

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

AGENDA REQUESTED: 4/15/2026
DATE OF REQUEST: 1/27/2026
**NAME & NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT REGARDING CHANGES TO THIS
REQUEST, IF NEEDED: Yen Tran, (512) 239-4610**

CAPTION: Docket No. 2026-0125-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



**Yen Tran, Interim Deputy Director
General Law Division**

TCEQ Interoffice Memorandum

To: Kelly Keel
Executive Director

From: Phillip Ledbetter, Director *PL*
Office of Legal Services

Yen Tran, Interim Deputy Director *YT*
General Law Division

Yen Tran, Senior Attorney *YT*
Contracts, Employment Law and Ethics Section
General Law Division

Date: March 23, 2026

Caption: **Docket No. 2026-0125-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 January 11, 2026 through March 12, 2026.

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 April 15, 2026 Agenda.

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



Kelly Keel
Executive Director

Date: 3/23/2026

TCEQ Interoffice Memorandum

To: Commissioners

Thru: Kelly Keel, Executive Director *KK*

From: Phillip Ledbetter, Director *PL*
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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 January 11, 2026 through March 12, 2026.

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 Report
January 11, 2026 - March 12, 2026

Reimbursing Organization	Traveler Name	Date of Travel	Destination	Purpose of Trip	Total Reimbursed
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC)	ALYSSA THOMPSON	1/11/2026 - 1/16/2026	CHATTANOOGA, TN	To participate in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) sponsored Fundamental Physics Lab Activities (H-122L) course. TCEQ covered additional travel expenses.	\$1,204.39
				Reimbursed Expense Description	Reimbursed Amount
				Lodging	\$331.39
				Airfare	\$386.00
				Meals	\$407.00
TEXAS OIL & GAS ASSOCIATION (TXOGA)	KATHERINE THIGPEN	1/21/2026 - 1/22/2026	SCOTTSDALE, AZ	To attend TXOGA 2026 Planning Meeting. TCEQ covered additional travel expenses.	\$386.36
				Reimbursed Expense Description	Reimbursed Amount
				Lodging	\$386.36
TEXAS OIL & GAS ASSOCIATION (TXOGA)	KELLY KEEL	1/21/2026 - 1/22/2026	SCOTTSDALE, AZ	To attend TXOGA 2026 Planning Meeting. TCEQ covered additional travel expenses.	\$386.36
				Reimbursed Expense Description	Reimbursed Amount
				Lodging	\$386.36
TEXAS FOOD & FUEL ASSOCIATION	RAMIRO GARCIA JR.	2/9/2026 - 2/10/2026	ARLINGTON, TX	To attend Winter Fuel & Convenience Summit and provide agency updates, including updated rule changes and ensuring compliance. TCEQ covered additional travel expenses.	\$293.98
				Reimbursed Expense Description	Reimbursed Amount
				Lodging	\$293.98
TEXAS FOOD & FUEL ASSOCIATION	RYAN VISE	2/9/2026 - 2/10/2026	ARLINGTON, TX	To attend Winter Fuel & Convenience Summit and provide agency updates, including updated rule changes and ensuring compliance. TCEQ covered additional travel expenses.	\$293.98
				Reimbursed Expense Description	Reimbursed Amount
				Lodging	\$293.98
GULF OF AMERICA ALLIANCE (GOAA)	STEVEN SCHAR	3/3/2026 - 3/4/2026	WASHINGTON, DC	To participate in the GOAA Management Team in-person meeting and discuss the Regional Ocean Partnership reauthorization.	\$1,702.08
				Reimbursed Expense Description	Reimbursed Amount
				Airfare	\$756.79
				Airport Parking	\$52.00
				Lodging	\$726.38
				Meals	\$33.24
				Transportation	\$101.77

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC)	MICHELE BROWN	3/9/2026 - 3/12/2026	CHATTANOOGA, TN	To participate in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) sponsored Licensing Practices and Procedures Course.	\$1,340.45
				Reimbursed Expense Description	Reimbursed Amount
				Lodging	\$399.24
				Airfare	\$580.36
				Airport Parking	\$66.71
				Baggage	\$70.00
				Meals	\$106.91
				Personal Mileage	\$98.24
				Transportation	\$18.99

TOTAL FOR TRAVEL RELATED EXPENSES	\$5,607.60
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B. NON-TRAVEL RELATED GIFTS AND DONATIONS

Donating Organization	Gift Donation - Waiver Description	Location	Date Received	Value
TEXAS ON-SITE WASTEWATER ASSOCIATION (TOWA)	Trade show booth and registration fee for 12 TCEQ staff.	WACO, TX	March 11, 2026	\$4,850.00
TOTAL NON-TRAVEL GIFTS AND DONATIONS				\$4,850.00

TOTAL GIFTS AND DONATIONS FOR THIS PERIOD	\$10,457.60
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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. 2026-0125-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

Brooke T. Paup, Chairwoman