



**TACWA Meeting Minutes
Hornsby Bend Austin, Texas
June 5, 2026
9:00 a.m.**

The Texas Association of Clean Water Agencies (TACWA) meeting on June 5, 2026, was hosted by Austin Water and sponsored by STV, Carollo, Hazen, and Brown and Caldwell.

See attached sign-in sheet

- President Walid Samarneh welcomed guests, and thanked Austin Water for hosting and the sponsors for their contributions.
- Welcome remarks by Shay Ralls Roalson, P.E. Director, Austin Water.
- Introductions by attendees.

Business Meeting:

- President Walid Samarneh opened the business meeting
- Approved: March 27, 2026, Meeting Minutes.
- Approved: TACWA Board recommends Steven Daniels, TRA for Member-at-Large position.
 - Steven will be in charge of sponsor coordination.
- Open Board Position: Deputy Secretary
 - Reach out TACWA Board Member if interested

Regulatory Updates:

NACWA Report: Annika Maynard

- NACWA Leadership Conference July 14-17
- NACWA preparing white paper to assist utilities with coordination in data centers

Julie Nahrgang

- 90th Legislature prefile starts Nov 7
- Opening Day of the 90th Legislature is Jan 12, 2027
- SB#7 Texas Water Fund – Added reuse to water projects
- HB 500 Budget Bill – money for water \$1.038 B given as grants



- \$1B water funding wont be available until 2028 or 2029
- State Water Plan Released but can't implement the plans in water plan, not enough money
- WEAT putting together survey on biosolids to have for legislature
- Horizon Conference on November 12, 2024 in Austin.

Meg Pierce-Walsh

- Construction Stormwater General Permit expires March 2028; Stakeholder meeting June 9 and comments due by June 23
- 3rd party modeling update – modeling is the bottleneck in the TPDES permit process; TCEQ authorized 3rd parties to the modeling to improve the process times on permits; TCEQ is tracking the use of 3rd party modelers
- Nutrients – EPA memo on process of nutrients and TP; it's an update to the 2022 memo with no new regs

Janet Sims

- The MALs proposed in 2019 will not be in the next revised TCEQ Implementation Procedures.
- Water quality standards for nutrient are still in the process of being developed but will not be proposed in the next water quality standard revisions.
- Total Dissolved Solids are still a potential permit problem for applicants that may warrant discussions with TCEQ to identify alternative methods for screening discharges.
- PFOA/PFAS – The nationwide EPA study for obtaining WWTF data is not moving forward.

Future Meetings:

- a. July 19, 2024 – TACWA, City of Houston and Gulf Coast Authority
- b. September 27, 2024 – TACWA, San Antonio Water System
- c. November 12, 2024 – TACWA, Austin/Horizon Conference



Technical Presentations:

10:20 – 10:40 Beyond Chlorine Gas: Conversion to UV Light Provides Safe and Resilient Disinfection for Walnut Creek WWTP

Danny Hurtado, P. E. and Curtis Feronti, P. E., Carollo

10:45 – 11:05 Process Intensification, Capacity Expansion and BNR

Ahmed Al-Omari, *Brown & Caldwell*

11:50 – 12:10 Successes, Setbacks, & Surprises: City of Austin's Wastewater Tunnel System – Operational Lessons from Five Decades of Experience

Lindsay Webb, *STV*

11:50 – 12:10 Enhanced Biological Phosphorus Removal – Balancing Limits with Cost

Brandt Miller, *Hazen & Sawyer*

President Walid Samarneh closed with thanks to Austin Water for hosting and to the sponsors **STV, Carollo, Hazen, and Brown and Caldwell.**

Thank you Sponsors!

Adjourned for Lunch/Networking at 12:00 PM