

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

AGENDA REQUESTED: 5/31/2023
DATE OF REQUEST: 3/8/2023
**NAME & NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT REGARDING CHANGES TO THIS
REQUEST, IF NEEDED: Yen Tran, (512) 239-4610**

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Type of Matter: Miscellaneous

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From: Charmaine Backens, Acting Director 
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Erin E. Chancellor
Interim Executive Director


Date: 5/16/23


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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 _____, _____.

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