

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

AGENDA REQUESTED: 8/16/2023
DATE OF REQUEST: 6/15/2023
**NAME & NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT REGARDING CHANGES TO THIS
REQUEST, IF NEEDED: Yen Tran, (512) 239-4610**

CAPTION: Docket No. 2023-0807-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)

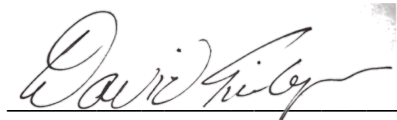
Chief Clerk must send Notice of Application/Hearing: N/A

Type of Matter: Miscellaneous

County: All

Uncontested: N/A

Contested: N/A



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

TCEQ Interoffice Memorandum

To: Kelly Keel *KK*
Interim Executive Director

From: Erin E. 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: July 28, 2023

Caption: **Docket No. 2023-0807-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 April 26, 2023 through June 29, 2023.

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 16, 2023 Agenda.

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

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Date: 7/25/2023

Kelly Keel
Interim Executive Director

TCEQ Interoffice Memorandum

To: Commissioners

Thru: Kelly Keel, Interim Executive Director *KK*

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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 April 26, 2023 through June 29, 2023.

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

Third Party Reimbursed Expenses Report

Date Range: 04/26/2023 to 06/29/2023

Reimbursing Organization	Traveler Name	Dates of Travel	Destination	Purpose of Trip	Total Reimbursed	
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)	JANECKA, ROBERT	06/06/2023 - 06/09/2023	Bethesda, MD	To attend the NRC State Liaison Officer(SLO) Conference focusing on coordinating with State partners and discussing the evolution of nuclear regulation across the United States.	\$2,019.29	
					Reimbursed Expense Description	Reimbursed Amount
					AIRFARE	\$669.09
					LODGING	\$774.00
					MEALS	\$276.50
					PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	\$45.00
					TAX	\$100.62
					TRANSACTION FEES	\$43.95
					TAXI	\$110.13
The Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials (ASTSWMO)	SHAFFORD, WILLIAM	06/19/2023 - 06/21/2023	Washington DC, DC	To attend the ASTSWMO Hazardous Waste Funding Workgroup meeting to draft the ASTSWMO Core Report. The report will set out state-by-state costs for the hazardous waste program for each state. Mr. Shafford covered public transportation expenses to the hotel and walked to the conference once he arrived.	\$1,214.89	
					Reimbursed Expense Description	Reimbursed Amount
					AIRFARE	\$467.96
					LODGING	\$516.00
					MEALS	\$112.63
					AIRPORT PARKING	\$36.00
					TAX	\$82.30
National Institute of Health (NIH)	CURRY, ANGELA	04/26/2023 - 04/30/2023	Tuskegee, AL	To attend the Toxicology Mentoring and Skills Development Training as a Mentor.	\$1,022.37	
					Reimbursed Expense Description	Reimbursed Amount
					AIRFARE	\$289.20
					LODGING	\$507.00
					MEALS	\$54.64
					AIRPORT PARKING	\$52.62
					PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	\$53.00
					TAX	\$65.91
Association of Clean Water Administrators	MALONE, BRIDGET	05/14/2023 - 05/17/2023	Boise, ID	To attend the 2023 National Pretreatment Meeting, which discussed updates for the implementation of the pretreatment program, facilitated discussions with other regulators, and proposed solutions to challenges faced by regulators, as well as obtain regulatory updates on pending rulemakings (i.e., PFAS). TCEQ paid for other travel expenses.	\$968.29	
					Reimbursed Expense Description	Reimbursed Amount
					AIRFARE	\$469.96
					LODGING	\$498.33

Gulf of Mexico Alliance (GOMA)	MARSHALL, LISA	06/26/2023 - 06/29/2023	Austin, TX	To attend the GOMA 2023 All Hands Meeting. The meeting provided information on coastal risk and the availability of resilience and restoration tools for those who live, work, visit, and do business in the Gulf of Mexico. Ms. Marshall drove her personal vehicle to Austin.	\$934.19
				Reimbursed Expense Description	Reimbursed Amount
				LODGING	\$483.00
				MEALS	\$107.61
				MILEAGE	\$198.47
				PARKING	\$63.00
				TAX	\$82.11
Environmental Law Institute (ELI)	LINDGREN, TERRA	06/20/2023 - 06/27/2023	Shepherdstown, WV	To attend and participate in the 2023 National Training Workshop on Water Quality Data, Assessment, and Plans at the National Conservation Training Center.	\$1,131.39
				Reimbursed Expense Description	Reimbursed Amount
				AIRFARE	\$431.10
				BAGGAGE	\$65.00
				LODGING	\$294.00
				MEALS	\$201.22
				PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	\$57.87
				MILEAGE	\$22.20
				TAX	\$60.00

TOTAL FOR TRAVEL RELATED EXPENSES	\$7,290.42
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B. NON-TRAVEL RELATED GIFTS AND DONATIONS

Donating Organization	Gift Donation - Waiver Description	Location	Date Received	Value
None				\$0.00
TOTAL NON-TRAVEL GIFTS AND DONATIONS				\$0.00

TOTAL GIFTS AND DONATIONS FOR THIS PERIOD	\$7,290.42
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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. 2023-0807-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