



**TACWA Meeting Minutes
El Paso, Texas
January 24, 2025
9:00 a.m.**

The Texas Association of Clean Water Agencies (TACWA) meeting on January 24, 2025, was hosted by El Paso Water.

See attached sign-in sheet – Total attendees signed in was 104.

- Secretary Michelle Carte welcomed the guests and thanked El Paso Water for hosting and thanked the sponsors.
- Introduction of attendees
- Welcome from Mr. Gilbert Trejo, VP – Engineering, Operations & Technical Services, El Paso Water

Business Meeting:

- Secretary Michelle Carte opened the business meeting
- Meeting Minutes for November and January will be presented at February TACWA meeting

Regulatory Updates:

NACWA – Jody Zabolio

- Uncertainty with new administration
- EPA Draft Biosolids PFAS Risk Assessment Released for Comment
 - Consumer could be passed the cleanup cost

Meg-Pierce-Walsh

- TCEQ needs to update TDS regulations
- PFAS Updates
 - Draft PFAS and PFOA risk assessment came out on Jan 15
 - human health risks: Land application sites, Surface disposal, Sewage sludge incinerators
 - draft human health criteria for PFOA PFAS and
 - big range
 - labs cant detect lower concentrations of PFAS
 - nothing to do at this time. They are recommendations



Janet Sims

Clean Water Act asks states to review and revise water quality standards every 3 years

- Discussion with TCEQ continues
- Stakeholders meeting in late March to address comments
- Adoption in May 2026

Electronic reporting for pretreatment programs

- TCEQ is planning on having a stakeholder meeting for training on the forms
- Pretreatment conference in August. Training will be held there too

Future Meetings:

- a. January 24, 2025 – El Paso
- b. February 28, 2025 – Austin Water
- c. May 16, 2025 – UTRWD Offices in Lewisville
- d. July 18, 2025 – Houston
- e. September 19, 2025 – San Antonio
- f. November 14, 2025 – Garland

Technical Presentations

10:20 – 10:45 The Future of Water Reuse Using Carbon-Based Advanced Treatment (CBAT) to Implement “One Water” Initiatives

- Presenters: Chamindra Dassanayake and Wendell Khunjar, *Hazen & Sawyer*

10:45 – 10:55 Break & Networking

11:00 – 11:25: Advanced Operational Training: Elevating Standards to Meet Emerging Challenges

- Presenter: Lance Mason, *Brown & Caldwell*

11:30 – 11:55: Managing Multiple Plants. A way to Optimize Multiple Plant Utilities’ Operation and Capital Expenses

- Presenter: Rudy Kilian, *Carollo*

12:00 – 12:25 CMAR Innovation: Fred Hervey WRP -Post-Packaging of Improvements Save Time and Money

- Presenters: Tina Hanson, *Garver*, Ivan Hernandez, *El Paso Water*, Kenneth Kincaid & Alonso Leyva, *MGC*

1:30 – 2:30 PM Tour of El Paso Water KBH Desalination Plant