

TEXAS GROUNDWATER PROTECTION COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE REPORT SUBCOMMITTEE
RECORD OF MEETING

Fiscal Year 2019

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MEETING ATTENDANCE

Subcommittee Members

Abiy Berehe (Chair)	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
Emily Hall (absent)	Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS)
TJ Helton (absent)	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB)
Bryan Anderson (Co-chair)	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)
David Gunn (absent)	Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR)
Linda Ruiz McCall (absent)	University of Texas Bureau of Economic Geology (UTBEG)
Ashley Correll	Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC)
John Tracy	Texas A&M AgriLife Research (AgriLife Research)
David Van Dresar (absent)	Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts (TAGD)
David Villarreal	Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA)

Agency Staff

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Al Cherepon	TCEQ	Water Availability Division
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Peggy Hunka	TCEQ	Water Availability Division
Kathy McCormack	TCEQ	Water Availability Division
Scott Underwood	TCEQ	Water Availability Division

MEETING HANDOUTS

1. Record of Meeting April 18, 2018
2. Legislative Report Subcommittee Agenda September 19, 2018
3. *Draft Recommendations to the 86th Texas Legislature*

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Abiy Berehe (TCEQ), Chair of the Legislative Report Subcommittee, called the meeting to order at 1:17 p.m. Subcommittee members introduced themselves. Absent members: Emily Hall (TDSHS), TJ Helton (TSSWCB), David Gunn (TDLR), Linda Ruiz McCall (BEG), and David Van Dresar (TAGD).

2. DISCUSSION AND EDITING OF THE DRAFT ACTIVITIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TEXAS GROUNDWATER PROTECTION COMMITTEE: A REPORT TO THE 86TH LEGISLATURE.

Abiy Berehe (TCEQ) announces that the plan for the DRAFT report is to:

- Email members a copy of this updated draft for their review with the understanding that member edits will email their comments back to Scott Underwood (TCEQ) by September 28, 2018;
- On October 5, the TCEQ will email the final draft back to the subcommittee members so that they can give the report to their upper management for final review; and,
- Then the TGPC will vote to approve the FINAL report on October 17, 2018.

Mr. Berehe summarized the DRAFT *Recommendations to the 86th Texas Legislature* by walking the subcommittee through the entire document while highlighting recent updates. Comments and edits by members were minor. Dr. Villarreal (TDA) said that the subcommittee will leave formatting issues up to the TCEQ.

Mr. Berehe opened a discussion on the Water Conservation Advisory Council (WCAC) recommendations. Mr. Berehe summarized that the TGPC had previously asked legislators for a clarification on TGPC and WCAC responsibilities for water conservation in Texas. This time the TGPC is recommending that the TGPC and WCAC work together on conservation. Mr. Berehe opened a discussion on how to work with the WCAC. Suggestions included TGPC members attending WCAC meetings. Mr. Berehe reports the legislature also seems interested in the abandoned water well recommendation-there will be no change unless the TDLR makes one. After reaching the end of the report, Mr. Berehe announces that if any subcommittee member has a comment or change they want to make, please contact him or Scott Underwood (TCEQ).

3. SET FUTURE MEETING DATE

Abiy Berehe (TCEQ) announced that there are no future meeting dates.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

6. ADJOURN

With the subcommittee's consensus, Abiy Berehe (TCEQ) adjourned the meeting at 1:56 p.m.