



**TACWA Meeting Minutes  
Flower Mound, Texas  
May 12, 2023  
9:00 a.m.**

The Texas Association of Clean Water Agencies (TACWA) meeting on May 12, 2023, was hosted by Upper Trinity Regional Water District (UTRWD) and sponsored by **Brown and Caldwell, CDM-Smith, and Plummer.**

See attached sign-in sheets – Total attendees signed in was 47.

**Business Meeting:**

- President Bill Gase opened the business meeting, welcomed guests, and thanked UTRWD for hosting and the sponsors for their contributions.
- Welcome to UTRWD and an overview of the district's assets was provided by Larry Patterson, P.E., Executive Director, UTRWD.
- Approved the March 24, 2023, Meeting Minutes.

No Regulatory Updates

**Legislative Update, Julie Nahrgang**

- All House Bills were due by 11:59 pm on May 11, 2023. Notable highlights follow:
  - Rosenthal's Lights Bill is out with no hearing
  - Middleton's Hormone Testing Bill showed no progress
  - HB4819 Involves receiving (grease and grit trap) waste from a solid waste processing facility passed
  - HB1845 Operator Licensing (provisional license granted to eligible high school student-transfers as D license once graduated) passed
  - SB1289 On-site potable reuse Bill creates regulations for the process passed
- HB 2369 The NORI/NAPD TPDES bill allowing notices to appear either on TCEQ website OR newspaper did not make it. It will be re-introduced.
- SB28 Texas Water Fund Bill passed Senate - this would create a new state fund tailored for large water supply projects, including marine desalination, produced water, and purchasing water rights from another state and building transport infrastructure. The bill was amended to include aquifer storage and recovery and potable water reuse plus an increased working budget from one billion dollars to three billion. The revised bill will advance to the House as HB10. Read more: [Texas Senate moves to set aside billions for future water needs | The Texas Tribune](#)
- **No NACWA Report** – An update from last month's meeting – Jody Zabolio, Managing Director of Operations and Water Resources, Upper Trinity Regional Water District, is officially a NACWA board member delegate pending election results at the July 2023 NACWA Board of Directors meeting.



## Technical Presentations:

9:30 – 10:00 "The Impact of PFAS on Water Reclamation Facilities" – Samir Mathur, P.E., CDM-Smith

10:00 – 10:30 "BD:ntensify, Nutrient Removal in Wastewater" – Ahmed Al-Omari, P.E., Brown and Caldwell

10:30 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 11:30 "Building CyberResiliency" – Chad Adams, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Agency – Region VI

11:30 – 12:00 " UTRWD Peninsula WRF Expansion" – Paula Monaco, PhD, P.E., Plummer, and Gage Guffy, EIT, UTRWD

## Future Meetings:

- a. July 21, 2023 – TACWA, City of Houston and Gulf Coast Authority
- b. September 22, 2023 – TACWA, San Antonio Water System
- c. November 17, 2023 – TACWA, City of Garland
- d. January 26, 2024 – TACWA, El Paso Water

President Bill Gase closed with thanks to **UTRWD** for hosting and to the sponsors **Brown and Caldwell, CDM-Smith, and Plummer.**

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Adjourned for Lunch/Networking at Noon.