

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST**

AGENDA REQUESTED: 2/9/2022
DATE OF REQUEST: 12/16/2021
**NAME & NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT REGARDING CHANGES TO THIS
REQUEST, IF NEEDED:** Yen Tran, (512) 239-4610

CAPTION: Docket No. 2021-1619-MIS. Consideration of gifts and donations of \$500.00 or more in value given to the TCEQ, submitted for approval in accordance with Chapter 575 of the Government Code, concerning acceptance of gifts by certain state agencies. (Yen Tran)


Chief Clerk must send Notice of Application/Hearing: N/A

Type of Matter: Miscellaneous

County: All

Uncontested: N/A

Contested: N/A



**David Timberger, Deputy Director
General Law Division**

TCEQ Interoffice Memorandum

To: Toby Baker *TB*
Executive Director

From: Erin Chancellor, Director *EC*
Office of Legal Services

David Timberger, Deputy Director *DT*
General Law Division

Yen Tran, Senior Attorney *YT*
Contracts, Employment Law and Ethics Section
General Law Division

Date: January 21, 2022

Caption: **Docket No. 2021-1619-MIS:** Consideration of gifts and donations of \$500.00 or more in value given to the TCEQ, submitted for approval in accordance with Chapter 575 of the Government Code, concerning acceptance of gifts and donations by certain agencies.

Attached for your consideration and acceptance are the gifts and donations valued at \$500.00 or more received by the agency for the time period October 18, 2021 through January 20, 2022.

The Executive Director is authorized by Section 5.233 of the Water Code to receive and accept money and other assistance from any source to carry out the powers and duties of the Commission. Following your acceptance, Chapter 575 of the Government Code requires the Commission to acknowledge the acceptance of all gifts of money or property with a value of \$500 or more in an open meeting no later than the 90th day after the date the gift is accepted.

The attached listing describes the gifts made to the agency, including the name of the donor, a description of the gift or donation, and a statement of the purpose of the gift or donation received. We recommend your approval by signature below. Upon your approval, these gifts will be presented to the Commission at the February 9, 2022 Agenda.

I acknowledge and accept the gifts listed in attached on behalf of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.



Toby Baker
Executive Director

Date: 1/18/22

TCEQ Interoffice Memorandum

To: Commissioners

Thru: Toby Baker, Executive Director *TB*

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This item contains, for your consideration, a proposed resolution acknowledging the gifts and donations valued at \$500.00 or more received by the agency for the time period October 18, 2021 through January 20, 2022.

Exhibit A contains the Executive Director's approval of the gifts received, including the name of the donor, a description of the gift or donation, and a statement of the purpose of the gift or donation.

As authorized by Section 5.233 of the Water Code, the Executive Director has accepted these gifts and donations to carry out the powers and duties of the Commission. Chapter 575 of the Government Code requires the Commission to acknowledge the acceptance of all gifts of money or property with a value of \$500 or more in an open meeting no later than the 90th day after the date the gift is accepted.

Enclosure

Exhibit A

Executive Director's Approval of Gifts and Donations

Gifts and Donations From Third Party Organizations

Date Range: 10/18/2021 to 1/20/2022

Reimbursing Organization	Traveler Name	Dates of Travel	Destination	Purpose of Trip	Total Reimbursed
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)	FLANDERS, GEHAN	10/18/2021 - 10/22/2021	Richland, WA	To accompany Washington inspectors as they perform inspections at the US Ecology waste site. These are limited opportunities as waste sites in the US are limited in number and scope, and this opportunity will be helpful in ensuring the Texas Agreement State Program is ready for its IMPEP review in February 2022.	\$3,826.02
				Reimbursed Expense Description	Reimbursed Amount
				AIRFARE	\$2,043.73
				BAGGAGE	\$70.00
				LODGING	\$420.00
				MEALS	\$407.00
				MISCELLANEOUS	\$83.23
				RENTAL CAR	\$439.26
				TAX	\$244.20
				TAXI	\$118.60
Southern Environmental Enforcement Network (SEEN)	MCREYNOLDS, DANNY	11/14/2021 - 11/18/2021	Chattanooga, TN	To participate in the annual in-person board meeting for the state representatives and elected board and to attend the 2021 Fall Training Conference.	\$1,366.26
				Reimbursed Expense Description	Reimbursed Amount
				AIRFARE	\$469.40
				LODGING	\$511.20
				MEALS	\$233.50
				MILEAGE	\$22.40
				AIRPORT PARKING	\$71.15
				PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	\$58.61
Southern Environmental Enforcement Network (SEFN)	GREEN, JAY	11/15/2021 - 11/18/2021	Chattanooga, TN	To attend the 2021 Fall Training Conference.	\$1,312.27
				Reimbursed Expense Description	Reimbursed Amount
				AIRFARE	\$648.40
				BAGGAGE	\$60.00
				LODGING	\$383.40
				MEALS	\$174.50
				TAXI	\$45.97

Southern Environmental Enforcement Network (SEEN)	GORMAN, PAUL	11/14/2021 - 11/18/2021	Chattanooga, TN	To participate in the annual in-person board meeting for the state representatives and elected board and to attend the 2021 Fall Training Conference.	\$1,291.11
				Reimbursed Expense Description	Reimbursed Amount
				AIRFARE	\$348.80
				BAGGAGE	\$60.00
				LODGING	\$511.20
				MEALS	\$233.50
				PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	\$137.61
Southern Environmental Enforcement Network (SEEN)	BACHTEL, KAREN	11/15/2021 - 11/18/2021	Chattanooga, TN	To attend the 2021 Fall Training Conference.	\$1,205.00
				Reimbursed Expense Description	Reimbursed Amount
				AIRFARE	\$485.41
				BAGGAGE	\$60.00
				LODGING	\$383.40
				MEALS	\$174.50
				MILEAGE	\$22.40
				AIRPORT PARKING	\$61.35
				PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	\$17.94
Southern Environmental Enforcement Network (SEEN)	HIGGINBOTHAM III, JACK	11/15/2021 - 11/18/2021	Chattanooga, TN	To attend the 2021 Fall Training Conference.	\$1,093.70
				Reimbursed Expense Description	Reimbursed Amount
				AIRFARE	\$347.80
				BAGGAGE	\$60.00
				LODGING	\$383.40
				MEALS	\$174.50
				AIRPORT PARKING	\$64.00
				PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	\$64.00
Southern Environmental Enforcement Network (SEEN)	RUTLAND JR, EDWARD	11/15/2021 - 11/18/2021	Chattanooga, TN	To attend the 2021 Fall Training Conference. Mr. Rutland took his own personal vehicle.	\$940.84
				Reimbursed Expense Description	Reimbursed Amount
				LODGING	\$383.40
				MEALS	\$174.50
				MILEAGE	\$382.94

United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)	ABBASZADEH, MUHAMMADALI	11/17/2021 - 11/19/2021	Spokane, WA	Travel to request the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) review the Washington State Uranium Recovery Program.	\$949.79	
					Reimbursed Expense Description	Reimbursed Amount
					AIRFARE	\$327.41
					LODGING	\$228.00
					MEALS	\$180.00
					MISCELLANEOUS	\$7.26
					AIRPORT PARKING	\$34.00
					RENTAL CAR	\$137.54
					TAX	\$35.58

TOTAL FOR TRAVEL RELATED EXPENSES	\$11,984.99
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B. NON-TRAVEL RELATED GIFTS AND DONATIONS

Gift Donation - Waiver				
Donating Organization	Description	Location	Date Received	Value
Texas Water Utility Association (TWUA)	Registration fees waived for TCEQ staff to attend job-related training courses, including Activated Sludge online training for Jennifer Grossman (License & Permit Specialist); Basic Water online training for Velma Fuller and Samantha Royall (License & Permit Specialists); and Groundwater Production online training for Janet Ramirez and Margaret Williams (License and Permit Specialists).	Online	10/19/2021 - 10/20/2021 11/30/2021 - 12/2/2021 1/18/2022 - 1/20/2022	\$1,750.00
TOTAL NON-TRAVEL GIFTS AND DONATIONS				\$1,750.00

TOTAL GIFTS AND DONATIONS FOR THIS PERIOD	\$13,734.99
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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



A RESOLUTION Regarding acceptance of gifts and donations in accordance with Chapter 575 of the Government Code concerning acceptance of gifts and donations by certain state agencies; TCEQ Docket No. 2021-1619-MIS

WHEREAS, Chapter 575 of the Government Code provides that a majority of the Commission must acknowledge the acceptance of all gifts of money or property with a value of \$500.00 or more in an open meeting no later than the 90th day after the date the gift is accepted.

WHEREAS, the list of gifts and donations submitted for acknowledgment is attached. The gifts have been accepted by the Executive Director. The list includes a description and amount of each gift or donation with a value of \$500.00 or more, the donor's name, and a statement regarding the purpose of each gift or donation in accordance with Section 575.004 of Chapter 575.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY that the Commission acknowledges acceptance of the gifts and donations listed in accordance with Chapter 575 of the Government Code.

Issued this the ____ day of _____, _____.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Jon Niermann, Chairman