



**TACWA Meeting Minutes
Austin, Texas
Horizon Conference
November 12, 2024
7:30 a.m.**

The Texas Association of Clean Water Agencies (TACWA) meeting on November 12, 2024, was hosted by WEAT as part of the Horizon Conference.

No sign-in sheet for the TACWA meeting

- President Mike Brinkmann welcomed guests

Business Meeting:

- President Mike Brinkmann opened the business meeting
- Approved the September 24, 2024, Meeting Minutes.

Regulatory Updates:

Legislature - Julie Nahrgang:

- First Day to Bill Pre-filing November 12, 2024
- The high priority bills in this round and budget
- Looking to get additional funding to Texas Water Fund and find a dedicated funding source
- Always a water session in TX
- The House Natural Resources Committee going to have new members due to 5 members not returning

Regulatory Updates provided at Horizon Conference

- Lead and Copper – 67% submitted
- No update from TX State Chemist on the biosolids fertilizer labeling

Federal Legislature Update - Steve Dye (Also See Horizon Conference minutes)

- FY25 Budget pushed to March
- Funding should be consistent for water programs, big thing is earmarks
- Bills that will have PFAS provisions in them could impact utilities from the biosolids standpoint
- WRDA Bill working its way to get approved



- Republicans pushing to keep utility liability exemption in any PFAS rules (CERCLA exemption)
- Moving forward with transition from Biden to Trump Administration
 - Regulation/Final Rule will stay in place
 - Guidance/Directive/Policy it will not stay in place
 - Maui Guidance will be reviewed by Trump Admin
 - CSO Guidance will be reviewed by Trump Admin
- PFAS Human Health Criteria Assessments for Biosolids will be provided by EPA in near future
- EPA moving forward with PFAS in effluent assessments (400 largest facilities plus 300 additional facilities requested to sample)
- WIPES Bill be hot lined, added to another bill, to get it passed in Senate

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

