



**TACWA Meeting Minutes
Flower Mound, Texas
May 17, 2019
9:00 a.m.**

The Texas Association of Clean Water Agencies (TACWA) meeting of May 17, 2019, was hosted by the Upper Trinity Regional Water District (UTWRD) and sponsored Alan Plummer (APAI), Arcadis, Black & Veatch, Carollo Engineers, Freese & Nichols, and Garver.

Those in attendance included:

Magda Alanis - City of Houston; Ron Patel - City of Dallas; Bill Gase - City of Garland; Wes Kucera - City of Garland; Gordon Pederson - GCA; Chuck Wolf - BRA; Alex Stuart - City of Garland; Carol La Breche - City of Houston; Walid Samarneh - City of Houston; Brianna Morales - GCA; Denise Ehrlich - GCA; Leonard Levine - GCA; Jenna Covington - NTMWD; Temple Williamson - SAWS; Cynthia Robinson - TRA; Kelly Davis - TRA; Matt Jalbert - TRA; Ben Hodges - UTRWD; Joan Hilton - UTRWD; Jody Zabolio - UTRWD; Joe Thompson - UTRWD; Larry Patterson - UTRWD; Michelle Carte - UTRWD; Bruce Cole - AECOM; Andre Garces - APAI; Jeff Caffey - APAI; Peggy Glass - APAI; Rex Hunt - APAI; Charles Schoening - Arcadis; Noel Pattengale - Arcadis; Sherri van der Wege - Atkins; Farr Fakheri - Black & Veatch; Jim Fitzpatrick - Black & Veatch; Sam Barraco - Carollo Engineers; Scott Hoff - Carollo Engineers; Toshio Shimada - Carollo Engineers; Donna Renner - CP&Y; Randy Bush - CP&Y; Walter Chiang - CP&Y; Allison Blake - FNI; Gordon Wells - FNI; Daniel Ghobrial - GAI; Lance Price - GAI; Puneet Gupta - GAI; Edward Keenan - Garver; Michael Watts - Garver; Felix Carles - Gresham Smith; Scott Hardy - Hazen & Sawyer; Sushban Shrestha - Hydro Engineering Solutions; Brett Isbell - Jacobs CH2M; Raj Mehta - Jacobs CH2M; Jason Bybel - Kennedy/Jenks; Nicole Conner - Kennedy/Jenks; Paul Wood - LAN Inc; Dean Vrla - Pacheco Koch; Thelma Box - Pacheco Koch; Terriekka Cardenas - Perceptive Engineering & Const; Mark Perkins - Perkins Engineering; Ashok Varma - RPS; Sam Irrinki - Weston Solutions;

Business Meeting:

- President Alanis opened the meeting, welcomed guests and thanked the Upper Trinity Regional Water District (UTWRD) for hosting and the sponsors. Informed attendees about the future meetings this year.
- Welcome – Larry N. Patterson, P.E., Executive Director, Upper Trinity Regional Water District.
 - Mr. Patterson shared information about the Upper Trinity Regional Water District Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants.
- President Alanis informed everyone that a new TACWA Website will launched soon.
- Approved the March 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes.
- A motion was approved to recommending the nomination of Mark S Sanchez, Executive Director of the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority to another three-year term as a NACWA Board Member representing Region 6.



Peggy Glass:

TDS Coalition Update: The Coalition is planning on scheduling a meeting with TCEQ in June 2019. In regards to the legislative front, the Legislatures will be in session for two more weeks.

Larry Patterson: Informed everyone about Senate Bill 29, this will impact all utilities. This bill will prohibit utilities from spending funds to influence legislation. Also there is a bill that will require Water Districts and River Authorities to either video or audio record meetings and put them on the internet.

Gordon Pederson (NACWA Update):

Informed audience about the upcoming May 22nd NACWA Water Quality Meeting. NACWA is working on responding to the PFAS and PFOS issues that are in the works. The Strategic Commination Meeting is having its annual Meeting in Cleveland Ohio starting on June 3. The NACWA National meeting will be in Minneapolis July 13 to 16. The Excellence in Management Awards closed on May 10. NACWA is also giving input to Congress for congressional funding.

Wes Kucera (NACWA Update):

NACWA has issued a press release on comments to the WOTUS Rule. Made comments and issued guidelines for PFAS, which are getting national attention. PFAS are also being found in BioSolids. NACWA also made comments on nonwoven disposable products labels (flushable wipes).

Technical Presentations:

- “Peak Flow Management” - Hazem Gheith – Arcadis
- “The Trinity River Compact - Past, Present, and (most importantly) Future” - Peggy Glass, Ph.D., Alan Plummer Associates, Inc
- “Future of Reclaimed Water Coagulation – From Flintstone- to Electro-Chemistry” - Michael Watts, PhD, PE – Garver
- “Improving Phosphorus Removal with Side Stream RAS Conditioning” - Toshio Shimada, Ph.D., P.E. (Carollo Engineers, Inc.) and Joe Thompson (Upper Trinity Regional Water District)