

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

AGENDA REQUESTED: 05/18/2022
DATE OF REQUEST: 01/25/2022
NAME & NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT REGARDING CHANGES TO THIS REQUEST, IF NEEDED: Yen Tran, (512) 239-4610

CAPTION: Docket No. 2022-0158-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 *YVT*
Contracts, Employment Law and Ethics Section
General Law Division

Date: April 27, 2022

Caption: **Docket No. 2022-0158-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 December 14, 2021 through April 7, 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 May 18, 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: 04/26/2022

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 December 14, 2021 through April 7, 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: 12/14/2021 to 04/07/2022

Reimbursing Organization	Traveler Name	Dates of Travel	Destination	Purpose of Trip	Total Reimbursed
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)	ABBASZADEH, MUHAMMADALI	03/27/2022 - 04/01/2022	Spokane, WA	Invited to review the Washington State Uranium Recovery Program.	\$1,600.13
				Reimbursed Expense Description	Reimbursed Amount
				AIRFARE	\$418.65
				LODGING	\$699.15
				MISCELLANEOUS	\$10.75
				PARKING	\$102.00
				RENTAL CAR	\$265.70
				TAX	\$103.88
Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council (ITRC)	HENRY, CASSANDRA	03/27/2022 - 03/30/2022	Salt Lake City, UT	To participate in the working meetings as a member of the ITRC Ethylene Oxide(EtO) Team.	\$1,132.35
				Reimbursed Expense Description	Reimbursed Amount
				AIRFARE	\$405.20
				LODGING	\$437.07
				MEALS	\$224.00
				MILEAGE	\$35.10
				TAXI	\$30.98
Association of Clean Water Administrators (ACWA)	CRESPO, ERIKA	03/06/2022 - 03/09/2022	San Antonio, TX	To attend the 37th Annual Water Reuse Symposium, a national conference on reclaimed water projects in the United States; topics included direct potable reuse of domestic wastewater. TCEQ paid for other expenses.	\$439.74
				Reimbursed Expense Description	Reimbursed Amount
				LODGING	\$439.74
Association of Clean Water Administrators (ACWA)	HERRIN III, LOUIS	03/06/2022 - 03/09/2022	San Antonio, TX	To attend the 37th Annual Water Reuse Symposium, a national conference on reclaimed water projects in the United States; topics included direct potable reuse of domestic wastewater. TCEQ paid for other expenses.	\$439.74
				Reimbursed Expense Description	Reimbursed Amount
				LODGING	\$439.74

Association of Clean Water Administrators (ACWA)	LUCERO RAMIREZ, BALTAZAR	03/06/2022 - 03/09/2022	San Antonio, TX	To attend the 37th Annual Water Reuse Symposium, a national conference on reclaimed water projects in the United States; topics included direct potable reuse of domestic wastewater. TCEQ paid for other expenses.	\$439.74	
				Reimbursed Expense Description	Reimbursed Amount	
				LODGING	\$439.74	
Association of Clean Water Administrators (ACWA)	BROCHI, PAUL	03/06/2022 - 03/09/2022	San Antonio, TX	To attend the 37th Annual Water Reuse Symposium, a national conference on reclaimed water projects in the United States; topics included direct potable reuse of domestic wastewater. TCEQ paid for other expenses.	\$439.74	
				Reimbursed Expense Description	Reimbursed Amount	
				LODGING	\$439.74	

TOTAL FOR TRAVEL RELATED EXPENSES	\$4,491.44
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B. NON-TRAVEL RELATED GIFTS AND DONATIONS

Donating Organization	Gift Donation - Waiver Description	Location	Date Received	Value
W.W. Grainger, Inc.	On December 10, 2021, W.W. Grainger, Inc. sent the Houston Regional Office the wrong cart model. W.W. Grainger, Inc offered the region to keep the Little Instrument Cart they received in error, free of charge.	N/A	2/18/2022	\$878.62
Bac-Flo Unlimited, Ltd.	Reduced training registration fees for TCEQ staff to attend training courses, including Backflow Prevention Assembly Testing Certification for Stephanie Spencer, License and Permit Specialist	Boerne, Texas	3/7/2022-3/11/2022	\$550.00
Texas On-site Wastewater Association (TOWA)	Convention booth and registration fees waived for TCEQ staff to give presentations, assist with TCEQ outreach, and attend job-related training	Moody Gardens Resort and Convention Center Galveston, Texas	3/8/2022-3/9/2022	\$3,337.00
Texas Water Utility Association (TUWA)	Training registration fees waived for Region 12 staff	Online	12/14/2021-12/16/2021	\$950.00
The Texas Section of the American Water Works Association Board of Directors	Admission fee for Texas Water 2022 conference waived for L'Oreal Stepney, DED	San Antonio, Texas	4/4/2022-4/7/2022	\$570.00
TOTAL NON-TRAVEL GIFTS AND DONATIONS				\$6,285.62

TOTAL GIFTS AND DONATIONS FOR THIS PERIOD	\$10,777.06
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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. 2022-0158-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