



**TACWA Meeting Minutes
San Antonio, Texas
September 13, 2019
9:00 a.m.**

The Texas Association of Clean Water Agencies (TACWA) meeting of September 13, 2019, was hosted by San Antonio Water System (SAWS) and sponsored by Arcadis, Black & Veatch, Freese & Nichols, Garver, Gupta, Parsons, and Plummer.

Those in attendance included:

Magda Alanis - City of Houston; Ron Patel - City of Dallas; Bill Gase - City of Garland; Julie Nahrgang - WEAT/TACWA; Tammy West - City of Austin; Daniel Deng - City of Corpus Christi; Gerald Garcia - City of Corpus Christi; Joe Duval - City of Garland; Brianna Morales - GCA; Denise Ehrlich - GCA; Leonard Levine - GCA; Adrian Montemayor - SAWS; Jeff Haby - SAWS; Jerome Iltis - SAWS; Mike Frisbie - SAWS; Mustapha Muhammad - SAWS; Temple Williamson - SAWS; Michelle Carte - UTRWD; Matias Pasch - WEAT; Melissa Sansing - WEAT; Charles Schoening - Arcadis; Farr Fakheri - Black & Veatch; Lauren Gonzalez - Black & Veatch; Bob Manning - BMA; Marisa Vergara - CP&Y; Ryan Owen - CP&Y; Ted Stawasz - CP&Y; Rachel Adkisson - FNI; Robert Jenkins - FNI; Somnath Chilukuri - FNI; Greg Swoboda - Garver; Jonathan Vorheis - Jacobs CH2M; Elaiza Alvarez - LAN Inc; Paul Wood - LAN Inc; Nathan Vassar - Lloyd Gosselink; Mel Vargas - Parsons; Janet Sims - Perkins Engineering; Chris Pasch - Plummer; Mary Portillo - Plummer; Peggy Glass - Plummer; Rex Hunt - Plummer; Susan Turrieta - Smithturrieta; Greg Shaw - Stantec; David James - Wastewater Training & Compliance; Sam Irrinki - Weston Solutions.

Business Meeting:

- President Alanis opened the meeting, welcomed guests and thanked the San Antonio Water System (SAWS) for hosting and the sponsors.
- Welcome – Mike Frisbie, COO of SAWS.
 - Mr. Frisbie welcomed everyone to San Antonio. He announced that the Dos Rios Wastewater Treatment Plant has been renamed to the 'Steven M. Clouse Water Recycling Center'. Mentioned the 50 year anniversary of NACWA. There are a lot of challenges for everyone in attendance: aging infrastructure, aging workforce, workforce development and new regulations. SAWS is going to do a MasterPlan for its Wastewater Treatment Plants.
- Approved the July 26, 2019 Meeting Minutes.
- Informed attendees about the future meetings this year thru July 2020.



Peggy Glass:

- TDS Committee [WEAT, TACWA and WaterReuse Texas] Update: The committee is meeting with TCEQ on Tuesday September 17, 2019.

Janet Sims:

- The Clean Water Act Analytical Methods Update Rule (MUR) Stakeholder Meeting was held on August 20. TCEQ Staff went over the MUR, their implementation plan and discussed the four new parameters that were added to the water quality standards list. TCEQ has established NELAC Accreditation for the new methods and the new methods need to be used by August 28, 2019. TCEQ requested input on the presentation.
- TCEQ is planning on holding a Pretreatment Stakeholder Meeting on Thursday September 19. Topics will include how the method update rule will impact the Pretreatment Program, other issues brought up at the MUR meeting and issues brought up at the EPA Region 6 Workshop in Denton.
- There will be a Surface Water Quality Advisory Workgroup Meeting scheduled for October 15.

Julie Nahrgang:

- State Legislative Update: The State Legislature is no longer in session. Not a lot of stuff happening. We should see interim reports in a few months (Oct thru Dec).
- Senate Bill 7 and 8 which create the funds and mechanisms for the flood plan are now in effect. The funds for the plan will go to the voters in November.
- Federal Update: PFAS is still a hot topic. There are around 500 laws being discussed across the nation. The blending rule is still forthcoming. The 2015 WOTUS has been rolled back.
- WEFTEC is coming in a few weeks, Water Policy Fly-In Apr 27-30 2020.
- New TACWA website and database will be coming soon. Currently the new site is being tested. Should be released by the middle of October 2019.

President Alanis of Wes Kucera (NACWA Update):

- '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



Technical Presentations:

- “Wastewater Enforcement Updates” Nathan E. Vassar, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C.
- “What’s that Smell? Best Practices and Strategies for an Effective Odor Control System” Somnath Chilukuri and Rachel Turner, from Freese & Nichols
- “The SAWS Mitchell Lake Project” Gregg Eckhardt, SAWS, and Peggy W. Glass, Ph.D., Plummer
- “SAWS SSO Program Achievements” Mr. Jeff Haby P.E., Vice President, SAWS