

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

AGENDA REQUESTED: 11/2/2022
DATE OF REQUEST: 8/23/2022
**NAME & NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT REGARDING CHANGES TO THIS
REQUEST, IF NEEDED:** Yen Tran, (512) 239-4610

CAPTION: Docket No. 2022-1005-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: October 12, 2022

Caption: **Docket No. 2022-1005-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 July 18, 2022 through October 14, 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 November 2, 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: 10/10/2022

TCEQ Interoffice Memorandum

To: Commissioners

Thru: Toby Baker, Executive Director *TB*

From: Erin Chancellor, Director *EC*
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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 July 18, 2022 through October 14, 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: 07/18/2022 to 10/14/2022

Reimbursing Organization	Traveler Name	Dates of Travel	Destination	Purpose of Trip	Total Reimbursed
Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)	HOUSTON, AARON	07/18/2022 - 07/22/2022	Chattanooga, TN	To attend Root Cause Workshop, discussing basic knowledge and skill requirements related to incidents and complaints involving radioactive materials. TCEQ paid for other travel expenses.	\$2,040.13
					Reimbursed Expense Description
					Reimbursed Amount
					AIRFARE
					\$1,244.66
					BAGGAGE
					\$60.00
					LODGING
					\$511.20
					MEALS
					\$224.27
Nuclear Regulatory Commission Funding (NRC)	JIA, ZHENWEN	08/14/2022 - 08/19/2022	Albuquerque, NM	To attend the Materials Control & Security System & Principles course, discussing physical protection systems and NRC requirements for material licensees that are authorized to possess risk significant quantities of radioactive material. TCEQ paid for other travel expenses.	\$1,645.33
					Reimbursed Expense Description
					Reimbursed Amount
					AIRFARE
					\$511.71
					LODGING
					\$555.00
					MEALS
					\$379.50
					MISCELLANEOUS
					\$11.10
					TAX
					\$76.30
					TAXI
					\$106.03
					TIPS
					\$5.69
Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)	BURNETT, CLINT	09/11/2022 - 09/16/2022	Chattanooga, TN	To attend the Inspection Procedures (G-108) Course. TCEQ paid for other travel expenses.	\$1,547.63
					Reimbursed Expense Description
					Reimbursed Amount
					AIRFARE
					\$348.60
					BAGGAGE
					\$60.00
					LODGING
					\$639.00
					MEALS
					\$352.00
					MILEAGE
					\$39.78
					PARKING
					\$108.25
Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials (ASTSWMO)	CHAVERO JR, FRANCISCO	08/22/2022 - 08/25/2022	Cleveland, OH	To attend ASTSWMO's Joint Hazardous Waste and Materials Management Training. The training course enabled Mr. Chavero to moderate a session as a member of the CME Task Force, received EPA training on the technical aspects of the RCRA hazardous waste program as well as national policy updates.	\$1,325.84
					Reimbursed Expense Description
					Reimbursed Amount
					AIRFARE
					\$662.71
					BAGGAGE
					\$30.00
					LODGING
					\$274.00
					MEALS
					\$241.22
					PARKING
					\$64.00
					TAX
					\$47.96
					AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION
					\$2.50
					TIPS
					\$3.45
Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials (ASTSWMO)	SCHREIER, SARAH	08/22/2022 - 08/25/2022	Cleveland, OH	To attend ASTSWMO's Joint Hazardous Waste and Materials Management Training, including focused sessions on Hazardous Waste Management and Materials Management.	\$1,285.42
					Reimbursed Expense Description
					Reimbursed Amount
					AIRFARE
					\$598.46
					LODGING
					\$482.94
					MEALS
					\$108.52
					MILEAGE
					\$27.50
					PARKING
					\$68.00
Nuclear Regulatory Commission	JIA, ZHENWEN	09/25/2022 - 09/29/2022	Chattanooga, TN	To participate in the Licensing Practices & Procedures course. Which provided attendees with licensing procedures for portable and fixed gauges, medical applications, academic/R&D, well logging, irradiators and industrial radiography. TCEQ paid for other travel expenses.	\$1,265.04
					Reimbursed Expense Description
					Reimbursed Amount
					AIRFARE
					\$354.65
					LODGING
					\$436.00
					MEALS
					\$304.00
					MISCELLANEOUS
					\$42.93
					TAX
					\$75.20
					TAXI
					\$52.26

San Angelo Chamber of Commerce	JOHNSON, MORGAN	08/03/2022 - 08/04/2022	San Angelo, TX	To attend the 18th Annual West Texas Legislative Summit, where Commissioner Lindley was a panelist. Morgan Johnson attended as a guest. TCEQ paid for other travel expenses.	\$337.99
					Reimbursed Expense
					Description
					Reimbursed Amount
					LODGING
					\$99.00
					SUMMIT REGISTRATION AND PRE-SUMMIT DINNER
					\$225.00
					TAX
					\$13.99
San Angelo Chamber of Commerce	LINDLEY, EMILY	08/03/2022 - 08/04/2022	San Angelo, TX	To attend the 18th Annual West Texas Legislative Summit, where Commissioner Lindley was a panelist. Morgan Johnson attended as a guest. TCEQ paid for other travel expenses.	\$337.99
					Reimbursed Expense
					Description
					Reimbursed Amount
					LODGING
					\$99.00
					SUMMIT REGISTRATION AND PRE-SUMMIT DINNER
					\$225.00
					TAX
					\$13.99

TOTAL FOR TRAVEL RELATED EXPENSES	\$9,785.37
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B. NON-TRAVEL RELATED GIFTS AND DONATIONS

Donating Organization	Gift Donation - Waiver Description	Location	Date Received	Value
Grubbs Family of Dealerships	Offered five \$200 gift certificates for car or truck detailing services at their location in Grapevine. To be given away to random Texans who participate in Take Care of Texas in-person, social media, and online campaigns.	Grapevine, TX	9/19/2022	\$1,000.00
H-E-B Grocery Company, LP	Offered to continue its partnership with TCEQ's Take Care of Texas (TCOT) Program. The donation includes \$7,500 to be used to purchase TCOT/HEB promotional items and \$2,500 in HEB Community Investment Program gift cards to use as incentives to promote the TCOT pledge, newsletters, and social media.	Austin, TX	10/7/2022	\$10,000.00
Sundance Training (Landscape Irrigation Licensing)	Offered to provide Landscape Irrigation Licensing training for no charge. This class will cover topics such as Terms, Rules and Regulations, Backflow, and Installation techniques.	Online	10/10/2022 - 10/14/2022	\$1,650.00
TOTAL NON-TRAVEL GIFTS AND DONATIONS				\$12,650.00

TOTAL GIFTS AND DONATIONS FOR THIS PERIOD	\$22,435.37
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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. 2022-1005-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