – None.
9. Aquifer Storage and Recovery – None.
10. Soil & Water Conservation – None.

K. Member and Group Reports. Cameron Turner mentioned TWDB cost share funding for meters is available. Kathy Turner Jones thanked TWDB for exhibiting at the meeting. All other reports were provided on February 11th.

E. Other TAGD Business. Kathy Turner Jones announced the next TAGD meeting will provide the Public Funds Investment Training for TAGD members.

F. Adjournment. Kathy Turner Jones adjourned the meeting at 11:01 pm and reminded everyone to attend the Legislative Committee meeting.

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
February 11-12, 2015
Crowne Plaza, Austin, TX

1. Bandera Co. River Authority and Groundwater District
2. Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
3. Bee Groundwater Conservation District
4. Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District
5. Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District
6. Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District
7. Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District
8. Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District
9. Crockett County Groundwater Conservation District
10. Duval County Groundwater Conservation District
11. Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District
12. Glasscock Groundwater Conservation District
13. Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District
14. Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District
15. High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1
16. Irion County Water Conservation District
17. Jeff Davis County Underground Water Conservation District
18. Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District
19. Kimble County Groundwater Conservation District
20. Live Oak Underground Water Conservation District
21. Llano Estacado Underground Water Conservation District
22. Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District
23. Lone Wolf Groundwater Conservation District
24. Lower Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
25. McMullen Groundwater Conservation District
26. Menard County Underground Water District
27. Mesquite Groundwater Conservation District
28. Mid-East Texas Groundwater Conservation District
29. Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
30. North Plains Groundwater Conservation District
31. North Texas Groundwater Conservation District
32. Northern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
33. Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District
34. Panola County Groundwater Conservation District
35. Pineywoods Groundwater Conservation District
36. Plateau Underground Water Conservation and Supply District
37. Plum Creek Conservation District
38. Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District
39. Prairelands Groundwater Conservation District
40. Real-Edwards Conservation and Reclamation District
41. Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District
42. Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District
43. Santa Rita Underground Water Conservation District
44. South Plains Underground Water Conservation District
45. Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District
46. Sterling County Underground Water Conservation District

TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS

Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 11, 2015, 10:00 AM
Austin Crowne Plaza

Meeting Summary

- A. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:10 AM.
- B. **Roll Call.** Nine of the ten Executive Committee members were present, including: Kathy Turner Jones, Dirk Aaron, Leah Adams, Steve Walthour, Zach Holland, Janet Adams, Greg Sengelmann, Jim Polonis, and Lonnie Stewart. Ron Fieseler was absent.
- C. **Discussion/possible action on new member applications.** No action items. Voting on new member applications has been conducted via emailed surveys.
- D. **Discussion/possible action on 84th legislative session and Legislative Committee actions.** The Committee discussed several bills of interest and committee assignments. No action items.
- E. **Discussion/possible action on TAGD retirement program.** The retirement plan options for a 501(c)(3) are more limited than originally anticipated. Steve requested until June to develop a formal recommendation on the TAGD retirement program. The Committee discussed that the retirement contribution will be retroactive. The Committee formed a the Personnel Policy ad-hoc Committee consisting of TAGD members Steve Walthour, Diana Thomas, Leah Adams, and Kathy Turner Jones.
- F. **Discussion/possible action on location and date of October 2015 TAGD meeting.** The Committee discussed the low attendance at fall traveling meetings. Stacey reported that at the Kingsville meeting in fall 2014 we had 53 people register compared to 92 at the spring meeting in Austin. A quorum was barely met at the meeting and TAGD nearly missed the opportunity to conduct important business. 63% of surveyed members reported that they “like” having the fall quarterly meeting outside of Austin, but only about 46% reported attending the last three traveling quarterly meetings. The Committee discussed switching to three meetings per year in Austin, meaning registration costs would have to increase. The Committee formed the Meetings ad-hoc Committee consisting of TAGD members Joe B., Lindy, and Dirk Aaron.
- G. **TAGD Succession Plan.** Kathy Turner Jones created a Hiring Committee consisting of TAGD members Joe B. Cooper, Janet Adams, Jim Conkwright, and Kathy Turner Jones. No action was taken.
- H. **Discussion/possible action regarding other matters before the Committee.** None.

- I. **Discussion/possible action concerning future meetings.** Committee is on standby to approve TAGD's legislative positions after the Legislative Committee votes on high priority bills.
- J. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:14 AM.

TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS

Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 31, 2015, 1:30 – 4:00 pm

Offices of Lloyd Gosselink: 816 Congress Ave., Suite 1900

Meeting Summary

- A. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:30pm.
- B. **Roll Call.** Nine of the ten Executive Committee members were present, including: Kathy Turner Jones, Dirk Aaron, Steve Walthour, Zach Holland, Janet Adams, Greg Sengelmann, Jim Polonis, Lonnie Stewart, and Ron Fieseler. Leah Adams was absent, though she did listen in by phone periodically. Stacey Steinbach, Joe B. Cooper, Jim Conkwright, Harvey Everheart, and Peter Winegeart were also in attendance.
- C. **Discussion/possible action on 84th legislative session and Legislative Committee actions.** After discussion, Zach Holland made and Jim Polonis seconded a motion to approve the positions of the Legislative Committee regarding high priority bills, with direction to Dirk Aaron and Stacey Steinbach to use their best judgment for TAGD only in how to register for bills when also testifying on TAGD concerns or discussion points.
- D. **Discussion/possible action on and update related to TAGD personnel policy subcommittee.** Steve Walthour gave an update on the actions of this committee. No action was taken.
- E. **Discussion/possible action on and update related to TAGD quarterly meeting subcommittee.** Stacey Steinbach provided an update on the members of this committee (Dirk Aaron, Lindy Harris, and Joe B. Cooper) and planned to engage the committee very soon.
- F. **Discussion/possible action on and update related to TAGD Executive Director Succession subcommittee.** Joe B. Cooper gave an overview of the actions of the subcommittee and its members, which included Janet Adams, Jim Conkwright, Joe B. Cooper, and Kathy Turner Jones. The subcommittee posted the hiring notice on the TAGD website, the TWCA website, and spread the word through Twitter. The subcommittee received applications from five capable candidates, and one was eliminated as a result of not being available for interviews. The subcommittee conducted initial interviews with four candidates on Monday, March 30, 2015. After the initial interviews, the subcommittee narrowed the list of candidates to two, and presented those individuals to the Executive Committee at the meeting.

After interviewing each candidate separately and a subsequent discussion, the Executive Committee unanimously voted to select Sarah Schlessinger as the next Executive Director of TAGD. They authorized Joe B. Cooper to offer the position to Sarah and provided specifications for salary and benefits, including a \$65,000 annual salary, a \$5,000 relocation stipend, a \$100 monthly phone allowance,

reimbursement of health insurance costs up to \$450 per month, and a to-be-determined retirement program with up to 6% participation by TAGD (that may require matching). The Committee also authorized Joe to negotiate a similar offer with Blaire Parker, should Sarah decline the position.

G. Discussion/possible action regarding other matters before the Committee.

None.

H. Discussion/possible action concerning future meetings. None scheduled at this time.

I. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:45pm.

AGENDA ITEM F

Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts

BALANCE SHEET

As of March 31, 2015

2015 2nd Quarter Balance Sheet

	TOTAL	
	AS OF MAR 31, 2015	AS OF MAR 31, 2014 (PY)
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
WellsFargo Bank - Checking	79,536.27	70,434.11
WellsFargo Bank - Savings	75,041.27	90,008.38
Total Bank Accounts	\$154,577.54	\$160,442.49
Accounts Receivable		
Accounts Receivable	575.00	240.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$575.00	\$240.00
Other current assets		
Deposits	400.00	0.00
Prepaid Rent	0.00	465.00
Undeposited Funds	1,155.00	120.00
Total Other current assets	\$1,555.00	\$585.00
Total Current Assets	\$156,707.54	\$161,267.49
TOTAL ASSETS	\$156,707.54	\$161,267.49
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
Accounts Payable	0.00	750.00
Total Accounts Payable	\$0.00	\$750.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$0.00	\$750.00
Total Liabilities	\$0.00	\$750.00
Equity		
Opening Bal Equity	84,433.05	84,433.05
Retained Earnings	40,581.32	34,398.83
Net Income	31,693.17	41,685.61
Total Equity	\$156,707.54	\$160,517.49
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$156,707.54	\$161,267.49

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BUDGET VS. ACTUALS: TAGD - FY15 P&L

January - March, 2015

2015 2nd Quarter P&L with Budget

	TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income		
Grants and Donations		0.00
Interest Income	5.55	9.00
Meeting Income		
Leadership Training Income		0.00
PFIA Training		0.00
Quarterly Meeting Income	11,405.00	9,000.00
Texas Groundwater Summit		0.00
Total Meeting Income	11,405.00	9,000.00
Member Dues		
Membership Dues - Associates	1,000.00	0.00
Membership Dues - Voting	562.50	0.00
Total Member Dues	1,562.50	0.00
Total Income	\$12,973.05	\$9,009.00
Gross Profit	\$12,973.05	\$9,009.00
Expenses		
Meeting Expenses		
Leadership Training Expenses		0.00
Meeting Supplies		400.00
Quarterly Meeting Expenses	2,862.69	4,500.00
Total Meeting Expenses	2,862.69	4,900.00
Office Expense		
Business Phone	43.44	210.00
Cell Phone	405.00	405.00
Furniture and Equipment	932.41	600.00
Internet		111.00
Postage and PO Box		0.00
Rent	2,580.00	3,000.00
Supplies	185.68	350.00
Total Office Expense	4,146.53	4,676.00
Personnel		
Staff		
Health Insurance Reimburse	2,089.24	2,250.00
Payroll Taxes	2,486.25	2,500.00
Retirement		1,950.00
Salaries	32,500.02	32,500.00
Total Staff	37,075.51	39,200.00
Total Personnel		

	37,075.51	39,200.00
Professional Services		
Audit/Tax Return		0.00
Contracted Services		500.00
Insurance - Bonds	659.00	0.00
Payroll/Bookkeeping/Banking	498.94	600.00
PFIA Instructor		0.00
Texas Legislative Service	375.00	426.00
Total Professional Services	1,532.94	1,526.00
Travel/Confer/Dues/Outreach		
Conference Fees	710.00	1,200.00
Member Dues/Registrations	546.94	300.00
Outreach	108.18	750.00
Travel and Hotel	51.00	400.00
Total Travel/Confer/Dues/Outreach	1,416.12	2,650.00
Total Expenses	\$47,033.79	\$52,952.00
Net Operating Income	\$ -34,060.74	\$ -43,943.00
Net Income	\$ -34,060.74	\$ -43,943.00

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BALANCE SHEET

As of May 29, 2015

YTD As of May 29, 2015

TOTAL

	AS OF MAY 29, 2015	AS OF MAY 29, 2014 (PY)
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
WellsFargo Bank - Checking	73,090.52	60,165.88
WellsFargo Bank - Savings	75,045.03	90,012.08
Total Bank Accounts	\$148,135.55	\$150,177.96
Accounts Receivable		
Accounts Receivable	5,810.00	6,025.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$5,810.00	\$6,025.00
Other current assets		
Deposits	400.00	0.00
Prepaid Rent	0.00	465.00
Undeposited Funds	3,275.00	3,580.00
Total Other current assets	\$3,675.00	\$4,045.00
Total Current Assets	\$157,620.55	\$160,247.96
TOTAL ASSETS	\$157,620.55	\$160,247.96
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Total Liabilities		
Equity		
Opening Bal Equity	84,433.05	84,433.05
Retained Earnings	40,581.32	34,398.83
Net Income	32,606.18	41,416.08
Total Equity	\$157,620.55	\$160,247.96
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$157,620.55	\$160,247.96

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BUDGET VS. ACTUALS: TAGD - FY15 P&L

October 2014 - September 2015

YTD As of May 29, 2015

TOTAL

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income		
Grants and Donations		2,000.00
Interest Income	13.07	36.00
Meeting Income		
Leadership Training Income		3,000.00
PFIA Training	6,625.00	4,000.00
Quarterly Meeting Income	29,240.00	25,000.00
Texas Groundwater Summit		30,000.00
Total Meeting Income	35,865.00	62,000.00
Member Dues		
Membership Dues - Associates	32,500.00	25,000.00
Membership Dues - Voting	74,062.50	75,000.00
Total Member Dues	106,562.50	100,000.00
Total Income	\$142,440.57	\$164,036.00
Gross Profit	\$142,440.57	\$164,036.00
Expenses		
Meeting Expenses		
Leadership Training Expenses		2,000.00
Meeting Supplies		1,000.00
Quarterly Meeting Expenses	5,385.21	12,000.00
Total Meeting Expenses	5,385.21	15,000.00
Office Expense		
Business Phone	69.79	840.00
Cell Phone	945.00	1,620.00
Furniture and Equipment	932.41	2,500.00
Internet		440.00
Postage and PO Box	73.50	200.00
Rent	6,880.00	12,000.00
Supplies	267.52	800.00
Total Office Expense	9,168.22	18,400.00
Personnel		
Staff		
Health Insurance Reimburse	4,835.90	9,000.00
Payroll Taxes	5,935.12	10,000.00
Retirement	1,750.00	7,800.00
Salaries	75,833.38	130,000.00
Total Staff	88,354.40	156,800.00
Total Personnel	88,354.40	156,800.00

Professional Services		
Audit/Tax Return		1,000.00
Contracted Services		1,000.00
Insurance - Bonds	1,634.67	2,000.00
Payroll/Bookkeeping/Banking	783.58	2,500.00
PFIA Instructor		2,000.00
Texas Legislative Service	1,137.55	1,700.00
Total Professional Services	3,555.80	10,200.00
Travel/Confer/Dues/Outreach		
Conference Fees	1,435.00	2,500.00
Member Dues/Registrations	796.94	1,300.00
Outreach	189.48	3,000.00
Travel and Hotel	626.11	2,500.00
Total Travel/Confer/Dues/Outreach	3,047.53	9,300.00
Total Expenses	\$109,511.16	\$209,700.00
Net Operating Income	\$32,929.41	\$ -45,664.00
Net Income	\$32,929.41	\$ -45,664.00

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AGENDA ITEM G

Good Morning Executive Committee,

TAGD's Employment Policy incorporating the Personnel Subcommittee recommended amendments is attached. The proposed policy amendments are as follows:

- Holidays – Removing Martin Luther King Day and inserting a floating holiday that can be taken in conjunction with any holiday. Holidays will be paid as a full workday to all full time employees. If any scheduled holiday falls on Saturday or Sunday, the Executive Director will decide when the holiday will be observed. Holidays which occur during an employee's vacation will be considered a holiday and will not count against vacation time. Holidays should be reported on the Time Sheet. Holiday time will not be counted in computing overtime.

- Personal Time Off – Amending Vacation and Sick Leave Policy to Personal Time Off. Personal Time Off (PTO) is a benefit earned through active full-time service. An employee will accrue PTO in accordance with the following table:

Completed Yrs.	Days PTO	Accrual Rate
0 through 3	15	(1.25 days/mo.)
4 through 6	20	(1.667 days/mo.)
7 or more	25	(2.08 days/mo.)

Unused PTO will roll over and can be used during the one year following its accrual. An employee can accumulate up to a maximum of two years of accrued PTO. TAGD will pay for unused accrued PTO upon separation.

- Retirement – Implement a retirement plan as approved by TAGD. TAGD will provide a retirement program for full time employees that meet the Internal Revenue Service eligibility requirements through a Simplified Employment Pension Plan. TAGD will contribute a percentage of the employee salary annually to the plan. The Finance and Budget Committee shall recommend for approval a contribution percentage to the voting membership at the Annual Meeting.. Employees are not eligible for retirement contributions by the employer until they have successfully completed ninety (90) calendar days of regular full-time employment.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding the subcommittee's proposal, I will be happy to try to answer them on the conference call or I can be reached at [806-922-7402](tel:806-922-7402) or by email swalthour@northplainsgcd.org.

Have a good day!

Steve Walthour
General Manager
North Plains GCD
[806-922-7402](tel:806-922-7402)

TAGD EMPLOYMENT POLICY

Code of Conduct

Employees of the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts (TAGD) are expected to act in the best interests of the organization and in a manner that is consistent with the highest ethical standards. Employees should report any known or suspected violations of this Code of Conduct to a TAGD Officer or member of the Executive Committee. The following policies are applicable to all employees:

Compliance with Laws

You are expected to comply with all laws that apply to our city, state and country. Violence will not be tolerated.

Conflicts of Interest

You should avoid any outside interests that might influence, or appear to influence, decisions you make or actions you take for TAGD.

Outside Activities

You should avoid activities that would have a negative impact on the performance of your job, conflict with your obligation to TAGD, or negatively impact TAGD's reputation in the community.

Professional Conduct

TAGD requires employees conduct themselves in a professional manner.

Organization Funds and Assets

TAGD funds and other assets are to be used only for the benefit of TAGD and not for your own personal gain.

Misuse of Confidential Information

You may not use confidential information obtained through your employment with TAGD for personal gain or for any other reason except to further TAGD's interests.

Employee Orientation

An ad hoc committee of the membership is responsible for orienting the Executive Director upon hiring.

It is the responsibility of the Executive Director to ensure that other new employees are oriented to TAGD. Orientation should include:

- a. An overview of TAGD's Bylaws and policies;
- b. An introduction to the organization's mission and goals (may include review of past meetings, financial reports, strategic plans, work plans, etc.);

- c. A discussion of organizational structure and introduction to co-workers with explanation of their responsibilities;
- d. A review of project and program information;
- e. A review of benefits and signing of all necessary forms;
- f. A discussion of the employees' responsibilities and organizational expectations;
- g. Getting the employee started on assignments;
- h. Developing a system for tracking assignments and progress.

Performance Reviews

For new employees, an initial appraisal review including overall job expectations and performance, employee and supervisor goals, and specific suggestions for improvement should be conducted at the end of the first 90 days of employment.

The five TAGD Office-holders (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian) shall conduct a performance evaluation and salary review of the Executive Director on an annual basis and submit the evaluation to the Executive Committee for approval by August 1st of each year. The Executive Director shall conduct an annual performance evaluation and salary review of all other TAGD employees on or before August 1st of each year. The Executive Director is responsible for developing forms to be used in the evaluation process.

Compensation and Leave

The salary of the Executive Director is to be determined by TAGD's voting members. The Executive Director determines salaries of other employees. The Finance and Budget Committee shall recommend for approval a total personnel budget to the voting membership at the Annual Meeting. Compensation is paid monthly. Salaries are reviewed annually in conjunction with performance reviews. Salary increases are a function of employee performance and the ability of TAGD to increase compensation. TAGD does not grant automatic annual increases, but every effort is made to compensate employees fairly, taking into account their responsibilities and performance. TAGD strives to provide compensation that is competitive with other representative organizations in the area.

Employment Status

The Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) sets the minimum wage, equal pay, overtime pay, record keeping, and child labor standards for the country. All employees are classified into 'exempt' or 'non-exempt' categories for purposes of establishing eligibility for overtime pay under the Federal Wage and Hours Laws. The categories as defined by this Act are as follows:

Exempt

Exempt employees are those employees that are exempt from overtime pay. A full-time exempt employee is salaried on a monthly basis and is regularly scheduled to work a forty (40) hour workweek, exclusive of lunch periods.

Non-Exempt

Non-exempt employees are those employees who must be paid overtime pay for hours worked over 40 in a given week. Non-exempt employees are hired at a specific hourly pay rate with a daily work schedule and a set number of hours in a regular workweek. Non-exempt employees will be paid at a rate of time and one-half for hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours for any workweek.

Overtime

Overtime is the extra time employees work above their normal scheduled workday. In order to meet the workweek needs of TAGD, employees must be available to work overtime as necessary. We try to eliminate the need for overtime, but, if TAGD determines it is unavoidable, employees will be expected to work their share. The Executive Director will give advance notice if possible. All overtime for hourly employees must be approved in advance. If an employee works overtime without prior approval, they can be subject to disciplinary action.

The Fair Labor Standards Act states that non-exempt employees must be paid for all overtime hours. Non-exempt employees will be paid at a rate of time and one-half for all hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours for any workweek. Hours worked include all hours actually worked. Hours worked do not include leave without pay.

Mandatory Benefits

Worker's Compensation

All employees are covered under the applicable Worker's Compensation Act Insurance that is paid in full by TAGD. To be eligible for workers' compensation benefits, an employee has to incur an accidental injury during and arising out of employment. If an employee is injured on the job, they must seek medical attention and immediately notify a TAGD Officer or the Executive Director of the occurrence.

Social Security

TAGD pays matching funds to the Social Security Administration under the Federal Insurance Contribution Act (FICA) for each employee.

Voluntary Benefits

Health Insurance

Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts does not have a group health insurance plan. Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts will reimburse 100% of the cost of health insurance up to a monthly maximum amount recommended by the Executive Director to the Finance and Budget Committee and approved by the voting members at the Annual Meeting for salaried employees.

Cell Phone Stipend

TAGD provides a monthly stipend in an amount recommended by the Executive Director to the Finance and Budget Committee and approved by the voting members at the Annual Meeting for employees' cell phone use.

Holidays

Each regular full-time employee will receive 12 paid holidays, to be based on federal holidays, and agreed upon by staff at the beginning of each year.

Holiday	Day Observed
New Year's Day	January 1
President's Day	Third Monday in February
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	First Monday in September
Columbus Day	Second Monday in October
Veteran's Day	November 11
Thanksgiving	Last Thursday in November and the following Friday
Christmas Eve	December 24
Christmas Day	December 25
Floating Holiday	May be taken in conjunction with any holiday

Holidays will be paid as a full workday to all full time employees. If any scheduled holiday falls on Saturday or Sunday, the Executive Director will decide when the holiday will be observed. Holidays which occur during an employee's vacation will be considered a holiday and will not count against vacation time. Holidays should be reported on the Time Sheet. Holiday time will not be counted in computing overtime.

Personal Time Off

Personal Time Off (PTO) is a benefit earned through active full-time service. An employee will accrue PTO in accordance with the following table:

Completed Yrs.	Days PTO	Accrual Rate
0 through 3	15	(1.25 days/mo.)
4 through 6	20	(1.667 days/mo.)
7 or more	25	(2.08 days/mo.)

Unused PTO will roll over and can be used during the one year following its accrual. An employee can accumulate up to a maximum of two years of accrued PTO. TAGD will pay for unused accrued PTO upon separation.

Retirement

TAGD will provide a retirement program for full time employees that meet the Internal Revenue Service eligibility requirements through a Simplified Employment Pension Plan. TAGD will contribute a percentage of the employee salary annually to the plan. The Finance and Budget Committee shall recommend for approval a contribution percentage to the voting membership at the Annual Meeting. Employees are not eligible for retirement contributions by the employer until they have successfully completed ninety (90) calendar days of regular full-time employment.

Employee Business and Travel Expenses

The reasonable cost for transportation, lodging, conference registration fees and other reasonable expenses will be covered by TAGD for its employees when traveling on TAGD-related business. All expenses incurred by staff while doing business for TAGD will be submitted to the Executive Director for approval and accompanied by itemized lists of expenses and receipts. TAGD will use the current Internal Revenue Service-authorized rate for mileage allowance.

Other Leave

Family, and medical, and other leave will be established on a case-by-case basis based on organizational needs, employee performance and length of service to TAGD. In general, TAGD will strive to adhere to the Family and Medical Leave Act, but because of its small size, feasibility of a full 12-week leave may be untenable for the organization at a particular time. Alternatives will be discussed with employees on a case-by-case basis.

Separations

Voluntary

The Executive Director of TAGD may resign at any time by letter of resignation to the Executive Committee. Other employees shall submit a letter of resignation to the Executive Director. The letter should give the staff member's last date of employment, and should be signed and dated. TAGD expects all staff members to provide the maximum possible notice of intent to resign. A minimum of two weeks' notice is requested to allow for training and transference of duties.

At-Will Employment

TAGD, including the Executive Director, has the right to dismiss an employee at any time, for any reason, and nothing in this policy should be interpreted as altering the at-will relationship or constituting a promise of continued employment.

Exit Interview

The Executive Committee should conduct exit interviews to evaluate the circumstances surrounding the separation of an employee, whether voluntary or involuntary.

Harassment/Discrimination

TAGD is committed to providing a work environment free of unlawful harassment and discrimination. We prohibit sexual harassment and discrimination based on sex, race, religion, color, national origin, sexual orientation, political affiliation, physical or mental disability, medical condition, marital status, age or any other basis protected by federal, state or local law or ordinance or regulation. This policy applies to all persons working for TAGD, including, employees, consultants, trainers, Board members, and interns.

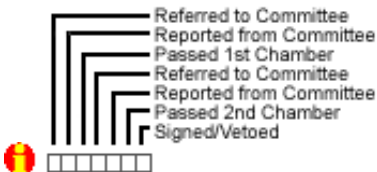
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TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS MAY BILLS - STILL ALIVE OR PASSED

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May Bills

HB 30



Larson, Lyle(R)
Perry, Charles (F)(R)

Relating to the development of brackish groundwater.

Remarks: 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). SUBSTITUTE ELIMINATES PROVISIONS AMENDING CHAPTER 36.

Bill History: 05-28-15 S Conference authorized to go outside bounds - see HCR 139

HB 40



Darby, Drew(R)
Fraser, Troy(R)

Relating to the express preemption of regulation of oil and gas operations and the exclusive jurisdiction of those operations by the state.

Companions: [SB 1165](#) Fraser, Troy (Identical)
5- 4-15 S Notes: HB 40 was laid out in lieu of SB 1165.

Remarks: Expressly preempts the authority of a municipality or other political subdivision to regulate an O&G operation unless the measure regulates only surface activity incident to the O&G operation, is commercially reasonable, does not effectively prohibit an O&G operation, and is not otherwise preempted by state or federal law. States that an O&G operation is subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the state and a political subdivision may not enact or enforce a measure that bans, limits, or otherwise regulates an O&G operation except as provided above.

Bill History: 05-18-15 G Earliest effective date

HB 163



Larson, Lyle(R)
Perry, Charles (F)(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.

Bill History: 05-25-15 G Sent to the Governor

HB 200



Keffer, Jim(R)
Perry, Charles (F)(R)

Relating to the regulation of groundwater.

Remarks: 1. Adds a definition for "best available science" - conclusions that are logically and reasonably derived using statistical or quantitative data, techniques, analyses, and studies that are publicly available to reviewing scientists and can be employed to address a specific scientific question. 2. Adds "in order to protect property rights, balance the development and conservation of groundwater to meet the needs of this state, and use the best available science in the development of groundwater" to the purpose of Ch. 36. 3. Adds language stating that a GCD can only get attorneys' fees on those issues on which the GCD prevails. 4. Adds "After considering and documenting the factors described by Subsection (d) and other relevant scientific and hydrogeological data..." to 36.108(d-1) (related to establishing different DFCs for different areas). 4. Adds contested case hearing process for the appeal of a DFC via SOAH hearing and allows petitioner to go straight to local district court on the DFC if preferred. SUBSTITUTE REMOVES PROVISIONS RELATED TO APPEAL OF DFC OR GCD PERMIT DECISION TO TWDB.

Bill History: 05-31-15 S Senate adopted conference report (Vote: Y: 30/N: 1)

HB 655



Larson, Lyle(R)
Perry, Charles (F)(R)

Relating to the storage and recovery of water in aquifers.

Companions: SB 1724 Creighton, Brandon (F) (Identical)
3-23-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs
SB 1903 Perry, Charles (F) (Identical)
4-22-15 S Placed on the Senate Calendar

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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.

Bill History: 05-25-15 G Sent to the Governor

HB 685

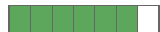


Sheets, Kenneth(R)
Hancock, Kelly(R)

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.

HB 930



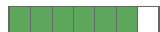
Miller, Doug(R)
Perry, Charles (F)(R)

Relating to water well drillers and pump installers.

Remarks: SUB: Authorizes TDLR to reinstate the apprentice driller program and the apprentice pump installer program.

Bill History: 05-30-15 G Sent to the Governor

HB 1221



Lucio III, Eddie(D)
Estes, Craig(R)

Relating to seller's disclosures in connection with residential real property subject to groundwater regulation.

Companions: SB 1412 Estes, Craig (Identical)
3-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

Remarks: Amends the Texas Property Code to require sellers of residential real property to include GCD information on the disclosure form provided to potential buyers.

Bill History: 05-25-15 G Sent to the Governor

HB 1232



Lucio III, Eddie(D)
Estes, Craig(R)

Relating to a study by the Texas Water Development Board regarding the mapping of groundwater in confined and unconfined aquifers.

Companions: SB 1409 Estes, Craig (Identical)
3-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs

Remarks: Requires TWDB to conduct a study to define the quality and quantity of groundwater. TWDB must produce a map showing the area and water quality of aquifers. TWDB must report results by December 31, 2016.

Bill History: 05-28-15 G Earliest effective date

HB 1421



Bonnen, Dennis(R)
Kolkhorst, Lois (F)(R)

Relating to fees charged by the Coastal Plains Groundwater Conservation District.

Companions: SB 1206 Kolkhorst, Lois (F) (Identical)
4-28-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

Remarks: Local bill - track only. (Clarifies that Coastal Plains GCD may assess production fees as authorized by Chapter 36. Authorizes the GCD to assess an export fee in an amount not to exceed 150 percent of the maximum wholesale water rate charged by the City of Houston as well as other fees authorized by

Bill History: 05-25-15 G Sent to the Governor

HB 1819



Miller, Doug(R)
Fraser, Troy(R)

Relating to the date for the election of directors of the Hill Country Underground Water Conservation District.

Remarks: Changes the election date for the Hill Country Underground Water Conservation District board from November in even-numbered years to May in odd-numbered years.

Bill History: 05-22-15 G Sent to the Governor

HB 2179



Lucio III, Eddie(D)
Perry, Charles (F)(R)

Relating to hearings that concern the issuance of permits by a groundwater conservation district.

Companions: [SB 1414](#) Estes, Craig (Identical)
3-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs

Remarks: This is the TWCA contested case hearings bill. It makes a number of changes to the permit hearings process in Chapter 36, mostly aimed at clearing up confusion in the existing subchapter.

Bill History: 05-22-15 G Sent to the Governor

HB 2407



Miller, Doug(R)
Campbell, Donna(R)

Relating to the creation of the Comal Trinity Groundwater Conservation District.

Companions: [SB 963](#) Campbell, Donna (Identical)
5-12-15 H Referred to House Committee on House Natural Resources

Remarks: Local bill - track only.

Bill History: 05-29-15 G Sent to the Governor

HB 2647



Ashby, Trenton(R)
Estes, Craig(R)

Relating to a limitation on the authority to curtail groundwater production from wells used for power generation or mining.

Companions: [SB 1122](#) Estes, Craig (Identical)
4-14-15 S Committee action pending Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

Remarks: SUB: Adds a new section to Chapter 36 specifying that power generation facilities may extend the implementation of permit reductions or cutbacks in certain instances.

Bill History: 05-29-15 G Sent to the Governor

HB 2767



Keffer, Jim(R)
Perry, Charles (F)(R)

Relating to the powers, duties, and administration of groundwater conservation districts.

Companions: SB 1413 Estes, Craig (Identical)
3-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs

Remarks: This is the TWCA Chapter 36 clean up bill.

Bill History: 05-22-15 G Sent to the Governor

HB 3163



Cyrer, John (F)(R)
Watson, Kirk(D)

Relating to filing suit against board members of groundwater conservation districts.

Remarks: Amends 36.066 to state that a district board member acting in his individual capacity is immune from suit and liability for actions taken on behalf of the board; an attempt to bring suit against an individual board members for actions taken on behalf of the board or for an official vote shall constitute coercion of a public official.

Bill History: 05-29-15 H House concurred in Senate amendments (Vote: Y:141/N: 4)

HB 3357



Lucio III, Eddie(D)
Eltime, Kevin(R)

Relating to permitted methods for certain political subdivisions to post notice of a meeting.

Remarks: Authorizes GCDs and other political subdivisions to post notice of a meeting either by providing the notice to the county clerk of the county in which the administrative office of the district or political subdivision is located or by posting notice on its website.

Bill History: 05-29-15 G Sent to the Governor

HB 3858



Stephenson, Phil(R)
Kolkhorst, Lois (F)(R)

Relating to fees charged by the Coastal Bend Groundwater Conservation District.

Companions: SB 1815 Kolkhorst, Lois (F) (Identical)
4-28-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

Remarks: Local bill - track only.

Bill History: 05-22-15 G Earliest effective date

HB 4112



Burns, DeWayne (F)(R)
Perry, Charles (F)(R)

Relating to the rights of an owner of groundwater.

Remarks: SUB: Adds "any other right recognized under common law" to the rights listed in 36.002, Water Code.

Bill History: 05-26-15 G Sent to the Governor

SB 363



Fraser, Troy(R)
Murr, Andrew (F)(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.

Bill History: 05-21-15 G Sent to the Governor

SB 551



Seliger, Kel(R)
Keffer, Jim(R)

Relating to the duty of the Water Conservation Advisory Council to submit a report and recommendations regarding water conservation in this state.

Remarks: Requires the Water Conservation Advisory Council to make recommendations for legislation to advance water conservation in the state and to submit them to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house no later than December 1 in even-numbered years.

Bill History: 05-31-15 H House adopted conference report (Vote: Y:142/N: 0)

SB 733



Fraser, Troy(R)
Workman, Paul(R)

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

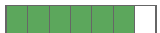
Companions:

HB 947 Workman, Paul (Identical)
5-11-15 H Laid on the table - subject to call - see SB 733

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

Bill History: 06-01-15 G Sent to the Governor

SB 854



Zaffirini, Judith(D)
Lucio III, Eddie(D)

Relating to the renewal or amendment of certain permits issued by groundwater conservation districts.

Companions: HB 1856 Isaac, Jason (Identical)
3-11-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

Remarks: TWCA Permitting Renewal Bill. Requires GCDs to implement automatic renewal of production permits without a hearing so long as renewal application fees are timely paid and the permittee does not request a change that would require a permit amendment. Permittees are not entitled to automatic renewal if (1) they are delinquent in paying GCD fees, (2) there is a pending GCD enforcement for a substantive violation of the permit, an order, or a rule, or (3) the permittee has failed to pay a penalty or failed to comply after a violation. If a GCD denies an amendment request, this bill would require the GCD to offer a permittee

an opportunity to renew a permit as it existed before the permit amendment process.

Bill History: 05-21-15 G Sent to the Governor

SB 1101



Eltife, Kevin(R)
Paddie, Chris(R)

Relating to the authority to determine the supply of groundwater in certain regional water plans.

Companions: [HB 3942](#) Paddie, Chris (Identical)
4-22-15 H Committee action pending
House Natural Resources

Remarks: States that if no GCD exists within the RWPG, the RWPG shall determine the supply of groundwater for regional planning purposes.

Bill History: 06-01-15 G Sent to the Governor

SB 1336



Perry, Charles (F)(R)
Keffer, Jim(R)

Relating to the construction of laws and election dates of certain groundwater conservation districts.

Remarks: For certain GCDs that fall under Chapters 36 and 49, Water Code, states that Chapter 36 prevails in the event of a conflict. Amends election date for other GCDs.

Bill History: 06-01-15 G Sent to the Governor

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