



TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

LYLE LARSON, CHAIR

AGENDA
June 5, 2018
10:00 AM

Mack Dick Pavilion at Palo Duro Canyon State Park
11450 State Hwy Park Rd 5, Canyon, TX 79015

- I. Introduction & Welcome**
 - i. Chair will call the committee to order. Roll Call.

- II. Invited Testimony:**

- III. Panel 1: Progress and challenges in encouraging coordination and consistency in aquifer-wide management and permitting practices**
 - i. Sarah Schlessinger, Executive Director, Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts
 - ii. Marty Jones, Sprouse Shrader Smith PC
 - iii. Kody Bessent, Vice President of Operations & Legislative Affairs, Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.
 - iv. C.E. Williams, General Manager, Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District

- IV. Panel 2: Developments in case law regarding groundwater ownership and regulation**
 - i. Shauna Fitzsimmons Sledge, Partner, Sledge Law
 - ii. Greg Ellis, Attorney at Law, GM Ellis Law
 - iii. Ed McCarthy, Partner, McCarthy & McCarthy
 - iv. Roland Ruiz, General Manager, Edwards Aquifer Authority

- V. Panel 3: Potential improvements to the existing groundwater permitting process, including those contemplated in H.B. 31 (85R)**
 - i. Russ Johnson, Partner, McGinnis Lochridge
 - ii. Sarah Schlessinger, Executive Director, Texas Association of Groundwater Districts
 - iii. Hope Wells, Water Resources Counsel, San Antonio Water System, Co-Chair, Texas Water Conservation Association Groundwater Committee

- VI. Panel 4: The designation of brackish groundwater production zones and related research;**
 - i. Larry French, Director, Groundwater Resources Division, Texas Water Development Board
 - ii. Lynn Tate, Board President, High Plains Water District

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VII. Panel 5: Groundwater data and science needs

- i. Larry French, Director, Groundwater Resources Division, Texas Water Development Board
- ii. Rick Kellison, Project Director, Texas Alliance for Water Conservation at Texas Tech University
- iii. Sarah Schlessinger, Executive Director, Texas Association of Groundwater Districts

VIII. Public Testimony

IX. Closing Remarks

X. Adjournment

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