



**TACWA Meeting Minutes  
Arlington, Texas  
November 15, 2019  
9:00 a.m.**

The Texas Association of Clean Water Agencies (TACWA) meeting of November 15, 2019, was hosted by the Trinity River Authority (TRA) and sponsored by Black & Veatch, Freese and Nichols, Garver, Perkins, and Plummer.

**Those in attendance included:**

Ron Patel - City of Dallas; Bill Gase - City of Garland; Wes Kucera - City of Garland; Julie Nahrgang - WEAT/TACWA; Tammy West - City of Austin; Alex Stuart - City of Garland; Leonard Levine - GCA; Adrian Montemayor - SAWS; Mustapha Muhammad - SAWS; Temple Williamson - SAWS; Amanda Voss - TRA; Blayne Johnson - TRA; Cynthia Robinson - TRA; Dusty Bannum - TRA; Glenn Clingenpeel - TRA; James McDonald - TRA; John Bennett - TRA; John Logan - TRA; Kelly Davis - TRA; Matt Jalbert - TRA; Patty Cleveland - TRA; Tania Ho - TRA; Michelle Carte - UTRWD; Matias Pasch - WEAT/TACWA; Bruce Cole - AECOM; Rami Issa - AECOM; Todd Warrix - AECOM; Ben Kuhnel - Arcadis; Ross Standifer - Arcadis; Reed Meriwether - Binkley & Barfield; Eric Redmond - Black & Veatch; Ignacio Cadena - Black & Veatch; Lauren Gonzalez - Black & Veatch; Alex Applegate - Carollo Engineers; Hutch Musallam - Carollo Engineers; Chris Patin - CDM Smith; Donna Renner - CP&Y; Randy Bush - CP&Y; Charlie Erish - FNI; David Jackson - FNI; Gennady Boksiner - FNI; Raymond Longoria - FNI; Lance Price - GAI; Dan Olson - Garver; Jeff Sober - Garver; Chris Kaakaty - Gresham Smith; Wayne Hunter - Gresham Smith; Evan Ged - Hazen & Sawyer; Tracey Long - Hazen & Sawyer; Jerry Snead - HDR; Joel Cantwell - HDR; Rob Lawrence - HVJ Associates; Jennifer Henke - Jacobs CH2M; Nicole Conner - Kennedy/Jenks; Paul Wood - LAN Inc; Phillip Wheat - LAN Inc; Nathan Vassar - Lloyd Gosselink; Dean Vrla - Pacheco Koch; Meredith McCall - Pacheco Koch; Thelma Box - Pacheco Koch; James McMillen - Perkins Engineering; Janet Sims - Perkins Engineering; Mark Perkins - Perkins Engineering; Andre Garces - Plummer; Chris Pasch - Plummer; Kenneth Tillman - RPS; Alex Visotski - Stantec; David James - Wastewater Training & Compliance; Sam Irrinki - Weston Solutions;

**Business Meeting:**

- Vice-President Patel opened the meeting, welcomed guests and thanked the Trinity River Authority (TRA) for hosting and the sponsors.
- Welcome – Kevin Ward, TRA General Manager.
  - Mr. Ward welcomed everyone to TRA.
- Approved the September 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes.
- Informed attendees about the future meetings this year thru July 2020.
  - Ray Longoria with FNI welcomed everyone to attend the Jan 2021 meeting in Corpus Christi.



### **Chris Pasch:**

- TDS Committee [WEAT, TACWA and WaterReuse Texas] Update: discussing Harmonic Mean Flow and alternatives with TCEQ and working on scheduling a meeting in December with TCEQ.
- WEAT Permit Limit Working Group: Intent of the group is to work with TCEQ to identify other ways to express permit limits that are protective of the environment and not needlessly stringent. Permit limits for municipal wastewater treatment plants have become more stringent over time; however, no consideration has been given whether the averaging method used in TPDES permit development is appropriate for stringent limits that approach zero. In addition, an increasing number of permittees are facing the prospect of stringent nutrient limits and procedures are needed to determine the most appropriate way to express nutrient permit limits. TCEQ's current practice of requiring demonstration of compliance with permit limits, such as daily average concentration and load limits is unnecessarily inflexible and not appropriate to demonstrate compliance with stringent permit limits.

### **Janet Sims:**

- 312 Biosolids Rule: Published and open for comments. Comments are due on November 26. There will be a hearing on this on November 19<sup>th</sup> in Austin.
- Draft General Permit for Water Treatment Plant Discharges for conventional plants. TCEQ is seeking comments, but they will not respond to the comments but will consider them. Comments are due December 6<sup>th</sup>. The intent of this action is to reduce the workload of TCEQ.
- Charles McGuire with EPA mentions to Leonard Levine that the EPA is having difficulty in distributing grant funds. If interested in the grant funds contact Charles McGuire with the EPA.

### **Julie Nahrgang:**

- State Legislative Update: State voted on Proposition 8 in November and it passed. This allows the state to move money from the rainy day fund to the Flood Infrastructure Fund.
- National Defense Authorization Act making its way through the US House and Senate. There are pieces of PFAS legislation in the ACT. WEF and NACWA have asked members to contact their Representatives/Senators and ask that PFAS be included to ask EPA to do more scientific research.
- Regulatory Front: A Pretreatment Stakeholder Meeting coming up on January 23, 2020. A Stakeholder Meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup> over the Oil & Gas Discharge Bill under the TPDES Permit.
- Federal Blending Rule Package should see around the first of the year (2020).
- Water ReUse Action Plan: EPA is taking comments. Comments are due December 16.
- WOTUS Update: big picture, the repeal will not substantial change the TCEQ permits.
- The new TACWA website is on line.



### **Wes Kucera (NACWA Update):**

- NACWA is urging people to make comments on the PFAS issues and NACWA is making comments regarding the revised Lead & Copper Rule [concerned with the requirement to add Ortho-Phosphate for corrosion control].
- 'Fall Strategic Leadership & Board of Directors Meetings' in Austin Nov 18-19
- 'National Clean Water Law & Enforcement Seminar' in Austin Nov 20-22
- 'Winter Conference' in Atlanta GA Feb 4-7, 2020
- 'Annual Conference [50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary]' in Seattle WA Jul 13 to 16, 2020.

### **Technical Presentations:**

- "CRWS Process Upset" Eric Redmond – Black & Veatch and Matthew Jalbert, P.E. – TRA.
- "Partnership to Renew Lake Arlington Raw Water Pump Station: Shared Operations Improvements" John Logan, P.E. – TRA and Justin Kirchdoerfer, P.E. – Arlington Water Utilities
- "Wet Weather Peak Flow Management at TRA ROCRWS Treatment Plant" Kelly Davis, P.E. – TRA, and Gennady Boksiner, P.E. – Freese and Nichols
- "Update on Listing Process for Native Mussel as Endangered Species in the Trinity River Basin" Glenn Clingenpeel – TRA