



Office of Water
Water Availability Division
Water Quality Division



House Bill 2031 and
House Bill 4097
Rulemaking
Stakeholder Meeting
October 2015

Welcome & Introductions



Overview



- In 2015, during the 84th Legislative Session, legislators passed House Bill 2031 and House Bill 4097.
- **HB 2031**
 - Author: Lucio III | Keffer | Hunter | Miller, Doug | Workman
 - Sponsor: Hinojosa
 - Cosponsor: Creighton | Kolkhorst | Zaffirini
- **HB 4097**
 - Author: Hunter | Lozano | Lucio III | Guillen | Herrero
 - Coauthor: Fallon | Morrison
 - Sponsor: Kolkhorst
 - Cosponsor: Creighton

Seawater Desalination

(HB 2031, 84th Legislative Session)



HB 2031 relates to the diversion, treatment, and use of marine seawater and the discharge of treated marine seawater and waste resulting from the desalination of marine seawater. This bill creates

Texas Water Code, Chapter 18, to address marine seawater desalination projects.



Seawater Desalination

(HB 4097, 84th Legislative Session)



HB 4097 relates to seawater desalination projects. This bill creates Texas Water Code (TWC), Sections 11.1405 and 26.0272, and amends TWC, Sections 27.021 and 27.025, to address seawater desalination for **industrial** purposes.



Rulemaking

Seawater Desalination



- HB 2031 and HB 4097 require rule changes to develop an expedited permit process for the diversion of marine seawater.
- HB 2031 requires an expedited permit process for the discharge of both treated marine seawater and waste resulting from the desalination process.
- TCEQ will conduct a joint rulemaking to implement these bills.



Rulemaking Schedule

Seawater Desalination



- Proposal at Agenda
 - Spring 2016
- Public Comment Period
 - Late Spring / Early Summer 2016
- Adoption at Agenda
 - Fall 2016



Comments from Stakeholders



- The TCEQ will accept written comments through October 23, 2015.
- Send to wras@tceq.texas.gov
- Include the word “Rulemaking” in the subject line.
- You may also send to:
 - Kathy Ramirez
 - TCEQ
 - PO Box 13087, MC 160
 - Austin, TX 78711-3087



Questions



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Contact



- For questions regarding the **diversion of marine seawater**, please contact Ron Ellis at 512/239-1282 or at Ron.Ellis@tceq.texas.gov
- For questions regarding the **discharge of treated marine seawater and waste resulting from the desalination process**, please contact Laurie Fleet at 512/239-5445 or Laurie.Fleet@tecq.texas.gov