

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

**AGENDA REQUESTED: 8/24/2022**  
**DATE OF REQUEST: 6/21/2022**  
**NAME & NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT REGARDING CHANGES TO THIS  
REQUEST, IF NEEDED: Yen Tran, (512) 239-4610**

**CAPTION:** Docket No. 2022-0794-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)

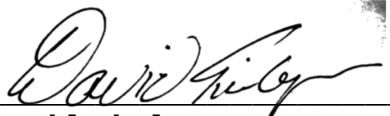
**Chief Clerk must send Notice of Application/Hearing: N/A**

**Type of Matter: Miscellaneous**

**County: All**

**Uncontested: N/A**

**Contested: N/A**



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

# TCEQ Interoffice Memorandum

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**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:** August 5, 2022

**Caption:** **Docket No. 2022-0794-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 May 10, 2022 through July 22, 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 August 24, 2022 Agenda.

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



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Toby Baker  
Executive Director

Date: 8/3/22

# TCEQ Interoffice Memorandum

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**To:** Commissioners

**Thru:** Toby Baker, Executive Director

**From:** Erin Chancellor, Director *EC*  
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**Date:** August 5, 2022

**Caption:** **Docket No. 2022-0794-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.

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 May 10, 2022 through July 22, 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: 05/10/2022 to 07/22/2022

Reimbursing Organization	Traveler Name	Dates of Travel	Destination	Purpose of Trip	Total Reimbursed	
SEEN	HUCH, KIMBERLY	06/13/2022 - 06/17/2022	Austin, TX	To attend the Reid Interview and Interrogation training, which is relevant to Ms. Huch's job duties conducting criminal investigations. TCEQ provided state vehicle for travel between Austin and Beaumont.	\$1,908.29	
					<b>Reimbursed Expense Description</b>	<b>Reimbursed Amount</b>
					LODGING	\$644.00
					MEALS	\$280.25
					PARKING	\$54.56
					REGISTRATION FEES	\$820.00
					TAX	\$109.48
Ground Water Protection Council	SMITH, BRYAN	06/21/2022 - 06/24/2022	Salt Lake City, UT	To participate in in Ground Water Protection Council (GWPC) Annual Conference. TCEQ paid for other travel expenses.	\$1,406.77	
					<b>Reimbursed Expense Description</b>	<b>Reimbursed Amount</b>
					AIRFARE	\$494.70
					LODGING	\$437.07
					REGISTRATION FEES	\$475.00
The Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials (ASTSWMO)	SHAFFORD, WILLIAM	06/27/2022 - 06/29/2022	Washington DC, DC	To attend ASTSWMO's Hazardous Waste (HW) Funding Workgroup meeting as the representative for Texas and provided a perspective for states with large hazardous waste programs.	\$1,235.98	
					<b>Reimbursed Expense Description</b>	<b>Reimbursed Amount</b>
					AIRFARE	\$614.96
					LODGING	\$398.00
					MEALS	\$93.51
					PARKING	\$30.00
					TAX	\$59.50
					TAXI	\$40.01
Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)	FORBES, ASHLEY	06/08/2022 - 06/09/2022	Rockville, MD	To attend and represent Texas and the TCEQ at the Texas Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) Management Review Board Meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to determine the adequacy of the Texas Radioactive Materials Program with NRC requirements for compatibility.	\$1,191.04	
					<b>Reimbursed Expense Description</b>	<b>Reimbursed Amount</b>
					AIRFARE	\$707.64
					LODGING	\$242.96
					MEALS	\$118.50
					TAXI	\$121.94
Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)	HOUSTON, AARON	07/18/2022 - 07/22/2022	Chattanooga, TN	To attend a Root Case Workshop, which was beneficial to Mr. Houston's TCEQ job functions, including performing inspections of Uranium Recovery and Waste Storage and processing. This training course satisfied basic knowledge and skill requirements related to incidents and complaints involving radioactive materials. TCEQ paid for other travel expenses.	\$2,040.13	
					<b>Reimbursed Expense Description</b>	<b>Reimbursed Amount</b>
					AIRFARE	\$1,244.66
					BAGGAGE	\$60.00
					LODGING	\$511.20
					MEALS	\$224.27

<b>TOTAL FOR TRAVEL RELATED EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$7,782.21</b>
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**B. NON-TRAVEL RELATED GIFTS AND DONATIONS**

Donating Organization	Gift Donation Waiver Description	Location	Date Received	Value
San Antonio Manufacturers Association (SAMA)	SAMA booth, used for TCEQ outreach and educational purposes at the South-Central Texas Manufacturing Trade Show & Conference	San Antonio, TX	10-May-22	\$1,000.00
<b>TOTAL NON-TRAVEL GIFTS AND DONATIONS</b>				<b>\$1,000.00</b>

TOTAL GIFTS AND DONATIONS FOR THIS PERIOD	\$8,782.21
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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. 2022-0794-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

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Jon Niermann, Chairman