

FY16 Annual Report



TAGD is a 501 (c) (3) educational association that supports Texas GCDs and their effort to conserve, preserve and protect Texas groundwater.

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FY16 Program Highlights



With FY16 falling during the interim between legislative sessions, TAGD has focused its efforts on participating in interim discussions and hearings. In addition to this, TAGD has turned many of its educational & outreach activities inward, developing active legislative subcommittees, launching two new communication platforms, and developing collaborative partnerships with universities and state agencies. Launched in January 2016, TAGD's communication platform now includes weekly updates and a monthly newsletter to its membership.

Education & Outreach

TAGD's 2016 Texas Groundwater Summit was our fifth annual conference. We had a total of 357 attendees, 11 sponsors and 18 exhibitors. TAGD's 2016 Summit profit came in at \$36,862.07, which is about 23% over budgeted income expectations. Keynote speakers included Texas Tribune CEO Evan Smith, Professor Michael Webber, Texas State Climatologist John Nielsen-Gammon, and SOAH Chief Administrative Law Judge Lesli Ginn. In addition to our keynotes, the 2016 Summit featured 72 speakers and a field trip to the SAWS ASR/Desal Plant.

Texas Groundwater Summit

TAGD's FY16 saw three productive regular business meetings in January (97 attendees), May (109 attendees) and August (46 voting members). TAGD moved to a new membership management platform in FY16 that allowed us to take online payments for meetings and improved operational efficiency. Two primary TAGD actions that came from our FY16 regular business meetings included the passage of a Legislative Policy amendment that formalized subcommittee structures, and approval of a Document Retention & Destruction Policy.

Business Meetings



360 lbs



of files
scanned and
archived





9,429

opens
to our weekly
updates and
monthly
newsletter



5,341



**miles
traveled**

Interim Committee Hearings

3

Senate Ag, Water &
Rural Affairs

5

House Natural Resources

2

House Natural Resources special
subcommittee on water districts

4

TAGD testimonies before committees

5th Annual Texas Groundwater Summit



12.5
CLEs awarded



357
attendees



7
Student
Sponsorships



1
field trip

Regular Business Meetings

13

topics covered

TWDB Updates
TCEQ & GCDs
Education Outreach in GCDs
How to Engage your Reps
GCD Rule Updates
Record Management
University & GCD Collaboration

Case Law Updates
Field Tech Panel
Reflections on DFC Process
TDLR Updates
MAG Peak Factor
Legal Issues Discussion



33

speakers



120
credit card
payments
accepted



76% of members paid by Credit Card in
January

56% of members paid by Credit Card in May



100!



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financial
audit



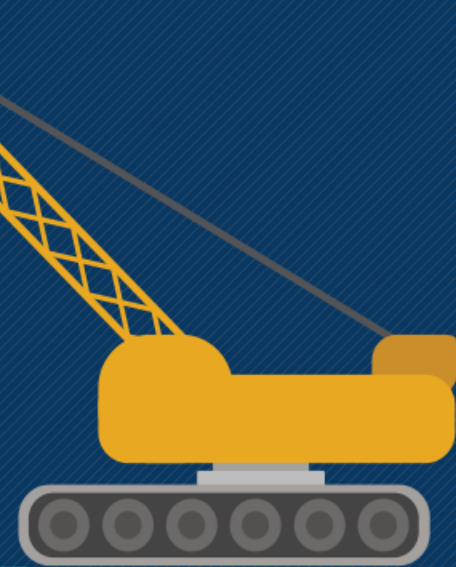
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subcommittee
meetings



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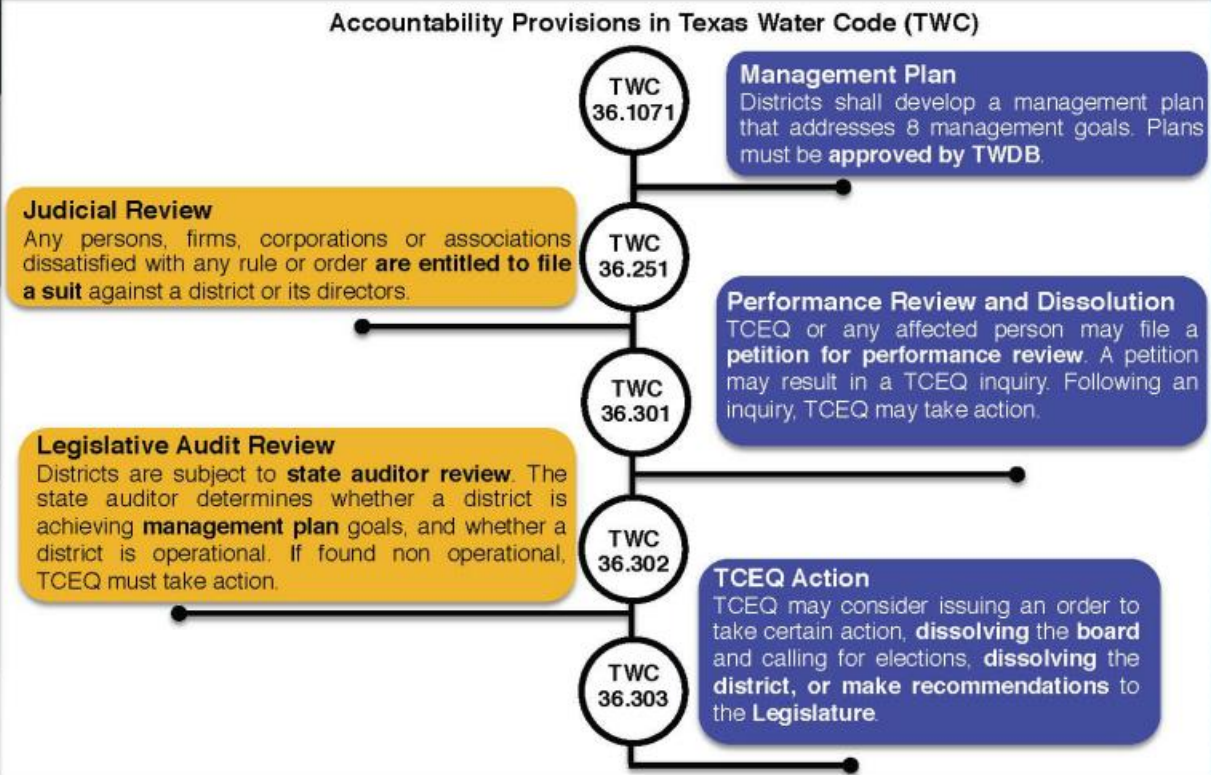
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Current GCD Accountability Metrics

A review of accountability mechanisms in effect

A summary of current accountability mechanisms is provided to improve the dialogue on Groundwater Conservation District (GCD) performance. Current evaluation methods ensure statutory compliance and accountability on three levels: local, legislative & judiciary, and state agencies.



Opportunities

Consider importance of board & stakeholder education

Consider improvements to legislative audit review process

Consider difference between statutory compliance and performance metrics

Total Income



Member Dues	\$108,750
Total Meeting Income	\$34,741
Texas Groundwater Summit	\$36,862
Grants and Donations	\$0
Interest	\$23

TOTAL INCOME \$180,376

FY16 Financials

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Total Expenses



Meeting Expenses	\$10,866
Professional Services	\$15,737
Personnel	\$122,494
Office Expenses	\$14,282
Travel, Education, & Outreach	\$6,570

TOTAL EXPENSES \$169,951

Net Income FY16 \$10,425

Net Income \$34,486 above budget!

Total Income

FY16: \$ 180,376

FY15: \$193,239

7% Decline

GCD Members: 80
Associate Members: 36

4% Increase