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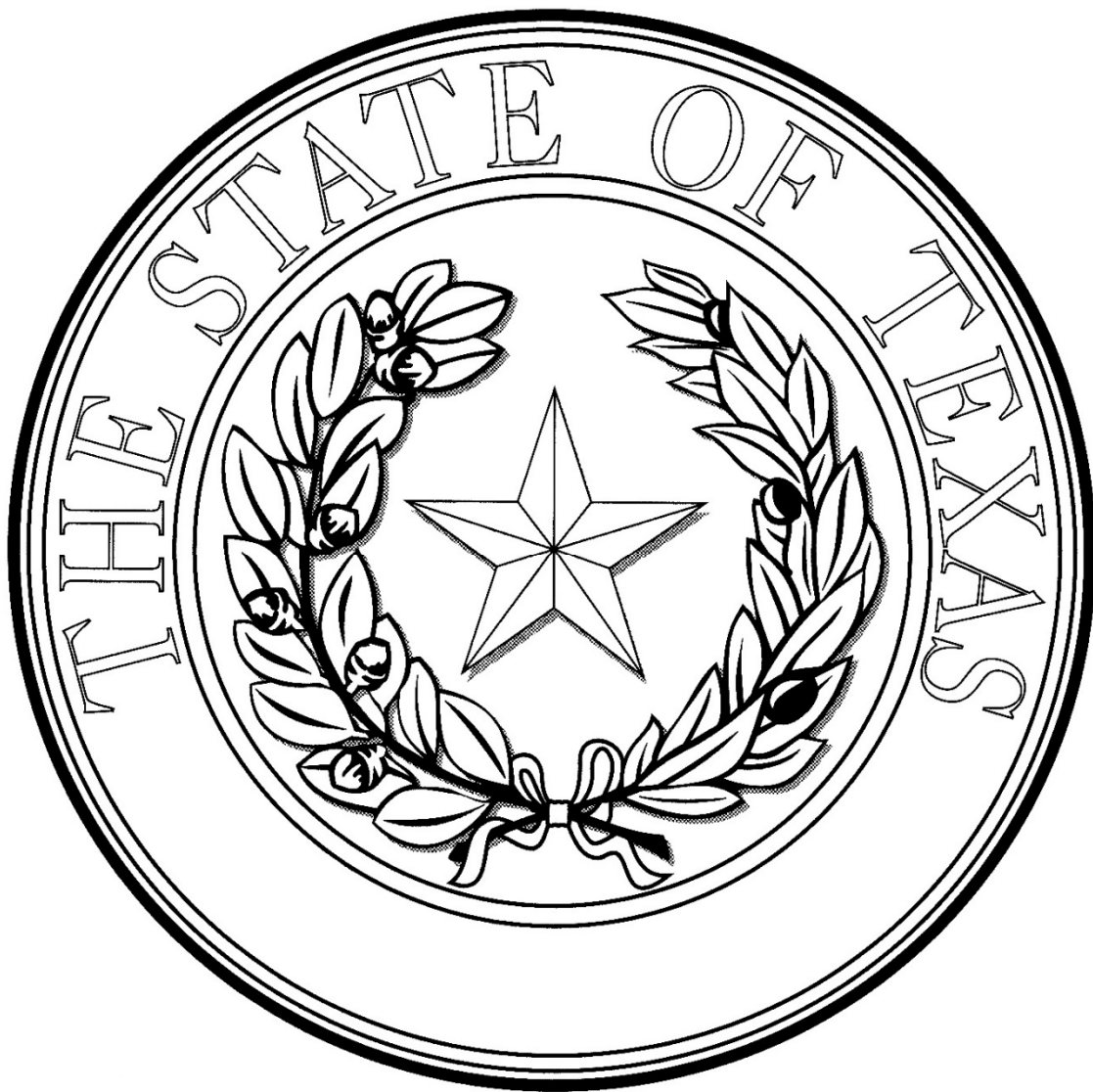
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# THE GOVERNOR

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Proclamation 41-4188

## TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby certify that the heavy rainfall and flooding event that began on July 2, 2025, and that included heavy rainfall and flash flooding, is causing widespread and severe property damage, injury, or loss of life in Bandera, Coke, Comal, Concho, Gillespie, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Llano, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reeves, San Saba, and Tom Green counties;

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby declare a state of disaster in the previously listed counties.

Pursuant to Section 418.017 of the Texas Government Code, I authorize the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster.

Pursuant to Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or any order or rule of a state agency that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this disaster shall be suspended upon written approval of the Office of the Governor. However, to the extent that the enforcement of any state statute or administrative rule regarding contracting or procurement would impede any state agency's emergency response that is necessary to protect life or property threatened by this declared disaster, I hereby authorize the suspension of such statutes and rules for the duration of this declared disaster.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, copies of this proclamation shall be filed with the applicable authorities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 4th day of July, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202502273



Proclamation 41-4189

## TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on July 4, 2025, certifying that the heavy rainfall and flooding event that began on July 2, 2025, that included heavy rainfall and flash flooding, caused widespread and severe property damage, injury, or loss of life in several counties;

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby amend and renew the aforementioned proclamation and declare a disaster in Bandera, Bexar, Burnet, Caldwell, Coke, Comal, Concho, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Llano, Mason, McCul-

loch, Menard, Reeves, San Saba, Tom Green, Travis, and Williamson counties;

Pursuant to Section 418.017 of the Texas Government Code, I authorize the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster.

Pursuant to Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or any order or rule of a state agency that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this disaster shall be suspended upon written approval of the Office of the Governor. Any statutes that might prevent the transfer of bodies to families as soon as possible are hereby suspended, including Sections 264.514 and 264.515 of the Texas Family Code and Articles 49.04, 49.05, 49.10, and 49.25 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. Further, to the extent that the enforcement of any state statute or administrative rule regarding contracting or procurement would impede any state agency's emergency response that is necessary to protect life or property threatened by this declared disaster, I hereby authorize the suspension of such statutes and rules for the duration of this declared disaster.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, copies of this proclamation shall be filed with the applicable authorities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 5th day of July, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202502274



Proclamation 41-4190

## TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, the Texas Hill Country and the entire Central Texas region sustained an unprecedented tropical rain event this past week that resulted in massive flash flooding that led to the tragic loss of life; and

WHEREAS, our hearts as a people are collectively aching for the families of loved ones who are still missing or who perished in the floods, and for the first responders who are putting their lives on the line to rescue and recover the lost; and

WHEREAS, even while the waters raged, Texans waded into the flood waters to help fellow Texans, some to rescue and others to comfort, but all wanting to find hope; and

WHEREAS, throughout our history, Texans have been strengthened, assured, and lifted up through prayer; and

WHEREAS, it is right and fitting that the people of Texas should join with others from across the country and around the world to seek God's wisdom for ourselves and our leaders, to pray for God's peace and comfort upon those who have experienced devastating loss, and to ask for His merciful intervention and healing in this time of crisis;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of Texas, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Texas, do hereby proclaim Sunday, July 6, 2025, to be a

#### Day of Prayer

I urge Texans of all faiths and religious traditions and backgrounds to offer prayers on that day for the healing of individuals, safety of our first responders and public safety officers, rebuilding of communities, and restoration of the region struck by this disaster.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 5th day of July, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202502285



#### Proclamation 41-4191

##### TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 305 as passed by the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

House Bill No. 305 laudably seeks to promote the timely resolution of criminal cases following a defendant's restoration to competency but does so by imposing a rigid procedural mandate that could create legal problems. Requiring that counsel raise within 14 days "any" evidentiary or procedural issue necessary for the case to proceed to trial could result in forfeiture or waiver of numerous issues by either side. It may prove impossible to wrangle the entire universe of trial-related issues in this artificially compressed timeline. I therefore disapprove of this bill because it would inadvertently transform a provision obligating courts to resume proceedings into a rule with new pitfalls that could harm both the state and the defense. I look forward to working with the bill authors to develop a more careful approach in the future.

Since the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the secretary of state and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 22nd day of June, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202502287



#### Proclamation 41-4192

##### TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 413 as passed by the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

House Bill No. 413 is a common-sense reform that ensures pre-trial detention does not become a form of punishment and will save taxpayers money. However, the bill fails to specify that the method of release must provide sufficient sureties to ensure public safety and appearance

at trial. The protection of liberty must be balanced with clarity, accountability, and public safety. This bill fails to strike that balance and lacks critical safeguards against abuse. I look forward to considering these reforms in the future, with certain clarifications.

Since the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the secretary of state and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 22nd day of June, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202502288



#### Proclamation 41-4193

##### TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 449 as passed by the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

The increased prevalence of sexually explicit deep fake media is alarming. However, the author of this bill requested it be vetoed because other, more comprehensive approaches to this issue were passed this session and signed into law, like Senate Bill No. 441.

Since the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the secretary of state and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 22nd day of June, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202502289



#### Proclamation 41-4194

##### TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 705 as passed by the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

Enacting and enforcing laws are not just things that sovereign governments do; it is the very embodiment of sovereign power. *Sovereign Power*, BLACK'S LAW DICTIONARY (12th ed.). The "power to create and enforce a legal code" is the most easily identified example of a State's sovereign interest. *Alfred L. Snapp & Son, Inc. v. Puerto Rico*, 458 U.S. 592, 601 (1982). House Bill No. 705 would cede Texas's sovereign power by subjecting it to a Cosmetology Licensure Compact comprised of other States. Under this proposal, Texas could "enact and enforce laws" only if they are "not inconsistent with" the Compact. The Compact Commission, meanwhile, could pass rules that "shall have the force of law" in Texas, even though its Executive Committee might not include a Texan.

While I appreciate that the bill's authors added language that attempts to protect state sovereignty, there is no guarantee that the Compact Commission will respect that language, or that it will refrain from making changes in the future that hurt Texans. That, of course, is the problem with giving away Texas sovereignty to others today—no one knows what they will do tomorrow. This cession of state power is also unnecessary. Out-of-state cosmetology licensees may already seek reciprocal licensing here. This session, the Legislature made it even easier for many practitioners by granting provisional licenses in Senate Bill No. 1818. If more changes are needed to better align Texas practice with national standards, there is a way to do that without surrendering state power: Pick and choose which rules to put in state law.

Texans welcome good ideas, no matter where they come from. But in our republican form of government, Texas lawmakers must adopt the rules that will bind Texans. We should not ask some other sovereign—or a conglomerate of them—to do the lawmaking for us.

Since the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the secretary of state and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 22nd day of June, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202502290



#### Proclamation 41-4195

##### TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 1690 as passed by the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

In a session focused on securing water resources, House Bill No. 1690 sends the opposite message. This bill would increase the regulatory hurdles to convey water resources. And it would do so needlessly. State law already authorizes groundwater conservation districts to adopt rules necessary to manage groundwater resources, including rules for public notice and hearings on groundwater permits. TEX. WATER CODE §§ 36.101, 36.114. This bill, however, would *require* a groundwater district to adopt rules requiring that notice be given about all groundwater transfers outside of the district. The management of groundwater resources varies across the State. House Bill No. 1690 creates a one-size-fits-all approach, which may not be appropriate for all areas.

Since the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the secretary of state and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 22nd day of June, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202502291



#### Proclamation 41-4196

##### TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 2243 as passed by the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

House Bill No. 2243 rightly seeks to address the issue of teacher satisfaction and retention and to build upon the valuable work of the Teacher Vacancy Task Force that I convened in 2022. However, the bill would allow a newly-created Commission to hire staff and legal counsel and procure goods and consulting services without adhering to competitive bidding rules or the Professional Services Procurement Act—both important safeguards for the use of taxpayer dollars.

To complicate matters, the bill would allow the Commission to do all this work in the executive branch while made up of members of the legislative branch. Our Constitution creates a government of "three distinct departments" with no overlap, except where expressly authorized. TEX. CONST. art. II, § 1. All executive power is vested in an Executive Department comprised of six officers. *Id.* art. IV, §§ 1, 16, 21, 22; *id.* art. III, § 49; *id.* art. XIV, § 1. As "Chief Executive Officer," the Governor may oversee other officers of the Executive Department, *Day Land & Cattle Co. v. State*, 4 S.W. 865, 867 (Tex. 1887), and must exercise the residuary of executive power not lodged with them, *Collins v. Yellen*, 594 U.S. 220, 250-256 (2021). That includes the duty to superintend the exercise of executive power by those who act as agents with delegated authority. *Abbott v. Harris County*, 672 S.W.3d 1, 18 (Tex. 2023).

It is unconstitutional for a different branch, by appointment or otherwise, to superintend the exercise of *executive* power. TEX. CONST. art. II, § 1; *cfid.* art. IV, § 12. The "notion that the Constitution allows one branch to install non-officer employees in another branch would come as a surprise to many." *Danziger v. United States*, 143 S. Ct. 868, 870 (2023) (Gorsuch, J., dissenting from denial of certiorari). It is also unconstitutional for an inferior executive to superintend agents of the *Chief* Executive. TEX. CONST. art. IV, § 1.

The stated purpose of this bill can be achieved without expending additional state funding, removing important contracting requirements, or transgressing the Texas Constitution's separation of powers. I will work with the author and sponsor to convene a task force this interim to streamline teachers' responsibilities and to repeal unnecessary administrative burdens.

Since the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the secretary of state and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 22nd day of June, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202502294



#### Proclamation 41-4197

##### TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House

Bill No. 2520 as passed by the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

House Bill No. 2520 is framed as subjecting a TEA-appointed board of managers to the Open Meetings Act. But that is already the law. Boards of managers are directed to "exercise the powers and duties of a school district's board of trustees." TEX. EDUC. CODE § 39A.004. And one duty of a school district's board of trustees is to comply with the Open Meetings Act. TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.001(3)(E). If a board of managers is not doing its duty, the answer is not to duplicate laws already on the books.

Since the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the secretary of state and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 22nd day of June, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202502297



#### Proclamation 41-4198

##### TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 3120 as passed by the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

House Bill No. 3120 is a well-intentioned effort to make child detention facilities, and the communities around them, safer. To that end, the bill would direct facility owners to seek a Memorandum of Understanding with a local government that includes plans for reporting and preventing illness, conducting quarterly inspections, safely evacuating residents, and reporting periodically on occupancy and facility incidents. This all seems like good policy. If a fire breaks out, firefighters should know how many people they need to search for inside.

But these sorts of arrangements should be things of the past. While making the border more secure than ever before, President Trump has also reduced the trafficking of unaccompanied minors. Perhaps that is why the Department of Justice last month filed a motion in federal district court seeking to dissolve a 1997 settlement agreement governing child detention facilities. Given all this change, now is not the right time to adjust the rules governing such facilities. I look forward to revisiting this issue with a clearer picture of available options in the future.

Since the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the secretary of state and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 22nd day of June, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202502298



#### Proclamation 41-4199

##### TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 4530 as passed by the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

The Texas Water Development Board serves a vital purpose in overseeing our State's future water supply, including managing the Texas Water Trust to support environmental needs interconnected with surface water. House Bill No. 4530 would allow private individuals to dedicate their groundwater to the Trust. But it fails to explain *how* groundwater percolating below the surface of the Earth is to be transferred to a surface water trust focused on instream flows, water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and bay and estuary inflows. It also fails to explain how to accurately measure the amount of groundwater added to the Trust. While I support individual liberty—including the liberty to alienate private property rights—this bill does not consider the means necessary to achieve its goal. Therefore, I disapprove of this bill.

Since the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the secretary of state and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 22nd day of June, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202502299



#### Proclamation 41-4200

##### TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 4885 as passed by the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

I veto this bill.

Since the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the secretary of state and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 22nd day of June, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202502300



#### Proclamation 41-4201

##### TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 5671 as passed by the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

This session I signed laws that secure water resources for generations of Texans to come so that our great State can continue to thrive. As with any government investment, we must make sure it is properly managed with sufficient oversight. House Bill No. 5671 does the opposite. This bill removes TCEQ approval of water and wastewater construction projects that the Johnson County Special Utility District funds with bond debt. It is fiscally inefficient for the District to increase local government debt to build infrastructure without any input from TCEQ, which is charged with ensuring those investments, once constructed, meet legal drinking water and wastewater standards. For these reasons, I disapprove of this bill.

Since the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the secretary of state and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 22nd day of June, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202502301



Proclamation 41-4202

**TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:**

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto Senate Bill No. 268 as passed by the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

In its attempt to streamline responses to health care complaints, this bill would inadvertently raise hurdles to protecting public health and safety. Senate Bill No. 268 aims to ensure a health care complaint is handled by the right regulatory board. It would require a board to forward a complaint about a licensee to the board that issued that individual's license. That's good. But it would also prohibit the original board from taking any disciplinary action for portions of a complaint within its jurisdiction. The Medical Board, for example, should not be prohibited from issuing a cease-and-desist order for unlicensed medical practice simply because the specific practice at issue is also regulated by another board. I look forward to working with the author in the future to craft a solution that accounts for regulatory overlap and ensures no gaps in enforcement.

Since the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the secretary of state and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 22nd day of June, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202502302



Proclamation 41-4203

**TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:**

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto Senate Bill No. 614 as passed by the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

As the Supreme Court of the United States recognized nearly two centuries ago, a final criminal judgment is "binding on all the world." *Ex parte Watkins*, 3 Pet. 193, 202-203 (1830). That is why efforts to reopen a state court judgment in habeas proceedings must be the rare exception—i.e., where the convicting court manifestly lacked jurisdiction over the defendant or his offense.

Senate Bill No. 614, however, encourages convicted criminals, defense attorneys, and state courts to embrace the notion that the writ of *habeas corpus ad subjiciendum* is merely a fifth, sixth, or seventh round of review—sometimes taken decades after defendants received the process due to them in a criminal trial and exhausted any direct appeals afforded by state law. This bill would encourage the Texas Forensic Science Commission to refer cases that have *already* been dismissed as lacking merit to the Office of Capital and Forensic Writs:

OCFW should not be seeking to assist convicted criminals with undoing final criminal judgments based on "the same subject matter" that TFSC already determined was baseless. That undercuts "the State's sovereign interest in its final judgment" and its "powerful and legitimate interest in punishing the guilty." *Brown v. Davenport*, 596 U.S. 118, 132-133 (2022). Our laws must separate "the meritorious needles from the growing haystack" of habeas claims, not stack it even higher. *Id.* at 132.

Since the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the secretary of state and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 22nd day of June, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202502303



Proclamation 41-4204

**TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:**

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto Senate Bill No. 648 as passed by the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

No one disputes that title theft and deed fraud are serious problems. That is why criminal offenses and civil penalties already prohibit it under Texas law. *E.g.*, TEX. PENAL CODE ch. 31, 32; TEX. CIV. PRAC. & REM. CODE ch. 12. That is also why county clerks are required to notify property owners when they have a good faith belief that a document purporting to create a lien or assert a property claim has been fraudulently filed. *See* TEX. Gov. CODE § 51.901.

Although Senate Bill No. 648 seeks to strengthen protections, it does so by imposing barriers that will burden low-income Texans, rural residents, and those handling family land without legal assistance. The bill would require property owners—but only those who have not retained an attorney or title agent—to jump through additional hoops, like producing every named heir to execute an affidavit of heirship. The ability to hire a professional may help individuals navigate legal rules more easily. But it should not entitle a person to *different rules* altogether.

I am adding this issue to a special session call so that legislators may tackle title theft and deed fraud without creating separate rules for the haves and have-nots.

Since the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the secretary of state and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 22nd day of June, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor  
TRD-202502304



Proclamation 41-4205

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto Senate Bill No. 974 as passed by the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

Appraisal review boards serve as arbiters in the local property tax imposition process. And it is imperative that board members are free from allegations that their profession colors their judgment, especially when one of the entities that could benefit from a board decision may be a board member's employer. While the intent of Senate Bill No. 974 is well taken, we must ensure members of appraisal review boards can exercise judgment without compromise.

Since the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the secretary of state and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 22nd day of June, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor  
TRD-202502305



Proclamation 41-4206

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto Senate Bill No. 1032 as passed by the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

The Governor's University Research Initiative was primarily intended to aid public institutions of higher education in recruiting distinguished researchers from around the world to come to Texas public universities. Senate Bill No. 1032 would expand GURI program eligibility to private institutions. That may be a worthwhile cause. But the reality is that the Legislature did not fully fund the program. I would be happy to reconsider this legislation at a future time when GURI is fully funded.

Since the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the secretary of state and giving notice thereof

by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 22nd day of June, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor  
TRD-202502306



Proclamation 41-4207

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto Senate Bill No. 1253 as passed by the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

As originally proposed, Senate Bill No. 1253 tackled an important problem, encouraging conservation of water by authorizing political subdivisions to reduce impact fees for builders who include facilities that increase water conservation and efficiency. On third reading in the House, however, the bill changed dramatically. It now singles out property owners in one groundwater conservation district and subjects them to new burdens for exercising private property rights, like new fees that increase every year and entry onto property without the owner's permission. We can and should pursue strategies that protect "property rights from government intrusion and control." *Texas v. DHS*, 123 F.4th 186, 213 (5th Cir. 2024).

Since the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the secretary of state and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 22nd day of June, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor  
TRD-202502307



Proclamation 41-4208

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto Senate Bill No. 1278 as passed by the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

No State has done more to both protect and advance the future of victims of human trafficking. Our commitment to supporting those victims will remain steadfast.

That said, Senate Bill No. 1278 does more than aid and support victims of human trafficking. It goes beyond that and creates an affirmative defense that could excuse a crime if a defendant claims to be a victim of human trafficking or compelled prostitution and claims to have acted in response to coercion or threats. The bill's approach, however, severs the link between culpability and conduct. If the person is a qualifying victim, the bill holds out "an affirmative defense to prosecution"—*any* prosecution.

That means a person could be immune not only for acts of prostitution that are linked to their own prior victimization, but also for raping a child, murdering a law enforcement officer, or engaging in acts of terrorism. We can and should recognize that victimization begets more victimization. But legal responsibility cannot always be passed off to someone else. Some who started off as victims later make a choice to perpetrate similar crimes against others. As for those who act out of genuine fear of reprisal, existing law recognizes the legitimate defense of duress—narrowly drawn and equally applicable to all. *See* TEX. PENAL CODE § 8.05.

For these reasons, I find it necessary to veto this draft. I look forward to working with the authors during a special session on a more narrowly tailored piece of legislation.

Since the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the secretary of state and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 22nd day of June, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202502308



Proclamation 41-4209

**TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:**

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto Senate Bill No. 1838 as passed by the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

Senate Bill No. 1838 invites attorneys appointed ad litem to argue with the courts that appointed them—at taxpayer expense—about how much money they are owed. This not only expands the existing cottage industry of post-judgment fee disputes, it also incentivizes court-appointed attorneys to inflate their fees in anticipation of later contesting any downward modification. It also requires the presiding judges of the administrative judicial regions to decide what constitutes reasonable compensation, even though those judges have no connection to the underlying case and no knowledge of how much an attorney worked. Better to trust the district courts to make that call.

Since the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the secretary of state and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 22nd day of June, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202502309



Proclamation 41-4210

**TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:**

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto Senate

Bill No. 1937 as passed by the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

Senate Bill No. 1937 would impose a rigid mandate requiring nuclear DNA testing in every capital case, even where that method is not scientifically appropriate for the biological material at issue. DNA evidence varies in quantity, quality, and form; no single testing method is suitable in all circumstances. Federal courts, for example, recognize that mitochondrial DNA "has some advantages over nuclear DNA." *United States v. Beverly*, 369 F.3d 516, 528-529 (6th Cir. 2004).

Additionally, Senate Bill No. 1937 would require overworked laboratory experts to participate in pretrial discovery meetings and hearings, potentially diverting scarce resources away from essential testing in other cases. Rather than expedite justice, this bill may inadvertently delay it—or prevent it altogether by limiting the evidentiary tools available to hold murderers accountable.

Since the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the secretary of state and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 22nd day of June, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202502310



Proclamation 41-4211

**TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:**

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto Senate Bill No. 2111 as passed by the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

As the Supreme Court of the United States recognized nearly two centuries ago, a final criminal judgment is "binding on all the world." *Ex parte Watkins*, 3 Pet. 193, 202-203 (1830). That is why efforts to reopen a state court judgment in habeas proceedings must be the rare exception—i.e., where the convicting court manifestly lacked jurisdiction over the defendant or his offense.

Senate Bill No. 2111, however, encourages convicted criminals, defense attorneys, and state courts to embrace the myth that the writ of *habeas corpus ad subjiciendum* is merely a fifth, sixth, or seventh round of review—sometimes taken decades after defendants received the process due to them in a criminal trial and exhausted any direct appeals afforded by state law. This bill would require courts to appoint counsel in post-conviction habeas proceedings anytime a habeas petitioner has "a potentially meritorious claim."

Every petitioner claims he *may* be innocent or *may* have been convicted in violation of the law. But our legal system rests on the law, evidence, and authoritative judgments, not guesswork, surmise, and endless petitions. "[T]he final result of proceedings in courts of competent jurisdiction *establishes* what is correct 'in the eyes of the law,'" namely, that the prisoner is guilty. *Edwards v. Vannoy*, 593 U.S. 255, 290-291 (2021) (Gorsuch, J., concurring). Our laws must separate "the meritorious needles from the growing haystack" of habeas claims, not stack it even higher. *Brown v. Davenport*, 596 U.S. 118, 132 (2022).

I look forward to considering other parts of this criminal justice bill if legislators can agree to deny bail to repeat murderers, rapists, and human traffickers.

Since the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the secretary of state and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 22nd day of June, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202502311



Proclamation 41-4212

**TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:**

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto Senate Bill No. 2501 as passed by the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

Senate Bill No. 2501 seeks to give indigent parents greater freedom to select legal counsel for proceedings that affect the parent-child relationship. But it goes too far. Under this bill an attorney could be "selected by the parent" to be "compensated by the county," only for the parent to "substitute counsel" over and over again—for any reason or no reason at all. All of this must be allowed without "any action [by the court] that influences, directs, or interferes." That could invite some desperate or spiteful parents to select new counsel ad litem *ad infinitum*, in a stall tactic that harms children and burdens judicial efficiency.

Worse yet, the bill may create conflicts of interests. An attorney ad litem "represents a child during the course of a legal action" and owes "duties of undivided loyalty" to the child. *Attorney ad litem*, BLACK'S LAW DICTIONARY (12th ed.); TEX. FAM. CODE § 107.001(2). This bill, however, may tempt attorneys to divide their loyalties by deferring to the parents who appointed them, rather than seeking what is best for the client. I look forward to reviewing legislation in the future that includes reasonable safeguards against abuse.

Since the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the secretary of state and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 22nd day of June, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202502312



Proclamation 41-4213

**TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:**

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto Senate Bill No. 2878 as passed by the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

Senate Bill No. 2878—presented as a routine judicial omnibus, which has traditionally been noncontroversial—includes significant, stand-alone policy proposals that failed to receive adequate consideration during the legislative session. For example, the bill would allow unlimited automatic expunctions for completing any pretrial intervention program. While most of this bill should become law, parts of it should be excluded. The bill, in its current form, must be vetoed and will be placed on the special session agenda.

Since the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the secretary of state and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 22nd day of June, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202502314



Proclamation 41-4214

**TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:**

Senate Bill No. 1, the General Appropriations Act, from the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, having been duly certified by the Comptroller of Public Accounts pursuant to Article III, Section 49a of the Texas Constitution, has been presented to me for action.

Today, I sign a two-year state budget that stays under all four constitutional spending limits and the statutory limit to spend less than the growth in population and inflation. The priorities funded in this budget include: \$51 billion in property relief funding; a historic \$2.6 billion investment in water infrastructure and additional ongoing revenues for water projects; \$5 billion for the Texas Energy Fund to create more dispatchable energy generation; funding to create the Texas Cyber Command to better protect Texas from cyber-attacks; financing for the newly established Texas Advanced Nuclear Energy Office to provide grants for nuclear energy development; and funding to improve the state's ability to respond to disasters. This budget also marks a historic increase in funding to our state's public education system and continues to keep our border secure. These ongoing commitments, along with strategic one-time investments, will keep this state the best place to live, work, and raise a family for generations to come.

However, I hereby object to and disapprove the following items from Senate Bill No. 1 and include a statement of my objections to each of those items.

**OBJECTIONS TO ITEMS OF APPROPRIATION**

**Article IX — General Provisions**

**Sec. 17.30. Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer Program.**

(a) In addition to amounts appropriated elsewhere in this Act, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is appropriated \$60,000,000 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 in Strategy I.1.1, Integrated Eligibility & Enrollment, to administer the implementation of the Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (Summer EBT) program for fiscal year 2027. HHSC shall operate as the lead agency to administer the program and, in consultation with the Department of Agriculture and the Texas Education Agency, work with and submit a plan to the Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to administer Summer EBT.



(b) Implementation of this program and the appropriation identified above in subsection (a) is contingent upon federal laws and federal rules regarding the Summer EBT program maintaining the same match rates for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits and program administration as approved as of May 30, 2025. If federal matching rates for the program or administration of the program are changed in a manner that result in a higher cost to Texas from the match rates in place on May 30, 2025, this appropriation is void.

(c) If the SNAP match rates for either benefits or program administration are revised from federal May 30, 2025, levels, HHSC must inform the Legislative Budget Board, House Appropriations Committee, Senate Finance Committee, and the Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA) within 30 calendar days of the revision.

(d) In the event that rates for SNAP benefits or program administration are reduced as described in subsection (b), the Comptroller of Public Accounts shall reduce any remaining appropriation authority provided by the Act for this purpose within five business days of notification as described in subsection (c).

*As the contingency portions of this rider detail, there is significant uncertainty regarding federal matching rates for this and other similar programs. Once there is more clarity about the long-term fiscal ramifications for creating such a program, the Legislature can reconsider funding this item.*

**Sec. 18.30. Contingency for House Bill 5333.** Contingent on enactment of House Bill 5333 or similar legislation relating to the creation of the STEM Excellence Graduate Fellowship Program by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, the Higher Education Coordinating Board is appropriated \$2,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 to implement the provisions of the legislation. Any unexpended or unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

*This veto deletes a contingency rider for legislation that did not pass.*

**Sec. 18.37. Contingency for Senate Bill 16.** Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 16, House Bill 5337, or similar legislation relating to requiring proof of citizenship to register to vote, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, the Secretary of State is appropriated \$741,080 in fiscal year 2026 and \$230,179 for fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund to Strategy B.1.1., Elections Administration, and the "Number of Full Time Equivalents (FTE)" in the agency's bill pattern is increased by 2.0 in each fiscal year to implement the provisions of the legislation. Capital budget authority is increased by \$503,931 for fiscal year 2026 and \$84,000 for fiscal year 2027.

*This veto deletes a contingency rider for legislation that did not pass.*

**Sec. 18.44. Contingency for Senate Bill 249.** Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 249, or similar legislation relating to memorial markers for certain officers killed in the line of duty, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session 2025, the Department of Transportation is appropriated \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, to implement the provisions of the legislation.

*This veto deletes a contingency rider for legislation that did not pass.*

**Sec. 18.58. Contingency for Senate Bill 1361.** Contingent upon the enactment of Senate Bill 1361, or similar legislation relating to the consolidation of the small business disaster recovery loan program and the micro business disaster recovery loan program, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, the Trusteed Programs Within the Office of the Governor is appropriated \$5,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 for transfer to the General Revenue Dedicated

Small and MicroBusiness Recovery Account No 5190 and for appropriation out of Account 5190 to implement the provisions of the bill.

*This veto deletes a contingency rider for legislation that did not pass.*

**Sec. 18.60. Contingency for Senate Bill 1413.** Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 1413, or similar legislation relating to the procedure for amending or revoking certificates of public convenience and necessity issued to certain water utilities, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, the Public Utility Commission of Texas is appropriated \$425,000 for fiscal year 2026 and \$425,000 for fiscal year 2027 in General Revenue Funds to implement the provisions of the legislation. In addition, the "Number of Full Time Equivalents" (FTEs) in the agency's bill pattern is increased by 3.0 FTE in fiscal year 2026 and 3.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2027.

*This veto deletes a contingency rider for legislation that did not pass.*

**Sec. 18.77. Contingency for Senate Bill 2487.** Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 2487, or similar legislation relating to procedures for certain facilities providing crisis and mental health services, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, the Health and Human Services Commission is appropriated \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium in Strategy D.2.1, Community Mental Health Services, to implement the provisions of the legislation.

*This veto deletes a contingency rider for legislation that did not pass.*

## **SIGNING MESSAGE**

### **Article VI - Natural Resources**

#### Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

**36. Interbasin Transfer Permit Guidance.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality shall expend no staff time or resources of any type for the purpose of preparing, planning, or issuance of any permits related to an interbasin transfer of water from the Cypress Basin to any entity in or that services Regional Planning Group C as defined by the 2022 State Water Plan.

**Signing Message:** Rider 36 in the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality bill pattern is likely unconstitutional and unenforceable. This rider purports to prohibit Commission staff from expending time or resources preparing, planning, or issuing any permits related to a certain interbasin transfer of water. The Texas Water Code includes provisions governing interbasin transfers, and this attempt to make general law in the General Appropriations Act likely violates Article III, Section 35 of the Texas Constitution.

I have signed Senate Bill No. 1 together with this proclamation stating my objections in accordance with Article IV, Section 14 of the Texas Constitution.

Since the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the secretary of state and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 22nd day of June, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202502316

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Proclamation 41-4215

## TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

House Bill No. 500, from the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, having been duly certified by the Comptroller of Public Accounts pursuant to Article III, Section 49a of the Texas Constitution, has been presented to me for review and action.

I hereby object to and disapprove the following item from House Bill No. 500 and include a statement of my objections to this item.

### SECTION 1.14. TEXAS FACILITIES COMMISSION: SCIF CONSTRUCTION.

(a) The amount of \$94,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Texas Facilities Commission for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the commission to contract for the design and construction of two sensitive compartmentalized information facilities (SCIF) in a manner consistent with Strategy A.2.1, Facilities Design and Construction, as listed in Chapter 1170 (H.B. 1), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act), including:

(1) \$44,000,000 to construct one SCIF in the Lubbock area, contingent upon federal sponsorship of facility clearance; and

(2) ~~\$50,000,000 to construct one SCIF in the San Antonio area, contingent upon federal sponsorship of facility clearance and consolidation of the Air Forces Cyber Command into a new headquarters at Port San Antonio.~~

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the commission during that period, the Texas Facilities Commission may use \$94,000,000 in capital budget authority for the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section.

*Increasing our physical and cyber security is a priority for Texas. However, this funding is duplicative of other state initiatives including the Texas Cyber Command and would create an additional SCIF where others are currently operational. The Legislature can reconsider this item next session if the federal partner expresses direct support for such a project.*

I have signed House Bill No. 500 together with this proclamation stating my objections in accordance with Article IV, Section 14 of the Texas Constitution.

Since the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the secretary of state and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 22nd day of June, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202502317



Proclamation 41-4216

## TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto Senate Bill No. 3 as passed by the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

Texans on each side of the Senate Bill 3 debate raise serious concerns. But one thing is clear—to ensure the highest level of safety for minors, as well as for adults, who obtain a product more dangerous than what they expected, Texas must strongly regulate hemp, and it must do so *immediately*.

Senate Bill 3 is well-intentioned. But it would never go into effect because of valid constitutional challenges. Litigation challenging the bill has already been filed, and the legal defects in the bill are undeniable. If I were to allow Senate Bill 3 to become law, its enforcement would be enjoined for years, leaving existing abuses unaddressed. Texas cannot afford to wait.

This conclusion is not speculative. The only other State to attempt a ban like Senate Bill 3 is Arkansas. In 2023, Arkansas enacted Senate Bill 358, which (like this bill) would have criminalized hemp products that Congress expressly legalized in the 2018 Farm Bill. That federal law converted hemp and hemp products from contraband to lawful commodities. The Arkansas law was challenged, and a federal court swiftly halted it in its entirety, finding it was likely preempted by federal statutes and that its criminal provisions were likely unconstitutionally vague. *See Bio Gen, LLC v. Sanders*, 690 F. Supp. 3d 927, 941 (E.D. Ark. 2023). The result in Arkansas? Their law has sat dormant, meaningless, having no effect for nearly *two years* while further legal proceedings play out. That result must be avoided in Texas.

As a former Supreme Court Justice and Attorney General of Texas, I know that Senate Bill 3 is vulnerable to the same legal attacks. At worst, Senate Bill 3 would be permanently invalidated by the courts; at best, its implementation would be delayed for years as the case winds its way through the legal system. We can do better.

What is the legal problem with Senate Bill 3? As passed, it would prohibit *anyone* from manufacturing, distributing, or possessing consumable hemp products that contain "any amount of a cannabinoid other than" CBD or CBG—regardless of whether those products fall under the federally-mandated THC threshold. It therefore criminalizes what Congress expressly legalized and puts federal and state law on a collision course: Today, federal law promises Texas farmers that they may grow hemp without fear of criminal liability. But under Senate Bill 3, the seeds used to grow those plants are "consumable products"—currently available in stores—and they naturally contain cannabinoids. What's a Texas farmer to do? Trust the federal government's promise, or fear criminal liability from the State?

Senate Bill 3 not only invites potential criminal entrapment for Texas farmers. It would also make felons of other innocent Texans, like pharmacists stocking health supplements, veterans treating PTSD, and parents caring for epileptic children with FDA-approved medications. Possessing "any amount"—even *trace* amounts—of THC results in criminal penalties, despite federal law saying "No State ... shall prohibit" the transportation of hemp products.

In addition to the preemption issues that doomed the Arkansas law, Senate Bill 3 could also be an unconstitutional taking of private property. There are many bad actors who have abused the authority granted to them by both the federal government and the State of Texas. But there are also many Texans conducting business responsibly, who invested millions of dollars planting fields or opening up retail stores in reliance on laws making hemp a lawful product to "be sold at retail or otherwise introduced into commerce." TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 443.152(a). While States may restrict the use of dangerous contraband, it is a different thing entirely to change the rules in the middle of the game, thereby interfering with "distinct investment-backed expectations" in property. *Penn Cent. Transp. Co. v. City of New York*, 438 U.S. 104, 124 (1978).

Proponents of Senate Bill 3 have acknowledged this likelihood of litigation but may not have fully processed the consequences. Just two days ago, a group of plaintiffs filed a lawsuit in Travis County District Court arguing that Senate Bill 3 is preempted by federal law and would be an unconstitutional taking in violation of both the federal and state Constitutions. They assert that the bill will "turn farmers, business owners, and consumers into criminals, despite the protections for hemp products conferred by federal law." *See* Original Pet., *CBD Pros USA v. Texas*, No. \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_Dist. Ct., Travis County, Tex., filed June 20, 2025). They are right.

Allowing Senate Bill 3 to become law—knowing that it faces a lengthy battle that will render it dead on arrival in court—would hinder rather than help us solve the public safety issues this bill seeks to contain. The problem THC poses for our communities is real. Earlier this year, a 15-year-old in Houston took a large amount of hemp gummies. When he suffered a "bad reaction," he called 911, then shot his mother and his sister repeatedly. Just this month, two teens distributed hemp products at a graduation party in Prosper. The celebration ended early when seven high school students had to be rushed to a hospital.

How did we get here?

In 2019, after the federal government passed the Farm Bill, legislators passed House Bill 1325, fixating on the *cannabis sativa* plant. Any plant variant with more than 0.3% THC by dry weight was deemed (illegal) marijuana; any variant with less was deemed (legal) hemp available to anyone, regardless of age. As it turned out, the smaller amount of THC in hemp could be multiplied and modified to make products stronger and more addictive than marijuana. Bad actors did what bad actors do—they took advantage. They engineered products with dangerously high concentrations. And they marketed lollipops and other products designed to mimic candies popular with kids. The current market is dangerously under-regulated, and children are paying the price. If Senate Bill 3 is swiftly enjoined by a court, our children will be no safer than if no law was passed, and the problems will only grow.

That is why I am vetoing Senate Bill 3 and calling a Special Legislative Session in July to craft a law that does as much as possible to corral the problems while also being structured so that it can go into effect this year.

Texas must enact a regulatory framework that protects public safety, aligns with federal law, has a fully funded enforcement structure, and can take effect without delay. Legislators could consider a structure similar to the way alcohol is regulated, with strict enforcement by an agency like the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission. A sample of potential regulations could include some of the following:

- Selling or providing a THC product to a minor must be punishable as a crime;
- Sales must be prohibited near schools, churches, parks, playgrounds, and other areas frequented by children;
- Packaging must be child-resistant, tamper-evident, and resealable;
- Products must not be made, packaged, or marketed in a manner attractive to children;
- Any store selling these products must have a permit and restrict access to anyone under the age of 21, with strict penalties for any retailer that fails to comply;
- Products containing THC may not contain other psychoactive substances (*e.g.*, alcohol, tobacco, kratom);

- Testing must be required at every phase of production and manufacturing, including for both plants and derivative consumable products;
- Manufacturing and processing facilities must be subject to permitting and food safety rules;
- Permit and registration fees must suffice to support robust enforcement and testing by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, in partnership with other state agencies;
- An operator's permit and warning/danger signs must be posted at any store selling these products;
- Sales must be limited to the hours between 10:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., and prohibited on Sundays;
- The amount of THC permissible in each product must be restricted and an individual may make only a limited number of purchases in a given period of time;
- Labels must include a surgeon general-style warning, a clear disclosure of all ingredients, including the THC content, and a scannable barcode or QR code linking to test results;
- Fraudulently creating or displaying manifests or lab results must be punishable as felony offenses;
- Public consumption, consumption on the premises of any store that sells these products, and possession of an open container in a vehicle must be punishable as crimes;
- The Attorney General, district attorneys, and county attorneys must have authority to pursue violations under the Deceptive Trade Practices Act;
- Local governments must have the option to prohibit or limit stores selling these products;
- Excise taxes must be assessed on these products to fund oversight and enforcement; and
- Additional funding must be provided to ensure law enforcement have sufficient resources to vigorously enforce restrictions.

This list, of course, is not exhaustive. But it may provide items to consider in a regulatory system that is strict, fair, and legally sustainable.

Passing a law is not the same thing as actually solving a problem. Texas needs a bill that is enforceable and will make our communities safer *today*, rather than years from now. Next month, the Legislature will have the opportunity to address this serious issue. I look forward to working with them to ensure that we get it right.

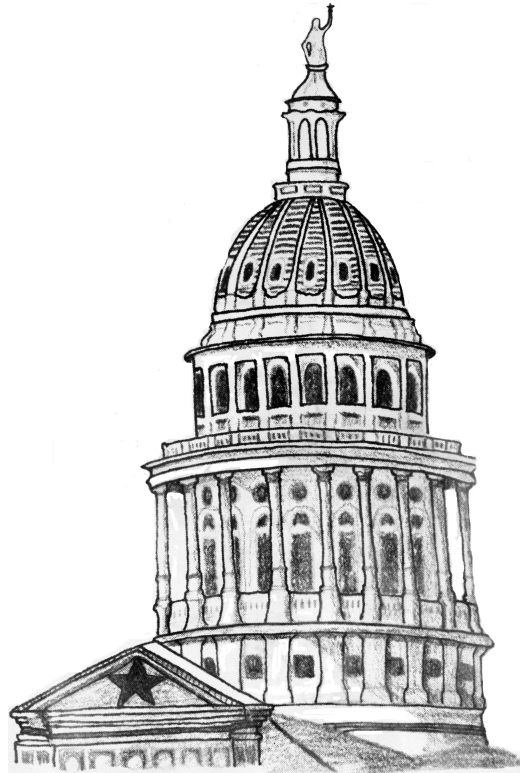
Since the Eighty-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the secretary of state and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 22nd day of June, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor

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# THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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## Requests for Opinions

### **RQ-0604-KP**

#### **Requestor:**

The Honorable Gary Gates  
Chair, House Committee on Land and Resource Management  
Texas House of Representatives  
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Austin, Texas 78768-2910

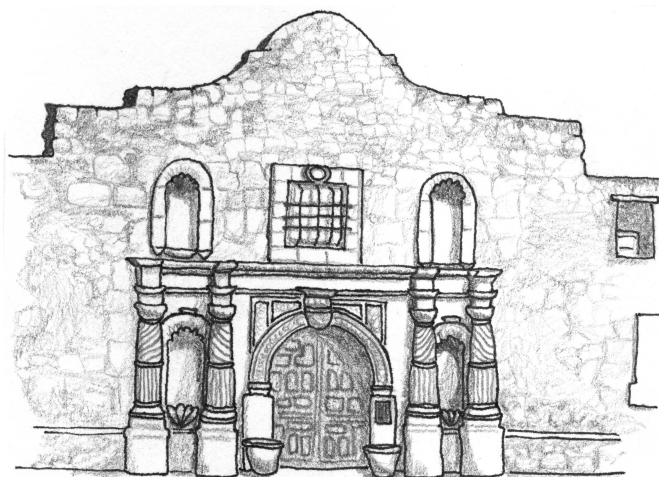
Re: Interpretation and application of certain immunization exclusions and exceptions under Education Code sections 38.001 and 51.933 (RQ-0604-KP)

## **Briefs requested by August 4, 2025**

*For further information, please access the website at [www.texasattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov) or call the Opinion Committee at (512) 463-2110.*

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Justin Gordon  
General Counsel  
Office of the Attorney General  
Filed: July 8, 2025

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# PROPOSED RULES

Proposed rules include new rules, amendments to existing rules, and repeals of existing rules. A state agency shall give at least 30 days' notice of its intention to adopt a rule before it adopts the rule. A state agency shall give all interested persons a reasonable opportunity to

submit data, views, or arguments, orally or in writing (Government Code, Chapter 2001).

**Symbols in proposed rule text.** Proposed new language is indicated by underlined text. ~~[Square brackets and strikethrough]~~ indicate existing rule text that is proposed for deletion. "(No change)" indicates that existing rule text at this level will not be amended.

## TITLE 1. ADMINISTRATION

### PART 8. TEXAS JUDICIAL COUNCIL

#### CHAPTER 174. INDIGENT DEFENSE

##### POLICIES AND STANDARDS

##### SUBCHAPTER B. CONTRACT DEFENDER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

##### DIVISION 2. APPLICATION OF STANDARDS AND CONTRACTING PROCEDURES

###### 1 TAC §174.11

The Texas Indigent Defense Commission (Commission) is a permanent Standing Committee of the Texas Judicial Council. The Commission proposes an amendment to §174.11, concerning Contract Defender Program Requirements.

###### EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

The proposed amendment to §174.11 would require the court or courts to specify the maximum annual appointed caseloads or workloads for contract defender programs of one week or less in the indigent defense plan. The amendment is proposed because the Commission finds recurring short-term contracts, often called term assignment systems, to a small number of attorneys lead to an uneven distribution of appointments among available attorneys, as well as excessive caseloads. This proposed amendment is intended to reduce excessive attorney caseloads and lead to a fairer distribution of appointments.

###### FISCAL NOTE

Mr. Scott Ehlers, Executive Director, Texas Indigent Defense Commission, has determined that for each year of the first five years the proposed amendments are in effect, enforcing or administering the sections will have no fiscal impact on state or local governments.

###### PUBLIC BENEFIT AND COSTS

Mr. Ehlers has determined that for each of the first five-year period the amendment is in effect the public benefit will be an improvement in the indigent defense services by helping the Commission assure the requirements of federal and state law related to indigent defense are followed. There are no anticipated economic costs to persons required to comply with the proposed amendments. There will be no adverse economic effect on small businesses, micro-businesses, or rural communities, therefore, preparation of an economic impact statement and a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required.

###### GOVERNMENT GROWTH IMPACT STATEMENT

Mr. Ehlers has determined that for each year of the first five years in which the proposed amendments are in effect, the amendment will have the following effect on government growth. The proposed amendment will not create or eliminate any government programs or employee positions. Additionally, the proposed amendment will not require an increase or decrease in future legislative appropriations to the Commission or change any fees paid to the Commission. The proposed amendment does not create a new regulation. The proposed amendment expands certain existing regulations, including by providing that courts that have attorneys providing legal representation to indigent defendants under contract periods of one week or less shall set a maximum annual caseload or workload for such attorneys. The proposed amendments would not repeal any rules, nor increase or decrease the number of individuals subject to the applicability of the rules. The proposed amendment is not anticipated to affect this state's economy.

###### SUBMITTAL OF COMMENTS

Comments on the proposed amendment may be submitted in writing to Wesley Shackelford, Deputy Director, Texas Indigent Defense Commission, 209 West 14th Street, Room 202, Austin, Texas 78701 or by email to wshackelford@tidc.texas.gov no later than 30 days from the date that the proposed amendment is published in the *Texas Register*.

###### STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The amendment is proposed under the Texas Government Code §79.034(a-1)(8), which authorizes the Commission to develop policies and standards for providing legal representation to indigent defendants under a contract defender program.

No other statutes, articles, or codes are affected by the proposed amendments.

###### *§174.11. Application of Subchapter.*

This subchapter applies to all contract defender programs in which legal representation is provided for a period of more than one week. Contract defender programs for terms of one week or less are governed by the alternative appointment programs provisions in Article 26.04(g)-(h) and subject to §174.28(c)(5) related to the distribution of appointments in assigned counsel systems. In a county or counties with a contract defender program of one week or less in duration, the countywide procedures adopted under Art. 26.04(a), Code of Criminal Procedure, shall set the maximum annual number of appointed cases or workload for each attorney at the applicable offense level (felony, misdemeanor, juvenile). This subchapter does not apply to public defender or managed assigned counsel programs established and governed by Chapter 26, Code of Criminal Procedure.

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the proposal and found it to be within the state agency's legal authority to adopt.

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Wesley Shackelford

Deputy Director

Texas Judicial Council

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## TITLE 31. NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

### PART 2. TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

#### CHAPTER 53. FINANCE

##### SUBCHAPTER A. FEES

#### DIVISION 1. LICENSE, PERMIT, AND BOAT AND MOTOR FEES

##### 31 TAC §53.5

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department proposes an amendment to 31 TAC §53.5, concerning Recreational Hunting Licenses, Stamps, and Tags General Rules. The proposed amendment would comport the agency's rules regarding license types to reflect the enactment of Senate Bill 1247 by the most recent session of the Texas Legislature. Senate Bill 1247 amended Parks and Wildlife Code, Chapter 42, to eliminate three types of nonresident hunting licenses (the nonresident special hunting license, the nonresident spring turkey hunting license, and the nonresident banded bird hunting license), retitle the general nonresident hunting license as the nonresident general hunting license, and add alligators to the species that may be lawfully taken under that license.

The proposed amendment also would eliminate subsection (a)(3)(B) to comport the section with other rules that establish provisions for digital license products offered by the department and make a nonsubstantive grammatical change in subsection (a)(9).

Robert Macdonald, Regulations Coordinator, has determined that for each of the first five years that the rule as proposed is in effect, there will be no fiscal implications to the department as a result of administering the rule, as the proposed amendment is simply a housekeeping measure to reflect legislative action.

There will be no fiscal implications to other units of state or local government.

There will be no effect on persons required to comply with the rule as proposed.

Mr. Macdonald also has determined that for each of the first five years that the rule as proposed is in effect, the public benefit anticipated as a result of enforcing or administering the proposed rule will be accurate regulations with respect to nonresident hunting licenses.

Under the provisions of Government Code, Chapter 2006, a state agency must prepare an economic impact statement and a regulatory flexibility analysis for a rule that may have an adverse economic effect on small businesses and micro-businesses. Those guidelines state that an agency need only consider a

proposed rule's "direct adverse economic impacts" to small businesses and micro-businesses to determine if any further analysis is required. For that purpose, the department considers "direct economic impact" to mean a requirement that would directly impose recordkeeping or reporting requirements; impose taxes or fees; result in lost sales or profits; adversely affect market competition; or require the purchase or modification of equipment or services.

The department has determined that because the rule as proposed does not directly regulate any small business, microbusiness, or rural community, there will be no adverse economic impact on small businesses, microbusinesses, or rural communities as a result of the proposed rule.

The department has not drafted a local employment impact statement under the Administrative Procedures Act, §2001.022, as the agency has determined that the rule as proposed will not impact local economies.

The department has determined that Government Code, §2001.0225 (Regulatory Analysis of Major Environmental Rules), does not apply to the proposed rule.

The department has determined that there will not be a taking of private real property, as defined by Government Code, Chapter 2007, as a result of the proposed rule.

In compliance with the requirements of Government Code, §2001.0221, the department has prepared the following Government Growth Impact Statement (GGIS). The rule as proposed, if adopted, will neither create nor eliminate a government program; not result in an increase or decrease in the number of full-time equivalent employee needs; not result in a need for additional General Revenue funding; not affect the amount of a fee; not create a new regulation or expand an existing regulation; neither increase nor decrease the number of individuals subject to regulation; and not positively or adversely affect the state's economy.

Comments on the proposed rules may be submitted to Shaun Oldenburger (Small Game Program Director) at (512) 389-4778, email: [shaun.oldenburger@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:shaun.oldenburger@tpwd.texas.gov) or via the department website at [www.tpwd.texas.gov](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov).

The amendment is proposed under the provisions of Senate Bill 1247, enacted by the 89th Texas Legislature (RS), which eliminated the nonresident special hunting license, the nonresident spring turkey hunting license, and the nonresident banded bird hunting license.

The proposed amendment affects Parks and Wildlife Code, Chapter 42.

##### §53.5. *Recreational Hunting Licenses, Stamps, and Tags.*

###### (a) Hunting Licenses:

(1) - (2) (No change.)

(3) youth hunting--\$7.

[(A)] Valid for any person under 17 years of age on the date of license purchase.

[(B)] This license is available in a digital version that does not include the license log or the physical license tags found on the physical license.]

(4) nonresident general [general nonresident] hunting--\$315;

[(5) nonresident special hunting--\$132;]



(5) [(6)] nonresident five-day [special] hunting--\$48;

[(7) nonresident spring turkey hunting--\$126;]

[(8) nonresident banded bird hunting--\$27; and]

(6) [(9)] Texas resident active-duty [active duty] military hunting package--\$0. Package consists of a resident hunting license, an upland game bird stamp, a migratory game bird stamp, an archery stamp.

(b) - (d) (No change.)

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the proposal and found it to be within the state agency's legal authority to adopt.

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James Murphy

General Counsel

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

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## CHAPTER 65. WILDLIFE

### SUBCHAPTER F. PERMITS FOR AERIAL MANAGEMENT OF WILDLIFE AND EXOTIC SPECIES

#### 31 TAC §§65.151, 65.152, 65.154, 65.160

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department proposes amendments to 31 TAC §§65.151, 65.152, 65.154, and 65.160, concerning Permits for Aerial Management of Wildlife and Exotic Species. The proposed amendments would comport existing rules governing the take of wildlife and exotic animals from aircraft to reflect the provisions of Senate Bill (S.B.) 1245, enacted by the most recent session of the Texas Legislature. Senate Bill 1245 amended Parks and Wildlife Code, Chapter 43, Subchapter G, to allow a qualified landowner or landowner's agent to contract to participate as a hunter or observer in using a helicopter to take depredating aoudad sheep from a helicopter under a permit issued by the department. The proposed amendments make additional alterations to reflect the digital proof of authorization for Subagents, clarifications of various provisions intended to emphasize unlawful use of aircraft for purposes other than those provided by law, disposition of wildlife and exotic animals killed under a permit under the subchapter, and records verification for permit renewals.

Under federal law (16 U.S.C. §742j-1, commonly referred to as the Airborne Hunting Act, or AHA) it is unlawful to shoot or attempt to shoot or intentionally harass any bird, fish, or other animal from aircraft except for certain specified reasons, including protection of wildlife, livestock, and human health. Under Parks and Wildlife Code, §43.109, the Parks and Wildlife Commission (Commission) is authorized to promulgate regulations governing the management of wildlife and exotic animals by the use of aircraft.

The proposed amendment to §65.151, concerning Definitions, adds "aoudad sheep" where necessary to make the provisions of the subchapter functional with respect to the management of

aoudad sheep by means of aircraft. Such changes are made throughout the rules as necessary.

The proposed amendment to §65.152, concerning General Rules, would alter current subsection (c)(2) to accommodate digital as well as physical proof of Subagent authorization, which is necessary to streamline procedures for status verification. Additionally, the proposed amendment would add new subsection (c)(4) to make clear that although a landowner may act as a gunner during AMP activities, it can only occur if the landowner has not provided or offered any direct financial consideration, remuneration, or exchange of anything of value in return authorizing AMP activities on that person's property. The provision would apply to the take of coyotes and feral hogs as well, and is necessary to make abundantly clear that AMP activities authorized by the department must be consistent with provisions of federal law that prohibit sport hunting from aircraft. For similar reasons, the proposed amendment would insert the term "landowner" in subsection (d) to ensure that the word "person," as it is used in the subchapter, includes landowners.

The proposed amendment to §65.152 also would alter subsection (d)(5) to clarify that the provisions of the paragraph apply to landowners and not to anyone else, which is necessary to avoid confusion, and provide clarification that the edible parts of animals and the hides may be retained and sold following take, if not prohibited by other law, which is necessary because other provisions of the proposed rules would prohibit the retention of aoudad sheep horns. The proposed amendment also would reiterate provisions regarding financial benefits, for reasons discussed earlier in this preamble, and expressly prohibit the retentions of horns and/or antlers from animals taken under an AMP. As stressed throughout this preamble, the department endeavors to remain consistent with federal law that prohibits the use of aircraft for recreational or sport hunting. The retention of trophies, such as horns or antlers, following AMP activities, is inappropriate because such trophies are mere memorializations without rational connection to legitimate population management.

The amendment to §65.154, concerning Issuance of Permit; Amendment and Renewal, would add new subsection (b) to make abundantly clear that the department will not issue an AMP for the purpose of locating or recovering animals wounded or taken by from the ground by hunters. Again, the department wishes to emphasize the desire to be consistent with federal law regarding the management of wildlife and exotic species by means of aircraft. The proposed amendment also alters current subsection (d) to preserve subject-verb agreement and grammatical parallelism.

The proposed amendment to §65.160, concerning Landowner Authorization (LOA), would add new subsection (c) to stipulate that the department will not process an application for permit renewal until the applicant has certified in writing, using a form or method approved by the department, that all information concerning current LOAs associated with the permit for which the permittee is seeking renewal is accurate, including all required georeference data.

Accurate records re LOAs are important because AMP activities are restricted to specific properties and are invalid without the approval of the current landowner or agent and there are obvious sensitivities involving nearby and neighboring properties, necessitating that the department have accurate, current information with respect to all LOAs that a particular permittee is involved with. The department has repeatedly encountered dif-

difficulties with permittees who do not maintain accurate records with respect to LOAs and seeks to remedy that difficulty by requiring the acknowledgment of the accuracy of LOAs in writing as a condition of permit renewal. The proposed amendment also eliminates unnecessary capitalization.

Robert Macdonald, Regulations Coordinator, has determined that for each of the first five years that the rules as proposed are in effect, there will be no fiscal implications to state government as a result of enforcing or administering the rules as proposed.

There will be no effect on persons required to comply with the rules as proposed.

Mr. Macdonald also has determined that for each of the first five years that the rule as proposed is in effect, the public benefit anticipated as a result of enforcing or administering the proposed rules will be the effective oversight of persons authorized to manage wildlife and exotic species from aircraft and the benefits for public resources occurring as a result of sound management activities.

Under the provisions of Government Code, Chapter 2006, a state agency must prepare an economic impact statement and a regulatory flexibility analysis for a rule that may have an adverse economic effect on small businesses and micro-businesses. Those guidelines state that an agency need only consider a proposed rule's "direct adverse economic impacts" to small businesses and micro-businesses to determine if any further analysis is required. For that purpose, the department considers "direct economic impact" to mean a requirement that would directly impose recordkeeping or reporting requirements; impose taxes or fees; result in lost sales or profits; adversely affect market competition; or require the purchase or modification of equipment or services.

The department has determined that the proposed rules affect a permit that privileges individual persons to manage wildlife and exotic species and therefore do not directly affect small businesses, micro-businesses, or rural communities. There will be no adverse economic effect on small businesses, micro-businesses, or rural communities as a result of the rules. On this basis, the department has a determined that neither the economic impact statement nor the regulatory flexibility analysis described in Government Code, Chapter 2006, is required.

The department has not drafted a local employment impact statement under the Administrative Procedures Act, §2001.022, as the agency has determined that the rules as proposed will not impact local economies.

The department has determined that Government Code, §2001.0225 (Regulatory Analysis of Major Environmental Rules), does not apply to the proposed rules.

The department has determined that there will not be a taking of private real property, as defined by Government Code, Chapter 2007, as a result of the proposed rules.

In compliance with the requirements of Government Code, §2001.0221, the department has prepared the following Government Growth Impact Statement (GGIS). The rule as proposed, if adopted, will neither create nor eliminate a government program; not result in an increase or decrease in the number of full-time equivalent employee needs; not result in a need for additional General Revenue funding; not affect the amount of a fee; not create a new regulation, but will expand an existing regulation (by allowing the take of aoudad sheep from aircraft

under a department-issued permit); neither increase nor decrease the number of individuals subject to regulation; and not positively or adversely affect the state's economy.

Comments on the proposed rules may be submitted to Kory Gann, Big Game Program Director, at (512) 389-4363, email: kory.gann@tpwd.texas.gov, or via the department website at www.tpwd.texas.gov.

The amendments are proposed under the provisions of Senate Bill (S.B.) 1245, enacted by the 89th Texas Legislature (R.S.), which allows a qualified landowner or landowner's agent to contract to participate as a hunter or observer in using a helicopter to take depredating aoudad sheep from a helicopter under a permit issued by the department, and Parks and Wildlife Code, Chapter 43, Subchapter G, which provides the commission with authority to make regulations governing the management of wildlife or exotic animals by the use of aircraft, including forms and procedures for permit applications; procedures for the management of wildlife or exotic animals by the use of aircraft; limitations on the time and the place for which a permit is valid; establishment of prohibited acts; rules to require, limit, or prohibit any activity as necessary to implement Parks and Wildlife Code, Chapter 43, Subchapter G.

The proposed amendments affect Parks and Wildlife Code, Chapter 43, Subchapter G.

#### §65.151. Definitions.

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

(1) - (11) (No change.)

(12) Subagent--A person designated by an Agent to act as a gunner for the purpose of taking of feral hogs, aoudad sheep, or coyotes.

(13) (No change.)

#### §65.152. General Rules.

(a) - (b) (No change.)

(c) It is lawful for a person who holds an AMP to contract with a qualified Landowner, Agent, or Subagent to act as a gunner the taking of depredating feral hogs, aoudad sheep, or coyotes from a helicopter, provided:

(1) (No change.)

(2) a department-approved Subagent authorization ~~[form]~~ has been properly executed and ~~[is in the physical possession of]~~ the Subagent is in possession of physical or digital evidence of such authorization during all AMP activities in which the Subagent participates; ~~[and]~~

(3) the AMP holder possesses a valid, properly executed LOA; and ~~[:]~~

(4) no direct financial consideration, remuneration, or exchange of anything of value is offered or given to a landowner or landowner's authorized agent for authorizing AMP activities on the landowner's property.

(d) A person (which includes a landowner, pilot, applicant, gunner, observer, or Subagent) commits an offense if that person:

(1) ~~[the person]~~ counts, photographs, relocates, captures, hunts, or takes or attempts to count, photograph, relocate, capture,

hunt, or take from an aircraft any wildlife or exotic animals other than wildlife or exotic animals authorized by the AMP and LOA;

(2) ~~[the person]~~ intentionally harasses any wildlife or exotic animals by the use of an aircraft other than wildlife or exotic animals authorized in an AMP and LOA;

(3) ~~[the person]~~ participates in the take or attempted take of any wildlife or exotic animal other than depredating feral hogs or coyotes without having on his or her person a valid hunting license issued by the department;

(4) ~~[the person]~~ pilots an aircraft to manage wildlife or exotic animals without a valid pilot's license as required by the FAA;

(5) ~~[the person]~~ pays, barter, or exchanges anything of value to a landowner to participate as a gunner, observer, or Subagent except as may be otherwise provided in this subchapter;

(6) ~~is [the person]~~ acting as a gunner or pilot under an AMP and takes or attempts to take any wildlife or exotic animals for any purpose other than is necessary to protect or to aid in the administration of lands, water, wildlife, livestock, domesticated animals, human life, or crops, except that ~~hides and edible parts of [any]~~ wildlife or exotic animals~~;~~ ~~onee~~ lawfully taken pursuant to this subchapter may be sold if their sale is not otherwise prohibited;

(7) ~~[the person]~~ acting as a gunner or pilot takes or attempts to take wildlife or exotic animals during the hours between 1/2-hour after sunset and 1/2-hour before sunrise;

(8) ~~[the person]~~ operates an aircraft for the management of wildlife or exotic animals and is not named as an authorized pilot by an AMP;

(9) ~~[the person]~~ takes, kills, captures, or attempts to take, kill, or capture more wildlife or exotic animals on properties than are specified in the LOA;

(10) ~~[the person]~~ uses an AMP for the purpose of sport hunting;

(11) ~~[the person]~~ is engaging in AMP activities and pilots an aircraft over land for which the person has not received written permission to overfly, except as is necessary to gain initial access to the land described in the LOA prior to commencing AMP activities and to leave following the conclusion of AMP activities; ~~or~~

(12) solicits, requests, or receives a direct financial consideration for authorizing AMP activities on a property;

(13) offers or gives direct financial consideration to a landowner for authorizing AMP activities on the landowner's property;

(14) retains or possesses any horns or antlers of any wildlife or exotic animal taken under an AMP; or

(15) [(12)] [the person] otherwise violates a provision of this subchapter.

(e) - (g) (No change.)

(h) The department will not approve an LOA for the take of feral hogs or aoudad sheep on a tract of land where feral hogs or aoudad sheep have been released or liberated by or with the approval of the Landowner or Agent for the purpose of being hunted.

§65.154. *Issuance of Permit; Amendment and Renewal.*

(a) (No change.)

(b) The department will not issue an AMP for the purpose of locating or recovering wildlife or exotic animals wounded or taken from the ground.

(c) ~~[(b)]~~ The permit shall include the following information:

(1) - (4) (No change.)

(d) ~~[(e)]~~ The department may amend an AMP following the completion and submission of a form provided by the department. An application for amendment is subject to the same issuance criteria as the original application for an AMP.

(e) ~~[(d)]~~ No person who has been finally convicted of, pleaded nolo contendere to, received deferred adjudication for, or has been assessed an administrative penalty for an offense listed in this section may act or contract to act as a gunner for an AMP holder.

(f) ~~[(e)]~~ An AMP is not transferable or assignable.

§65.160. *Landowner Authorization (LOA).*

(a) - (b) (No change.)

(c) The department will not process an application for permit renewal until the applicant has certified in writing, using a form or method approved by the department, that all information concerning current LOAs associated with the permit for which the permittee is seeking renewal is accurate, including all required georeference data.

(d) ~~[(e)]~~ A single LOA form may be submitted by a group of landowners ~~[Landowners]~~ or by an association on behalf of such landowners. The LOA form shall have attached a list of participating landowner names, ranch names, addresses, acreage, and a georeferenced map (a map image incorporating a system of geographic ground coordinates, such as latitude/longitude or UTM coordinates) showing the exact boundaries of each property for each participating Landowner. The LOA may be signed by one authorized Agent who represents the group of landowners or an association.

(e) ~~[(d)]~~ The landowner ~~[Landowner]~~ or the landowner's agent ~~[Landowner's Agent]~~ shall ensure that information included in the LOA is true and correct prior to executing an authorization.

(f) ~~[(e)]~~ An expedited LOA may be obtained solely for the purpose of preventing the depredation of livestock, with the prior written approval of a game warden assigned to the county where the prospective management of wildlife or exotic animals is to be performed, or that warden's immediate or second-line supervisor, following submission to the game warden (or supervisor) of:

(1) - (2) (No change.)

(g) ~~[(f)]~~ Upon approval by the game warden (or supervisor), the AMP holder may conduct the authorized activities, but must, within 72 hours of completion of the activities authorized under the expedited LOA, complete and submit a LOA application to the department via the department's online system.

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the proposal and found it to be within the state agency's legal authority to adopt.

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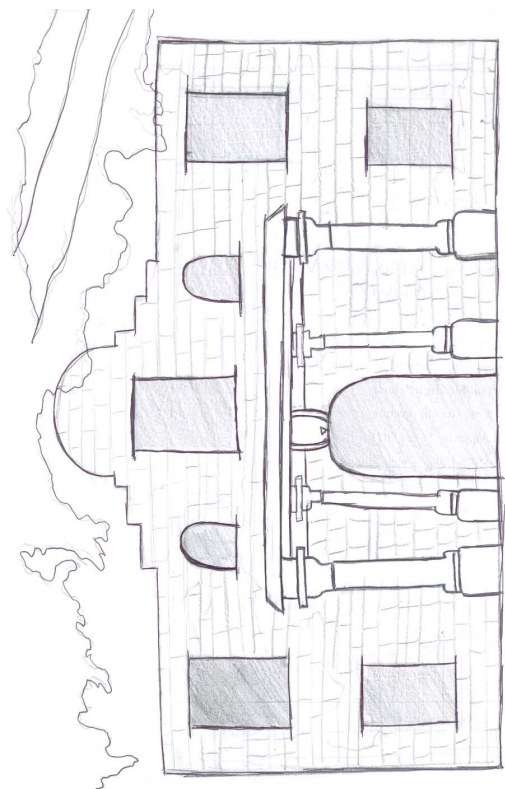
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Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

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# WITHDRAWN RULES

Withdrawn Rules include proposed rules and emergency rules. A state agency may specify that a rule is withdrawn immediately or on a later date after filing the notice with the Texas Register. A proposed rule is withdrawn six months after the date of publication of the proposed rule in the Texas Register if a state agency has failed by that time to adopt, adopt as amended, or withdraw the proposed rule. Adopted rules may not be withdrawn. (Government Code, §2001.027)

## TITLE 31. NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

### PART 2. TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

#### CHAPTER 53. FINANCE

##### SUBCHAPTER A. FEES

##### DIVISION 1. LICENSE, PERMIT, AND BOAT AND MOTOR FEES

#### 31 TAC §53.5

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department withdraws proposed amendments to §53.5 which appeared in the February 21, 2025, issue of the *Texas Register* (50 TexReg 948).

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## TITLE 43. TRANSPORTATION

### PART 10. TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

#### CHAPTER 215. MOTOR VEHICLE DISTRIBUTION

##### SUBCHAPTER D. GENERAL DISTINGUISHING NUMBERS AND IN-TRANSIT LICENSES

#### 43 TAC §215.163

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles withdraws proposed new §215.163 which appeared in the February 28, 2025, issue of the *Texas Register* (50 TexReg 1656).

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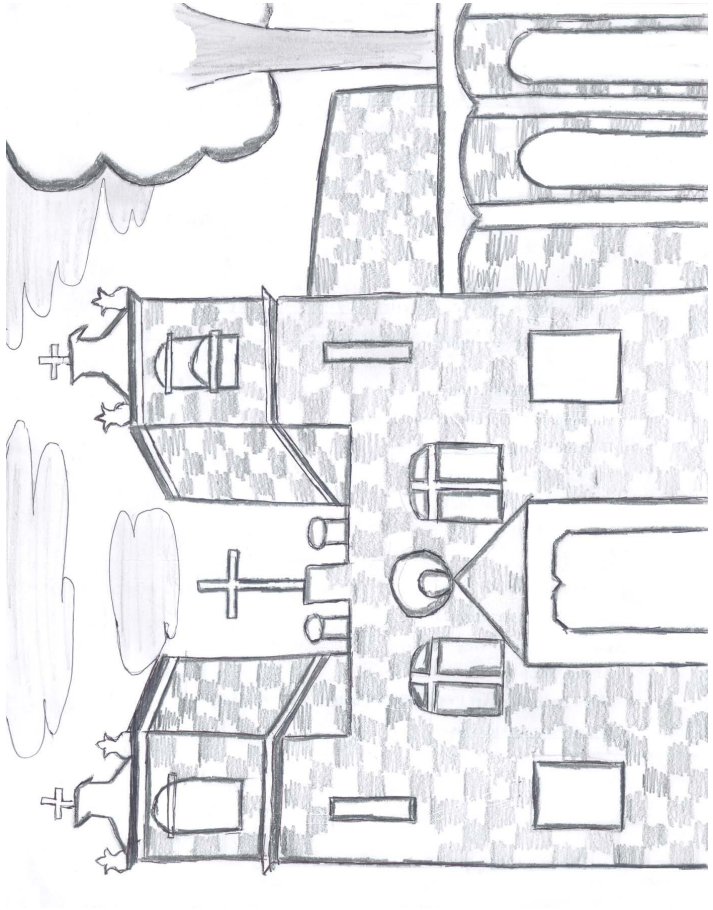
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# ADOPTED RULES

Adopted rules include new rules, amendments to existing rules, and repeals of existing rules. A rule adopted by a state agency takes effect 20 days after the date on which it is filed with the Secretary of State unless a later date is required by statute or specified in the rule (Government Code, §2001.036). If a rule is adopted without change to the text of the proposed rule, then the *Texas Register* does not republish the rule text here. If a rule is adopted with change to the text of the proposed rule, then the final rule text is included here. The final rule text will appear in the Texas Administrative Code on the effective date.

## TITLE 16. ECONOMIC REGULATION

### PART 8. TEXAS RACING COMMISSION

#### CHAPTER 313. OFFICIALS AND RULES OF HORSE RACING

##### SUBCHAPTER A. OFFICIALS

##### DIVISION 3. DUTIES OF OTHER OFFICIALS

##### 16 TAC §313.61

###### PREAMBLE:

The Texas Racing Commission (TXRC) adopts Texas Administrative Code, Title 16, Part 8, Chapter 313, §313.61, Horsemen's Bookkeeper. Amended Chapter 313, §313.61 is adopted with changes to the proposed text as published in the January 31, 2025, issue of the *Texas Register* (50 TexReg 614). The rule text will be republished.

###### EXPLANATION AND JUSTIFICATION FOR THE AMENDMENT

The purpose of this rule amendment is to strengthen the ability of the Commission to track and audit funds that are managed by the Horsemen's Bookkeeper.

###### PUBLIC COMMENTS

The 30-day comment period ended on March 2, 2025. TXRC drafted and distributed the proposed rule to persons both internal and external to the agency. The proposed rule was published in the January 31, 2025, issue of the *Texas Register* (50 TexReg 614). During this period, the Agency received no comments regarding this proposed rule change.

###### COMMISSION ACTION

At its meeting on June 11, 2025, the Commission adopted the proposed rule as recommended by the Commission at the December 11, 2024, meeting and the Rules Committee meeting, held on November 14, 2024.

###### ONE-FOR-ONE REQUIREMENT FOR RULES WITH A FISCAL IMPACT

The Commission is exempt and not required to take further action under Texas Government Code §2001.0045. The Commission is specifically exempt under Texas Government Code §2001.0045(c)(7).

###### STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The amendments are adopted under Texas Occupations Code §2021.

The statutory provisions affected by the adopted rule amendment are those set forth in Texas Occupations Code §2021.

###### §313.61. Horsemen's Bookkeeper.

###### (a) Designation of horsemen's bookkeeper.

(1) An association shall ensure a horsemen's bookkeeper is available to maintain the horsemen's account.

(2) The executive director may designate an entity unrelated to the association to serve as the horsemen's bookkeeper. To be designated as the horsemen's bookkeeper, an entity must annually submit a plan of operation acceptable to the executive director that demonstrates the entity's ability to perform the duties of the horsemen's bookkeeper.

(3) A designation as horsemen's bookkeeper does not constitute a license, but the executive director may require any individual involved with a designated entity to receive a license.

(4) If the executive director approves an association's request to designate an entity as horsemen's bookkeeper, the association is relieved of responsibility for providing a horsemen's bookkeeper and shall cooperate fully with the horsemen's bookkeeper designated by the executive director.

###### (b) Revocation of designation.

(1) A designation as the horsemen's bookkeeper continues in effect until revoked by the executive director.

(2) The executive director may revoke a designation as the horsemen's bookkeeper if the executive director determines the designated entity has:

(A) failed to comply with the Act, or the plan of operation, in a manner that indicates malfeasance as opposed to mere mistake;

(B) failed to maintain accurate and reliable records;

(C) misappropriated or mishandled funds in its possession or control;

(D) failed to correct within a reasonable time any deficiency in operations identified by the executive director in writing; or

(E) had its authority to act as a horsemen's bookkeeper revoked in another jurisdiction.

(3) Before revoking a designation as horsemen's bookkeeper, the executive director must issue a notice of proposed revocation which specifically describes the grounds for revocation. No later than 30 days after receiving a notice of proposed revocation, the entity may file a written response to the allegations with the executive director.

(4) The executive director may not revoke a designation without making adequate provision for a successor horsemen's bookkeeper.

(c) Operations of horsemen's bookkeeper.

(1) Each owner engaged in racing must open and maintain an account with the horsemen's bookkeeper. The horsemen's bookkeeper may permit other individuals to open and maintain an account with the horsemen's bookkeeper, subject to the approval of the executive director. The aggregate of all such accounts is the horsemen's account.

(2) The horsemen's bookkeeper shall keep accurate records of the horsemen's account and the constituent accounts. The horsemen's bookkeeper shall:

(A) promptly credit each account with all earnings, awards, and deposits;

(B) deduct or disburse all payments as directed by the owner or authorized agent;

(C) render periodic statements of each constituent account; and

(D) perform all other duties and functions as may be required by the Act or the Rules.

(d) Audit. The executive director may at any time inspect, review or audit the records and performance of the horsemen's bookkeeper. Not later than June 15 of each year beginning in 2026, the horsemen's bookkeeper shall submit to the Commission audited financial statements. The funds received and/or expended by the horsemen's bookkeeper from the horse industry escrow account must be included in the audit. An auditor's statement must be included as part of the annual audit attesting to the proper use of the funds received from the horse industry escrow account by the horsemen's bookkeeper.

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the adoption and found it to be a valid exercise of the agency's legal authority.

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Amy F. Cook

Executive Director

Texas Racing Commission

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## CHAPTER 319. VETERINARY PRACTICES AND DRUG TESTING

### SUBCHAPTER B. TREATMENT OF HORSES

#### 16 TAC §319.110

The Texas Racing Commission (TXRC) adopts Texas Administrative Code, Title 16, Part 8, Chapter 319, §319.110, Requirements to Enter Association Grounds. Amended Chapter 319, §319.110 is adopted without changes to the proposed text as published in the January 31, 2025, issue of the *Texas Register* (50 TexReg 616) and will not be republished.

#### EXPLANATION AND JUSTIFICATION FOR THE AMENDMENT

The purpose of this rule amendment is to require a negative Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test within 180 days prior to entry into the stable gate of an association. The rule change also

authorizes the Executive Director to require other tests as need arises.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

The 30-day comment period ended on March 2, 2025. TXRC drafted and distributed the proposed rule to persons both internal and external to the agency. The proposed rule was published in the January 31, 2025, issue of the *Texas Register* (50 TexReg 616). During this period, the Agency received no comments regarding this proposed rule change.

#### COMMISSION ACTION

At its meeting on December 11, 2024, the Commission adopted the proposed rule as recommended by the Commission at the February 14, 2024, meeting and the Rules Committee meeting, held on November 14, 2024.

#### ONE-FOR-ONE REQUIREMENT FOR RULES WITH A FISCAL IMPACT

The Commission is exempt and not required to take further action under Texas Government Code §2001.0045. The Commission is specifically exempt under Texas Government Code §2001.0045(c)(7).

#### STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The rule amendment is adopted under Texas Occupations Code §§2026.001.

The statutory provisions affected by the adopted rule amendment are those set forth in Texas Occupations Code §2026.001.

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the adoption and found it to be a valid exercise of the agency's legal authority.

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## TITLE 31. NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

### PART 2. TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

#### CHAPTER 57. FISHERIES

#### SUBCHAPTER N. STATEWIDE RECREATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL FISHING PROCLAMATION

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission in a duly noticed meeting on March 27, 2025, adopted the repeal of 31 TAC §57.984 and §57.985 and amendments to §57.981 and §57.992, concerning the Statewide Recreational and Commercial Fishing Proclamations, without changes to the proposed text as pub-



lished in the February 21, 2025, issue of the *Texas Register* (50 TexReg 954). The text of the rules will not be republished.

The repeal of §57.984, concerning Special Provisions - Digital Exempt Angler Tags is necessary to comport current rules with provisions adopted and published elsewhere in this issue that would make all recreational hunting and fishing license products (licenses, stamp endorsements, tags, and selected permits) available as digital products.

The repeal of §57.985, concerning Spotted Seatrout- Special Provisions, is necessary to remove temporary interim provisions governing the take of spotted seatrout, adopted as a stand-alone section in 2024 to avoid conflict with other proposed rulemaking, in order to move them to §57.981, concerning Bag, Possession, and Length Limits, where they properly belong.

In February of 2021, Winter Storm Uri resulted in the largest freeze-related fish kill on the Texas Gulf coast since the 1980s, severely impacting spotted seatrout populations coastwide. In an effort to accelerate recovery of the spotted seatrout population, the department promulgated a series of rules that implemented reduced bag and "slot" (a mechanism to protect certain age classes) limits. Department monitoring has continuously indicated lower post-freeze catch rates (compared to the previous ten-year average), and the commission accordingly acted to implement continued measures to enhance and accelerate population recovery, adopting rules that reduced the bag limit and narrowed the slot limit for spotted seatrout. In January 2024, the commission directed staff to develop a mechanism to allow the retention of "oversized" fish (fish in excess of the maximum length established by rule) at a level not likely to compromise or defeat recovery measures, resulting in the adoption of §57.985, which also replaced the previous daily limit for the retention of oversized spotted seatrout with an annual limit.

The amendment to §57.981, concerning Bag, Possession, and Length Limits, incorporates the contents of current §57.985, concerning Spotted Seatrout- Special Provisions, for reasons discussed earlier in this preamble. The repeal and amendment are not substantive, do not alter the applicability of the rules currently in force and effect, and serve only to consolidate all provisions governing spotted seatrout harvest in a single place. The amendment also makes conforming changes to accommodate proposed amendments to Chapter 53, concerning Finance, published elsewhere in this issue, that would provide for the issuance of all recreational fishing licenses and stamp endorsements as digital products. In 2021, the department launched a pilot program to determine the feasibility of implementing digital versions of physical licenses, tags, and permits. The results of the pilot program were favorable, and the department is therefore proceeding with respect to making all recreational fishing licenses and stamp endorsements available as digital products.

The amendment to §57.992, concerning Bag, Possession, and Length Limits, liberalizes commercial harvest regulations for greater amberjack in Texas state waters by increasing the maximum length (currently 34 total inches) to match the current federal standard, which is 40 inches (total length). The amendment is intended to make commercial harvest regulations for greater amberjack consistent with federal regulations, which the department believes will prevent confusion and enhance compliance, administration, and enforcement.

The department received nine comments opposing adoption of the proposed amendment to §57.981, concerning Bag, Possession, and Length Limits. Of those comments, nine articulated

a reason or rationale for opposing adoption. Those comments, accompanied by the department's response to each, follow.

Four comments opposing adoption of the portion of the proposed rules that implement requirements for the use of digital license products. The commenters stated that there should be no digital license products because phone batteries go dead, phones are lost, and connectivity is a problem, and other, similar misgivings with respect to the reliability of personal communications devices. The department disagrees with the comments and responds that no person is required to obtain a digital license product, and in any case, public approval of digital products is overwhelming. No changes were made as a result of the comments.

One commenter opposed adoption and stated, "[T]he burden of proof is always on the sportsman, as unconstitutional as that is." The department disagrees with the commenter and responds that legal burden of proof for obtaining a conviction for a violation of fish and game laws lies with the department; however, it is the responsibility of the angler to understand and comply with applicable law while engaging in an activity regulated by the department. No changes were made as a result of the comment.

One commenter opposed adoption and stated disagreement with the daily bag limit for spotted seatrout. The department disagrees with the comment and responds that daily bag limit for spotted seatrout exists in current rule, is not affected by this rulemaking, and was not considered for alteration in this rulemaking. No changes were made as a result of the comment.

One commenter opposed adoption and stated that the spotted seatrout tag should be implemented in 2026, not 2025. The department disagrees with the comment and responds that the spotted seatrout tag was implemented in 2024. No changes were made as a result of the comment.

The department received 37 comments supporting adoption of the rule as proposed.

The department received three comments opposing adoption of the proposed amendment to §57.992, concerning Bag, Possession, and Length Limits. Two of the commenters provided a reason or rationale for opposing adoption. Those comments, accompanied by the department's response to each, follow.

One commenter opposed adoption and stated that the bag limit for greater amberjack in state waters should remain the same. The department agrees with the comment and responds that the bag limit for greater amberjack in state waters is not affected by the rulemaking, which affects only the length limit. No changes were made as a result of the comment.

One commenter opposed adoption and stated that commercial harvest of any species listed as overfished should be prohibited. The department disagrees with the comment and responds that designation as "overfished" does not necessarily equate to immediate population concerns or threats. Several measures have been put in place since 2021 to ensure sustainability of greater amberjack populations at current levels of harvest. No changes were made as a result of the comment.

The department received 13 comments supporting adoption of the rule as proposed.

## **DIVISION 2. STATEWIDE RECREATIONAL FISHING PROCLAMATION**

### **31 TAC §57.981**

The amendment is adopted under the authority of Parks and Wildlife Code, Parks and Wildlife Code, §46.0085, which authorizes the department to issue tags for finfish species allowed by law to be taken during each year or season from coastal waters of the state to holders of licenses authorizing the taking of finfish species; §46.0086, which authorizes the commission to prescribe tagging requirements for the take of finfish; §50.004, which requires the department to issue and prescribe the form and manner of issuance for combination hunting and fishing licenses, including identification and compliance requirements; and Chapter 61, which requires the commission to regulate the periods of time when it is lawful to hunt, take, or possess game animals, game birds, or aquatic animal life in this state; the means, methods, and places in which it is lawful to hunt, take, or possess game animals, game birds, or aquatic animal life in this state; the species, quantity, age or size, and, to the extent possible, the sex of the game animals, game birds, or aquatic animal life authorized to be hunted, taken, or possessed; and the region, county, area, body of water, or portion of a county where game animals, game birds, or aquatic animal life may be hunted, taken, or possessed.

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the proposal and found it to be within the state agency's legal authority to adopt.

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**31 TAC §57.984, §57.985**

The repeals are adopted under the authority of Parks and Wildlife Code, §46.0085, which authorizes the department to issue tags for finfish species allowed by law to be taken during each year or season from coastal waters of the state to holders of licenses authorizing the taking of finfish species; §46.0086, which authorizes the commission to prescribe tagging requirements for the take of finfish; §50.004, which requires the department to issue and prescribe the form and manner of issuance for combination hunting and fishing licenses, including identification and compliance requirements; and Chapter 61, which requires the commission to regulate the periods of time when it is lawful to hunt, take, or possess game animals, game birds, or aquatic animal life in this state; the means, methods, and places in which it is lawful to hunt, take, or possess game animals, game birds, or aquatic animal life in this state; the species, quantity, age or size, and, to

the extent possible, the sex of the game animals, game birds, or aquatic animal life authorized to be hunted, taken, or possessed; and the region, county, area, body of water, or portion of a county where game animals, game birds, or aquatic animal life may be hunted, taken, or possessed.

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the proposal and found it to be within the state agency's legal authority to adopt.

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**DIVISION 3. STATEWIDE COMMERCIAL FISHING PROCLAMATION**

**31 TAC §57.992**

The amendment is adopted under the authority of Parks and Wildlife Code, Chapter 61, which requires the commission to regulate the periods of time when it is lawful to hunt, take, or possess game animals, game birds, or aquatic animal life in this state; the means, methods, and places in which it is lawful to hunt, take, or possess game animals, game birds, or aquatic animal life in this state; the species, quantity, age or size, and, to the extent possible, the sex of the game animals, game birds, or aquatic animal life authorized to be hunted, taken, or possessed; and the region, county, area, body of water, or portion of a county where game animals, game birds, or aquatic animal life may be hunted, taken, or possessed.

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the proposal and found it to be within the state agency's legal authority to adopt.

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# REVIEW OF AGENCY RULES

This section contains notices of state agency rule review as directed by the Texas Government Code, §2001.039.

Included here are proposed rule review notices, which invite public comment to specified rules under review; and adopted rule review notices, which summarize public comment received as part of the review. The complete text of an agency's rule being reviewed is available in the *Texas Administrative Code* on the Texas Secretary of State's website.

For questions about the content and subject matter of rules, please contact the state agency that is reviewing the rules. Questions about the website and printed copies of these notices may be directed to the *Texas Register* office.

## Proposed Rule Reviews

Texas Ethics Commission

### Title 1, Part 2

The Texas Ethics Commission (Commission) files this Notice of Intent to Review and consider for re-adoption, revision, or repeal, Chapter 8, regarding Advisory Opinions, in its entirety, contained in Title 1, Part 2, Texas Administrative Code. This review is being conducted in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code §2001.039.

During the review, the Commission will assess whether the reasons for adopting or readopting the rules in this chapter continues to exist. The Commission will review each rule to determine whether it is obsolete, whether the rules reflect current legal and policy considerations, and whether the rules reflect current Commission procedures.

A detailed plan of the expected timing of the review for each chapter is available at the TEC's website at <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/search/rules/commission/RuleReviewPlan.pdf>.

The Commission invites comments on this rule review from any member of the public. A written statement should be emailed to [public\\_comment@ethics.state.tx.us](mailto:public_comment@ethics.state.tx.us), or mailed or delivered to James Tinley, Executive Director, Texas Ethics Commission, P.O. Box 12070, Austin, Texas 78711-2070. The deadline for comments is on or before 5:00 p.m. Central Time on the 31st day after the date this notice is published in the *Texas Register*. Should the Commission determine that amendments or repeals to these rules are warranted, a separate rulemaking process with opportunity for public comment will be initiated in accordance with the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001.

The text of the chapters being reviewed will not be published but may be found in Title 1, Part 2, of the Texas Administrative Code ([www.sos.state.tx.us/tac/index.shtml](http://www.sos.state.tx.us/tac/index.shtml)) or on the Secretary of State's website at State Rules and Open Meetings ([www.sos.texas.gov](http://www.sos.texas.gov)).

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Filed: July 3, 2025



The Texas Ethics Commission (Commission) files this Notice of Intent to Review and consider for re-adoption, revision, or repeal, Chapter 10, regarding Ethics Training Programs, in its entirety, contained in Title 1, Part 2, Texas Administrative Code. This review is being conducted in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code §2001.039.

During the review, the Commission will assess whether the reasons for adopting or readopting the rules in this chapter continues to exist. The Commission will review each rule to determine whether it is obsolete, whether the rules reflect current legal and policy considerations, and whether the rules reflect current Commission procedures.

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The text of the chapters being reviewed will not be published but may be found in Title 1, Part 2, of the Texas Administrative Code ([www.sos.state.tx.us/tac/index.shtml](http://www.sos.state.tx.us/tac/index.shtml)) or on the Secretary of State's website at State Rules and Open Meetings ([www.sos.texas.gov](http://www.sos.texas.gov)).

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The Texas Ethics Commission (Commission) files this Notice of Intent to Review and consider for re-adoption, revision, or repeal, Chapter 12, regarding Sworn Complaints, in its entirety, contained in Title 1, Part 2, Texas Administrative Code. This review is being conducted in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code § 2001.039.

During the review, the Commission will assess whether the reasons for adopting or readopting the rules in this chapter continues to exist. The Commission will review each rule to determine whether it is obsolete, whether the rules reflect current legal and policy considerations, and whether the rules reflect current Commission procedures.

A detailed plan of the expected timing of the review for each chapter is available at the TEC's website at <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/search/rules/commission/RuleReviewPlan.pdf>.

The Commission invites comments on this rule review from any member of the public. A written statement should be emailed to [public\\_comment@ethics.state.tx.us](mailto:public_comment@ethics.state.tx.us), or mailed or delivered to James Tinley, Executive Director, Texas Ethics Commission, P.O. Box 12070, Austin, Texas 78711-2070. The deadline for comments is on or before 5:00 p.m. Central Time on the 31st day after the date this notice is published in the *Texas Register*. Should the Commission determine that amendments or repeals to these rules are warranted, a separate rulemaking process with opportunity for public comment will be initiated in accordance with the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001.

The text of the chapters being reviewed will not be published but may be found in Title 1, Part 2, of the Texas Administrative Code ([www.sos.state.tx.us/tac/index.shtml](http://www.sos.state.tx.us/tac/index.shtml)) or on the Secretary of State's website at State Rules and Open Meetings ([www.sos.texas.gov](http://www.sos.texas.gov)).

TRD-202502223  
Natalie McDermon  
Interim General Counsel  
Texas Ethics Commission  
Filed: July 3, 2025



The Texas Ethics Commission (Commission) files this Notice of Intent to Review and consider for re-adoption, revision, or repeal, Chapter 13, regarding Referrals to Prosecutors, in its entirety, contained in Title 1, Part 2, Texas Administrative Code. This review is being conducted in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code § 2001.039.

During the review, the Commission will assess whether the reasons for adopting or readopting the rule in this chapter continues to exist. The Commission will review the rule to determine whether it is obsolete, whether the rule reflects current legal and policy considerations, and whether the rule reflects current Commission procedures.

A detailed plan of the expected timing of the review for each chapter is available at the TEC's website at <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/search/rules/commission/RuleReviewPlan.pdf>.

The Commission invites comments on this rule review from any member of the public. A written statement should be emailed to [public\\_comment@ethics.state.tx.us](mailto:public_comment@ethics.state.tx.us), or mailed or delivered to James Tinley, Executive Director, Texas Ethics Commission, P.O. Box 12070, Austin, Texas 78711-2070. The deadline for comments is on or before 5:00 p.m. Central Time on the 31st day after the date this notice is published in the *Texas Register*. Should the Commission determine that amendments or repeals to these rules are warranted, a separate rulemaking process with opportunity for public comment will be initiated in accordance with the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001.

The text of the chapters being reviewed will not be published but may be found in Title 1, Part 2, of the Texas Administrative Code ([www.sos.state.tx.us/tac/index.shtml](http://www.sos.state.tx.us/tac/index.shtml)) or on the Secretary of State's website at State Rules and Open Meetings ([www.sos.texas.gov](http://www.sos.texas.gov)).

TRD-202502224  
Natalie McDermon  
Interim General Counsel  
Texas Ethics Commission  
Filed: July 3, 2025



The Texas Ethics Commission (Commission) files this Notice of Intent to Review and consider for re-adoption, revision, or repeal, Chapter

16, regarding Facial Compliance Reviews and Audits, in its entirety, contained in Title 1, Part 2, Texas Administrative Code. This review is being conducted in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code §2001.039.

During the review, the Commission will assess whether the reasons for adopting or readopting the rules in this chapter continues to exist. The Commission will review each rule to determine whether it is obsolete, whether the rules reflect current legal and policy considerations, and whether the rules reflect current Commission procedures.

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TRD-202502225  
Natalie McDermon  
Interim General Counsel  
Texas Ethics Commission  
Filed: July 3, 2025



The Texas Ethics Commission (Commission) files this Notice of Intent to Review and consider for re-adoption, revision, or repeal, Chapter 18, regarding General Rules Concerning Reports, in its entirety, contained in Title 1, Part 2, Texas Administrative Code. This review is being conducted in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code § 2001.039.

During the review, the Commission will assess whether the reasons for adopting or readopting the rules in this chapter continues to exist. The Commission will review each rule to determine whether it is obsolete, whether the rules reflect current legal and policy considerations, and whether the rules reflect current Commission procedures.

A detailed plan of the expected timing of the review for each chapter is available at the TEC's website at <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/search/rules/commission/RuleReviewPlan.pdf>.

The Commission invites comments on this rule review from any member of the public. A written statement should be emailed to [public\\_comment@ethics.state.tx.us](mailto:public_comment@ethics.state.tx.us), or mailed or delivered to James Tinley, Executive Director, Texas Ethics Commission, P.O. Box 12070, Austin, Texas 78711-2070. The deadline for comments is on or before 5:00 p.m. Central Time on the 31st day after the date this notice is published in the *Texas Register*. Should the Commission determine that amendments or repeals to these rules are warranted, a separate rulemaking process with opportunity for public comment will be initiated in accordance with the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001.

The text of the chapters being reviewed will not be published but may be found in Title 1, Part 2, of the Texas Administrative Code ([www.sos.state.tx.us/tac/index.shtml](http://www.sos.state.tx.us/tac/index.shtml)) or on the Secretary of State's website at State Rules and Open Meetings ([www.sos.texas.gov](http://www.sos.texas.gov)).

TRD-202502226

Natalie McDermon  
Interim General Counsel  
Texas Ethics Commission  
Filed: July 3, 2025



The Texas Ethics Commission (Commission) files this Notice of Intent to Review and consider for re-adoption, revision, or repeal, Chapter 20, regarding Reporting Political Contributions and Expenditures, in its entirety, contained in Title 1, Part 2, Texas Administrative Code. This review is being conducted in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code §2001.039.

During the review, the Commission will assess whether the reasons for adopting or readopting the rules in this chapter continues to exist. The Commission will review each rule to determine whether it is obsolete, whether the rules reflect current legal and policy considerations, and whether the rules reflect current Commission procedures.

A detailed plan of the expected timing of the review for each chapter is available at the TEC's website at <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/search/rules/commission/RuleReviewPlan.pdf>.

The Commission invites comments on this rule review from any member of the public. A written statement should be emailed to [public\\_comment@ethics.state.tx.us](mailto:public_comment@ethics.state.tx.us), or mailed or delivered to James Tinley, Executive Director, Texas Ethics Commission, P.O. Box 12070, Austin, Texas 78711-2070. The deadline for comments is on or before 5:00 p.m. Central Time on the 31st day after the date this notice is published in the *Texas Register*. Should the Commission determine that amendments or repeals to these rules are warranted, a separate rulemaking process with opportunity for public comment will be initiated in accordance with the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001.

The text of the chapters being reviewed will not be published but may be found in Title 1, Part 2, of the Texas Administrative Code ([www.sos.state.tx.us/tac/index.shtml](http://www.sos.state.tx.us/tac/index.shtml)) or on the Secretary of State's website at State Rules and Open Meetings ([www.sos.texas.gov](http://www.sos.texas.gov)).

TRD-202502227

Natalie McDermon  
Interim General Counsel  
Texas Ethics Commission  
Filed: July 3, 2025



The Texas Ethics Commission (Commission) files this Notice of Intent to Review and consider for re-adoption, revision, or repeal, Chapter 22, regarding Restrictions on Contributions and Expenditures, in its entirety, contained in Title 1, Part 2, Texas Administrative Code. This review is being conducted in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code §2001.039.

During the review, the Commission will assess whether the reasons for adopting or readopting the rules in this chapter continues to exist. The Commission will review each rule to determine whether it is obsolete, whether the rules reflect current legal and policy considerations, and whether the rules reflect current Commission procedures.

A detailed plan of the expected timing of the review for each chapter is available at the TEC's website at <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/search/rules/commission/RuleReviewPlan.pdf>.

The Commission invites comments on this rule review from any member of the public. A written statement should be emailed to [public\\_comment@ethics.state.tx.us](mailto:public_comment@ethics.state.tx.us), or mailed or delivered to James Tinley, Executive Director, Texas Ethics Commission, P.O. Box 12070, Austin, Texas 78711-2070. The deadline for comments is on or before 5:00 p.m. Central Time on the 31st day after the date this notice is published in the *Texas Register*. Should the Commission determine that amendments or repeals to these rules are warranted, a separate rulemaking process with opportunity for public comment will be initiated in accordance with the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001.

The text of the chapters being reviewed will not be published but may be found in Title 1, Part 2, of the Texas Administrative Code ([www.sos.state.tx.us/tac/index.shtml](http://www.sos.state.tx.us/tac/index.shtml)) or on the Secretary of State's website at State Rules and Open Meetings ([www.sos.texas.gov](http://www.sos.texas.gov)).

TRD-202502228

Natalie McDermon  
Interim General Counsel  
Texas Ethics Commission  
Filed: July 3, 2025



The Texas Ethics Commission (Commission) files this Notice of Intent to Review and consider for re-adoption, revision, or repeal, Chapter 24, regarding Restrictions on Contributions and Expenditures Applicable to Corporations and Labor Organizations, in its entirety, contained in Title 1, Part 2, Texas Administrative Code. This review is being conducted in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code §2001.039.

During the review, the Commission will assess whether the reasons for adopting or readopting the rules in this chapter continues to exist. The Commission will review each rule to determine whether it is obsolete, whether the rules reflect current legal and policy considerations, and whether the rules reflect current Commission procedures.

A detailed plan of the expected timing of the review for each chapter is available at the TEC's website at <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/search/rules/commission/RuleReviewPlan.pdf>.

The Commission invites comments on this rule review from any member of the public. A written statement should be emailed to [public\\_comment@ethics.state.tx.us](mailto:public_comment@ethics.state.tx.us), or mailed or delivered to James Tinley, Executive Director, Texas Ethics Commission, P.O. Box 12070, Austin, Texas 78711-2070. The deadline for comments is on or before 5:00 p.m. Central Time on the 31st day after the date this notice is published in the *Texas Register*. Should the Commission determine that amendments or repeals to these rules are warranted, a separate rulemaking process with opportunity for public comment will be initiated in accordance with the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001.

The text of the chapters being reviewed will not be published but may be found in Title 1, Part 2, of the Texas Administrative Code ([www.sos.state.tx.us/tac/index.shtml](http://www.sos.state.tx.us/tac/index.shtml)) or on the Secretary of State's website at State Rules and Open Meetings ([www.sos.texas.gov](http://www.sos.texas.gov)).

TRD-202502229

Natalie McDermon  
Interim General Counsel  
Texas Ethics Commission  
Filed: July 3, 2025



The Texas Ethics Commission (Commission) files this Notice of Intent to Review and consider for re-adoption, revision, or repeal, Chapter 26, regarding Political and Legislative Advertising, in its entirety, contained in Title 1, Part 2, Texas Administrative Code. This review is being conducted in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code § 2001.039.

During the review, the Commission will assess whether the reasons for adopting or readopting the rules in this chapter continues to exist. The Commission will review each rule to determine whether it is obsolete, whether the rules reflect current legal and policy considerations, and whether the rules reflect current Commission procedures.

A detailed plan of the expected timing of the review for each chapter is available at the TEC's website at <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/search/rules/commission/RuleReviewPlan.pdf>.

The Commission invites comments on this rule review from any member of the public. A written statement should be emailed to [public\\_comment@ethics.state.tx.us](mailto:public_comment@ethics.state.tx.us), or mailed or delivered to James Tinley, Executive Director, Texas Ethics Commission, P.O. Box 12070, Austin, Texas 78711-2070. The deadline for comments is on or before 5:00 p.m. Central Time on the 31st day after the date this notice is published in the *Texas Register*. Should the Commission determine that amendments or repeals to these rules are warranted, a separate rulemaking process with opportunity for public comment will be initiated in accordance with the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001.

The text of the chapters being reviewed will not be published but may be found in Title 1, Part 2, of the Texas Administrative Code ([www.sos.state.tx.us/tac/index.shtml](http://www.sos.state.tx.us/tac/index.shtml)) or on the Secretary of State's website at State Rules and Open Meetings ([www.sos.texas.gov](http://www.sos.texas.gov)).

TRD-202502230  
Natalie McDermon  
Interim General Counsel  
Texas Ethics Commission  
Filed: July 3, 2025



The Texas Ethics Commission (Commission) files this Notice of Intent to Review and consider for re-adoption, revision, or repeal, Chapter 28, regarding Reports by a Candidate for Speaker of the House of Representatives, in its entirety, contained in Title 1, Part 2, Texas Administrative Code. This review is being conducted in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code §2001.039.

The Texas Administrative Procedure Act (Gov't Code, Ch. 2001) requires every state agency to conduct a periodic review of its rules. The law requires a state agency to review and readopt, readopt with amendments, or repeal rules on the fourth anniversary of the date on which the rule takes effect and every four years after that date. Tex. Gov't Code §2001.039. A state agency's review of a rule must include an assessment of whether the reasons for initially adopting the rule continue to exist.

During the review, the Commission will assess whether the reasons for adopting or readopting the rules in this chapter continues to exist. The Commission will review each rule to determine whether it is obsolete,

whether the rules reflect current legal and policy considerations, and whether the rules reflect current Commission procedures.

A detailed plan of the expected timing of the review for each chapter is available at the TEC's website at <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/search/rules/commission/RuleReviewPlan.pdf>.

The Commission invites comments on this rule review from any member of the public. A written statement should be emailed to [public\\_comment@ethics.state.tx.us](mailto:public_comment@ethics.state.tx.us), or mailed or delivered to James Tinley, Executive Director, Texas Ethics Commission, P.O. Box 12070, Austin, Texas 78711-2070. The deadline for comments is on or before 5:00 p.m. Central Time on the 31st day after the date this notice is published in the *Texas Register*. Should the Commission determine that amendments or repeals to these rules are warranted, a separate rulemaking process with opportunity for public comment will be initiated in accordance with the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001.

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TRD-202502236  
Natalie McDermon  
Interim General Counsel  
Texas Ethics Commission  
Filed: July 3, 2025



The Texas Ethics Commission (Commission) files this Notice of Intent to Review and consider for re-adoption, revision, or repeal, Chapter 34, regarding Regulation of Lobbyists, in its entirety, contained in Title 1, Part 2, Texas Administrative Code. This review is being conducted in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code §2001.039.

During the review, the Commission will assess whether the reasons for adopting or readopting the rules in this chapter continues to exist. The Commission will review each rule to determine whether it is obsolete, whether the rules reflect current legal and policy considerations, and whether the rules reflect current Commission procedures.

A detailed plan of the expected timing of the review for each chapter is available at the TEC's website at <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/search/rules/commission/RuleReviewPlan.pdf>.

The Commission invites comments on this rule review from any member of the public. A written statement should be emailed to [public\\_comment@ethics.state.tx.us](mailto:public_comment@ethics.state.tx.us), or mailed or delivered to James Tinley, Executive Director, Texas Ethics Commission, P.O. Box 12070, Austin, Texas 78711-2070. The deadline for comments is on or before 5:00 p.m. Central Time on the 31st day after the date this notice is published in the *Texas Register*. Should the Commission determine that amendments or repeals to these rules are warranted, a separate rulemaking process with opportunity for public comment will be initiated in accordance with the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001.

The text of the chapters being reviewed will not be published but may be found in Title 1, Part 2, of the Texas Administrative Code ([www.sos.state.tx.us/tac/index.shtml](http://www.sos.state.tx.us/tac/index.shtml)) or on the Secretary of State's website at State Rules and Open Meetings ([www.sos.texas.gov](http://www.sos.texas.gov)).

TRD-202502231

Natalie McDermon  
Interim General Counsel  
Texas Ethics Commission  
Filed: July 3, 2025



The Texas Ethics Commission (Commission) files this Notice of Intent to Review and consider for re-adoption, revision, or repeal, Chapter 40, regarding Financial Disclosure for Public Officers, in its entirety, contained in Title 1, Part 2, Texas Administrative Code. This review is being conducted in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code § 2001.039.

During the review, the Commission will assess whether the reasons for adopting or readopting the rules in this chapter continues to exist. The Commission will review each rule to determine whether it is obsolete, whether the rules reflect current legal and policy considerations, and whether the rules reflect current Commission procedures.

A detailed plan of the expected timing of the review for each chapter is available at the TEC's website at <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/search/rules/commission/RuleReviewPlan.pdf>.

The Commission invites comments on this rule review from any member of the public. A written statement should be emailed to [public\\_comment@ethics.state.tx.us](mailto:public_comment@ethics.state.tx.us), or mailed or delivered to James Tinley, Executive Director, Texas Ethics Commission, P.O. Box 12070, Austin, Texas 78711-2070. The deadline for comments is on or before 5:00 p.m. Central Time on the 31st day after the date this notice is published in the *Texas Register*. Should the Commission determine that amendments or repeals to these rules are warranted, a separate rulemaking process with opportunity for public comment will be initiated in accordance with the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001.

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TRD-202502232  
Natalie McDermon  
Interim General Counsel  
Texas Ethics Commission  
Filed: July 3, 2025



The Texas Ethics Commission (Commission) files this Notice of Intent to Review and consider for re-adoption, revision, or repeal, Chapter 45, regarding Conflicts of Interest, in its entirety, contained in Title 1, Part 2, Texas Administrative Code. This review is being conducted in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code § 2001.039.

During the review, the Commission will assess whether the reasons for adopting or readopting the rules in this chapter continues to exist. The Commission will review each rule to determine whether it is obsolete, whether the rules reflect current legal and policy considerations, and whether the rules reflect current Commission procedures.

A detailed plan of the expected timing of the review for each chapter is available at the TEC's website at <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/search/rules/commission/RuleReviewPlan.pdf>.

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Tinley, Executive Director, Texas Ethics Commission, P.O. Box 12070, Austin, Texas 78711-2070. The deadline for comments is on or before 5:00 p.m. Central Time on the 31st day after the date this notice is published in the *Texas Register*. Should the Commission determine that amendments or repeals to these rules are warranted, a separate rulemaking process with opportunity for public comment will be initiated in accordance with the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001.

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TRD-202502233  
Natalie McDermon  
Interim General Counsel  
Texas Ethics Commission  
Filed: July 3, 2025



The Texas Ethics Commission (Commission) files this Notice of Intent to Review and consider for re-adoption, revision, or repeal, Chapter 46, regarding Disclosure of Interested Parties, in its entirety, contained in Title 1, Part 2, Texas Administrative Code. This review is being conducted in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code § 2001.039.

During the review, the Commission will assess whether the reasons for adopting or readopting the rules in this chapter continues to exist. The Commission will review each rule to determine whether it is obsolete, whether the rules reflect current legal and policy considerations, and whether the rules reflect current Commission procedures.

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The Commission invites comments on this rule reviews from any member of the public. A written statement should be emailed to [public\\_comment@ethics.state.tx.us](mailto:public_comment@ethics.state.tx.us), or mailed or delivered to James Tinley, Executive Director, Texas Ethics Commission, P.O. Box 12070, Austin, Texas 78711-2070. The deadline for comments is on or before 5:00 p.m. Central Time on the 31st day after the date this notice is published in the *Texas Register*. Should the Commission determine that amendments or repeals to these rules are warranted, a separate rulemaking process with opportunity for public comment will be initiated in accordance with the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001.

The text of the chapters being reviewed will not be published but may be found in Title 1, Part 2, of the Texas Administrative Code ([www.sos.state.tx.us/tac/index.shtml](http://www.sos.state.tx.us/tac/index.shtml)) or on the Secretary of State's website at State Rules and Open Meetings ([www.sos.texas.gov](http://www.sos.texas.gov)).

TRD-202502234  
Natalie McDermon  
Interim General Counsel  
Texas Ethics Commission  
Filed: July 3, 2025



The Texas Ethics Commission (Commission) files this Notice of Intent to Review and consider for re-adoption, revision, or repeal, Chapter 50, regarding Legislative Salaries and Per Diem, in its entirety, contained in Title 1, Part 2, Texas Administrative Code. This review is being conducted in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code § 2001.039.

During the review, the Commission will assess whether the reasons for adopting or readopting the rule in this chapter continues to exist. The Commission will review each rule to determine whether it is obsolete, whether the rule reflects current legal and policy considerations, and whether the rule reflects current Commission procedures.

A detailed plan of the expected timing of the review for each chapter is available at the TEC's website at <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/search/rules/commission/RuleReviewPlan.pdf>.

The Commission invites comments on this rule review from any member of the public. A written statement should be emailed to [public\\_comment@ethics.state.tx.us](mailto:public_comment@ethics.state.tx.us), or mailed or delivered to James Tinley, Executive Director, Texas Ethics Commission, P.O. Box 12070, Austin, Texas 78711-2070. The deadline for comments is on or before 5:00 p.m. Central Time on the 31st day after the date this notice is published in the *Texas Register*. Should the Commission

determine that amendments or repeals to these rules are warranted, a separate rulemaking process with opportunity for public comment will be initiated in accordance with the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001.

The text of the rule being reviewed will not be published but may be found in Title 1, Part 2, of the Texas Administrative Code ([www.sos.state.tx.us/tac/index.shtml](http://www.sos.state.tx.us/tac/index.shtml)) or on the Secretary of State's website at State Rules and Open Meetings ([www.sos.texas.gov](http://www.sos.texas.gov)).

TRD-202502235  
Natalie McDermon  
Interim General Counsel  
Texas Ethics Commission  
Filed: July 3, 2025





# IN ADDITION

The *Texas Register* is required by statute to publish certain documents, including applications to purchase control of state banks, notices of rate ceilings issued by the Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner, and consultant proposal requests and awards. State agencies also may publish other notices of general interest as space permits.

## Office of the Attorney General

Texas Health and Safety Code and Texas Water Code  
Settlement Notice

The State of Texas gives notice of the following proposed resolution of a state superfund appeal under the Texas Health and Safety Code and the Texas Water Code. Before the State may enter into a voluntary settlement agreement, pursuant to section 7.110 of the Texas Water Code, the State shall permit the public to comment in writing. The Attorney General will consider any written comments and may withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed agreement if the comments disclose facts or considerations indicating that consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the law.

**Case Title and Court:** *Goldston Oil Corporation v. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality*, Cause No. D-1-GN-21-005412; in the 53rd Judicial District of Travis County, Texas.

**Background:** On August 11, 2021, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ") issued an administrative order ("Order") finding that certain parties, including Goldston Oil Corporation, were potentially responsible for solid waste, hazardous substances, pollutants, and other contaminants at the McBay Oil and Gas State Superfund Site (the "Site"), a former oil refinery and oil reclamation plant located on a 20.32-acre tract on FM 1272, two miles west of the intersection with FM 2968 (North Olive Street), near Grapeland, Houston County, Texas. TCEQ's Order required Goldston Oil Corporation, and other potentially responsible parties, to reimburse all costs associated with TCEQ's cleanup of the Site. On September 16, 2021, Goldston Oil Corporation filed an appeal of TCEQ's Order.

**Proposed Agreed Judgment:** The Parties propose an Agreed Final Judgment which provides TCEQ's releases and covenants not to sue Goldston concerning the Site subject to certain reservations of rights. The settlement also provides that Goldston releases and covenants not to sue TCEQ concerning the Site or this litigation.

For a complete description of the proposed settlement, the complete proposed Agreed Final Judgment should be reviewed in its entirety. Requests for copies of the proposed settlement, and written comments on the same, should be directed to Clark Reeder, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General of Texas, P.O. Box 12548, MC-066, Austin, Texas 78711-2548, (512) 463-2012, facsimile (512) 320-0911; email: Clark.Reeder@oag.texas.gov. Written comments must be received within 30 days of publication of this notice to be considered.

TRD-202502293  
Justin Gordon  
General Counsel  
Office of the Attorney General  
Filed: July 9, 2025

## Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority

Update: Request for Proposal for Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Project Management

Updated Responses Due:

Thursday, July 10, 2025, 4:00 p.m. C.T.

Submit Responses to:

Finance Department

financeprocurement@ctrma.org

Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Project Management

Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority

3300 N IH-35, Suite 300

Austin, Texas 78705

The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (the "Mobility Authority"), a political subdivision of the State of Texas, is soliciting statements of interest and qualifications from professional accounting firms to serve as external auditors for financial statements produced by the Mobility Authority.

Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (CTRMA) recognizes the need to modernize its technological architecture and optimize business processes through the implementation of a best-in-class ERP solution that can be adapted to meet CTRMA's requirements. CTRMA will embark on a structured exercise to evaluate, select, and plan for a modern ERP software solution to meet CTRMA's future state needs.

This Request for Proposal (RFP) is being issued to establish a contract with an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Project Manager.

TRD-202502208

Ann Zigmond

Controller

Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority

Filed: July 2, 2025

## Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner

Notice of Rate Ceilings

The Consumer Credit Commissioner of Texas has ascertained the following rate ceilings by use of the formulas and methods described in §303.003, and §303.009, Texas Finance Code.

The weekly ceiling as prescribed by §303.003 and §303.009 for the period of 07/14/25- 07/20/25 is 18.00% for consumer<sup>1</sup> credit.

The weekly ceiling as prescribed by §303.003 and §303.009 for the period of 07/14/25- 07/20/25 is 18.00% for commercial<sup>2</sup> credit.

<sup>1</sup> Credit for personal, family, or household use.

<sup>2</sup> Credit for business, commercial, investment, or other similar purpose.

TRD-202502257

Leslie L. Pettijohn

Commissioner

Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner

Filed: July 8, 2025

## Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

### Agreed Orders

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ or commission) staff is providing an opportunity for written public comment on the listed Agreed Orders (AOs) in accordance with Texas Water Code (TWC), §7.075. TWC, §7.075, requires that before the commission may approve the AOs, the commission shall allow the public an opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed AOs. TWC, §7.075, requires that notice of the proposed orders and the opportunity to comment must be published in the *Texas Register* no later than the 30th day before the date on which the public comment period closes, which in this case is **August 18, 2025**. TWC, §7.075, also requires that the commission promptly consider any written comments received and that the commission may withdraw or withhold approval of an AO if a comment discloses facts or considerations that indicate that consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the statutes and rules within the commission's jurisdiction or the commission's orders and permits issued in accordance with the commission's regulatory authority. Additional notice of changes to a proposed AO is not required to be published if those changes are made in response to written comments.

A copy of each proposed AO is available for public inspection at both the commission's central office, located at 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building C, 1st Floor, Austin, Texas 78753, (512) 239-2545 and at the applicable regional office listed as follows. Written comments about an AO should be sent to the enforcement coordinator designated for each AO at the commission's central office at P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 and must be received by 5:00 p.m. on **August 18, 2025**. Written comments may also be sent by facsimile machine to the enforcement coordinator at (512) 239-2550. The commission's enforcement coordinators are available to discuss the AOs and/or the comment procedure at the listed phone numbers; however, TWC, §7.075, provides that comments on the AOs shall be submitted to the commission in writing.

(1) COMPANY: 7461 W. Vickery, LLC; DOCKET NUMBER: 2024-1962-PWS-E; IDENTIFIER: RN101263531; LOCATION: Benbrook, Tarrant County; TYPE OF FACILITY: public water supply; RULES VIOLATED: 30 TAC §290.39(j)(1)(A) and Texas Health and Safety Code (THSC), §341.0351, by failing to notify the Executive Director and receive approval prior to making a significant change or addition where the change in the existing system results in an increase or decrease in production, treatment, storage or pressure maintenance; 30 TAC §290.45(d)(2)(A)(ii) and THSC, §341.0315(c), by failing to provide a minimum pressure tank capacity of 220 gallons; 30 TAC §290.46(s)(1), by failing to calibrate the facility's well meter at least once every three years; 30 TAC §290.46(s)(2)(C)(i), by failing to verify the accuracy of the manual disinfectant residual analyzer at least once every 90 days using chlorine solutions of known concentrations; and 30 TAC §290.121(a) and (b), by failing to develop and maintain an up-to-date chemical and microbiological monitoring plan that identifies all sampling locations, describes the sampling frequency, and specifies the analytical procedures and laboratories that the facility will use to comply with the monitoring requirements; PENALTY: \$2,294; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: De'Shaune Blake, (210) 403-4033; REGIONAL OFFICE: 14250 Judson Road, San Antonio, Texas 78233-4480, (210) 492-3096.

(2) COMPANY: Aqua Texas, Incorporated; DOCKET NUMBER: 2025-0556-PWS-E; IDENTIFIER: RN102673274; LOCATION: Spicewood, Travis County; TYPE OF FACILITY: public water supply; RULES VIOLATED: 30 TAC §290.115(f)(1) and Texas

Health and Safety Code, §341.0315(c), by failing to comply with the maximum contaminant level of 0.080 milligrams per liter for total trihalomethanes, based on the locational running annual average; PENALTY: \$2,925; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Ashley Adams, (512) 239-1118; REGIONAL OFFICE: 5425 Polk Street, Suite H, Houston, Texas 77023-1452, (713) 767-3500.

(3) COMPANY: Blackhorse Storage, LLC; DOCKET NUMBER: 2024-1873-PWS-E; IDENTIFIER: RN105898597; LOCATION: Cypress, Harris County; TYPE OF FACILITY: public water supply; RULES VIOLATED: 30 TAC §290.41(c)(3)(J), by failing to provide the facility's Well Number 2 with a concrete sealing block that extends a minimum of three feet from the well casing in all directions, with a minimum thickness of six inches and sloped to drain away from Well Number 2 wellhead at not less than 0.25 inches per foot; 30 TAC §290.45(d)(2)(B)(ii) and Texas Health and Safety Code (THSC), §341.0315(c), by failing to provide ground storage capacity equal to 50% of the maximum daily demand (MDD); and 30 TAC §290.45(d)(2)(B)(iv) and THSC, §341.0315(c), by failing to provide at least two service pumps with a total capacity of three times the MDD; PENALTY: \$3,250; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Emerson Rinewalt, (512) 239-1131; REGIONAL OFFICE: P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512) 239-2545.

(4) COMPANY: C and C Metals, Incorporated; DOCKET NUMBER: 2023-1387-AIR-E; IDENTIFIER: RN106084452; LOCATION: Conroe, Montgomery County; TYPE OF FACILITY: metal fabrication facility; RULES VIOLATED: 30 TAC §116.110(a) and Texas Health and Safety Code, §382.0518(a) and §382.085(b), by failing to obtain authorization prior to constructing or modifying a source of air contaminants; PENALTY: \$2,250; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Michael Wilkins, (325) 698-6134; REGIONAL OFFICE: 1977 Industrial Boulevard, Abilene, Texas 79602-7833, (325) 698-9674.

(5) COMPANY: Cinco Municipal Utility District Number 1; DOCKET NUMBER: 2021-1570-MWD-E; IDENTIFIER: RN102739802; LOCATION: Katy, Fort Bend County; TYPE OF FACILITY: wastewater treatment facility; RULES VIOLATED: 30 TAC §305.125(1), TWC, §26.121(a)(1), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Number WQ0013558001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements Number 1, by failing to comply with permitted effluent limitations; PENALTY: \$15,750; SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT OFFSET AMOUNT: \$12,600; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Taylor Williamson, (512) 239-2097; REGIONAL OFFICE: 5425 Polk Street, Suite H, Houston, Texas 77023-1452, (713) 767-3500.

(6) COMPANY: City of Petersburg; DOCKET NUMBER: 2023-1190-PWS-E; IDENTIFIER: RN103905543; LOCATION: Petersburg, Hale County; TYPE OF FACILITY: public water supply; RULES VIOLATED: 30 TAC §290.41(c)(3)(K), by failing to provide a well casing vent for Well Number 6 that is covered with 16-mesh or finer corrosion-resistant screen, facing downward, elevated and located as to minimize the drawing of contaminants into the well; 30 TAC §290.43(c)(4), by failing to ensure that all clearwells and water storage tanks have a liquid level indicator located at the tank site; 30 TAC §290.44(h)(4), by failing to have all backflow prevention assemblies tested upon installation and on an annual basis by a recognized backflow prevention assembly tester and certify that they are operating within specifications; 30 TAC §290.46(f)(2) and (3)(A)(iv), by failing to maintain water works operation and maintenance records and make them readily available for review by the Executive Director upon request; 30 TAC §290.46(j), by failing to complete a Customer Service Inspection certificate prior to providing continuous service to new construction or any existing service when the water purveyor has reason to believe that a cross-connection or other potential contamination hazard

exists; 30 TAC §290.46(m)(1)(A), by failing to inspect the facility's two elevated storage tanks and two ground storage tanks annually; 30 TAC §290.46(m)(6), by failing to maintain all pumps, motors, valves, and other mechanical devices in good working condition; and 30 TAC §290.121(a) and (b), by failing to maintain an up-to-date chemical and microbiological monitoring plan that identifies all sampling locations, describes the sampling frequency, and specifies the analytical procedures and laboratories that the public water system will use to comply with the monitoring requirements; PENALTY: \$5,980; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Kaisie Hubschmitt, (512) 239-1482; REGIONAL OFFICE: P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512) 239-2545.

(7) COMPANY: Countryside Acres Homeowners Association, Incorporated; DOCKET NUMBER: 2025-0190-PWS-E; IDENTIFIER: RN110652849; LOCATION: Stanton, Midland County; TYPE OF FACILITY: public water supply; RULES VIOLATED: 30 TAC §290.46(d)(2)(A) and §290.110(b)(4) and Texas Health and Safety Code (THSC), §341.0315(c), by failing to maintain a disinfectant residual of at least 0.2 milligrams per liter (mg/L) of free chlorine throughout the distribution system at all times; 30 TAC §290.106(f)(2) and THSC, §341.031(a), by failing to comply with the acute maximum contaminant level of ten mg/L for nitrate; 30 TAC §290.109(d)(2)(F), (f), and (g)(4), by failing to collect and report the results of routine monitoring samples for total coliform, fecal coliform, *E. coli* at the required sampling sites to the executive director (ED) for the monitoring periods of April through October, 2024; and 30 TAC §290.110(e)(4)(A) and (f)(3), by failing to submit a Disinfection Level Quarterly Operating Report to the ED by the tenth day of the month following the end of each quarter for the second quarter of 2024; PENALTY: \$12,337; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Hilda Iyasele, (512) 239-5280; REGIONAL OFFICE: 5425 Polk Street, Suite H, Houston, Texas 77023-1452, (713) 767-3500.

(8) COMPANY: DEER PARK REFINING LIMITED PARTNERSHIP; DOCKET NUMBER: 2024-0984-AIR-E; IDENTIFIER: RN111372785; LOCATION: Deer Park, Harris County; TYPE OF FACILITY: petroleum refinery; RULES VIOLATED: 30 TAC §§101.20(1) and (3), 116.715(a), and 122.143(4), 40 Code of Federal Regulations §60.102a(g)(1)(ii) and §60.103a(h), Flexible Permit Numbers 21262 and PSDTX928M1, Special Conditions Number 25, Federal Operating Permit Number O1669, General Terms and Conditions and Special Terms and Conditions Numbers 1.A and 24, and Texas Health and Safety Code, §382.085(b), by failing to comply with fuel gas hydrogen sulfide concentration limits; PENALTY: \$9,525; SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT OFFSET AMOUNT: \$3,810; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Rajesh Acharya, (512) 239-0577; REGIONAL OFFICE: P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512) 239-2545.

(9) COMPANY: Deer Trail Water District, LLC; DOCKET NUMBER: 2025-0064-PWS-E; IDENTIFIER: RN111521142; LOCATION: Montgomery, Montgomery County; TYPE OF FACILITY: public water supply; RULES VIOLATED: 30 TAC §290.39(j)(1)(A) and Texas Health and Safety Code, §341.0315(c), by failing to notify the executive director (ED) and receive approval prior to making a significant change or addition where the change in the existing system results in an increase or decrease in production, treatment, storage or pressure maintenance; and 30 TAC §290.46(q)(1), by failing to provide the copy of a boil water notice (BWN) to the ED within 24 hours after issuance by the facility and a signed Certificate of Delivery to the ED within ten days after issuance of the BWN; PENALTY: \$1,040; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: De'Shaune Blake, (210) 403-4033; REGIONAL OFFICE: 14250 Judson Road, San Antonio, Texas 78233-4480, (210) 492-3096.

(10) COMPANY: Enterprise Products Operating LLC; DOCKET NUMBER: 2024-1310-AIR-E; IDENTIFIER: RN102323268; LOCATION: Mont Belvieu, Chambers County; TYPE OF FACILITY: propylene production plant; RULES VIOLATED: 30 TAC §101.20(3) and §116.115(c), New Source Review Permit Numbers 156320, PSDTX1558M1, N272M1, and GHGPSDTX193M1, Special Conditions Number 1, and Texas Health and Safety Code, §382.085(b), by failing to prevent unauthorized emissions; PENALTY: \$75,000; SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT OFFSET AMOUNT: \$37,500; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Trenton White, (903) 535-5155; REGIONAL OFFICE: 2916 Teague Drive, Tyler, Texas 75701-3734, (903) 535-5100.

(11) COMPANY: Hannelore Crane dba Country Village Mobile Home Estates; DOCKET NUMBER: 2025-0353-PWS-E; IDENTIFIER: RN101267466; LOCATION: Midland, Midland County; TYPE OF FACILITY: public water supply; RULES VIOLATED: 30 TAC §290.39(o)(3) and §290.45(h)(1), by failing to adopt and submit to the Executive Director a complete Emergency Preparedness Plan that demonstrates the facility's ability to provide emergency operations; PENALTY: \$125; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Kaisie Hubschmitt, (512) 239-1482; REGIONAL OFFICE: P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512) 239-2545.

(12) COMPANY: HEP Javelina Company, LLC; DOCKET NUMBER: 2023-0611-IWD-E; IDENTIFIER: RN102190139; LOCATION: Corpus Christi, Nueces County; TYPE OF FACILITY: petroleum gas liquids processing facility; RULES VIOLATED: 30 TAC §305.125(1), TWC, §26.121(a)(1), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Number WQ0003137000, Interim Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements Number 1, by failing to comply with permitted effluent limitations; PENALTY: \$35,200; SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT OFFSET AMOUNT: \$14,080; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Harley Hobson, (512) 239-1337; REGIONAL OFFICE: P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512) 239-2545.

(13) COMPANY: JUNCTION CITY MINING COMPANY, LLC; DOCKET NUMBER: 2025-0370-EAQ-E; IDENTIFIER: RN108909615; LOCATION: New Braunfels, Comal County; TYPE OF FACILITY: aggregate production operation; RULES VIOLATED: 30 TAC §213.4(j)(6) and Edwards Aquifer Protection Plan Number 13000890, Standard Condition Numbers 2 and 6, by failing to obtain approval of a modification to an approved Aboveground Storage Tank (AST) Facility Plan prior to initiating any physical modification of the approved AST system; PENALTY: \$4,550; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Megan Crinklaw, (512) 239-1129; REGIONAL OFFICE: P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512) 239-2545.

(14) COMPANY: JWO Energy, LLC; DOCKET NUMBER: 2024-1561-AIR-E; IDENTIFIER: RN105148654; LOCATION: Pleasanton, Atascosa County; TYPE OF FACILITY: saltwater disposal site; RULES VIOLATED: 30 TAC §116.110(a) and Texas Health and Safety Code, §382.0518(a) and §382.085(b), by failing to obtain authorization prior to constructing or modifying a source of air contaminants; PENALTY: \$5,000; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Krystina Sepulveda, (956) 430-6045; REGIONAL OFFICE: 1804 West Jefferson Avenue, Harlingen, Texas 78550-5247, (956) 425-6010.

(15) COMPANY: Kishor Kumar Dalwadi dba Super Z Food Mart and Mahesh Dalwadi dba Super Z Food Mart; DOCKET NUMBER: 2025-0134-PST-E; IDENTIFIER: RN105021463; LOCATION: Trinity, Trinity County; TYPE OF FACILITY: convenience store with retail sales of gasoline; RULES VIOLATED: 30 TAC §334.8(c)(4)(A)(vii) and (5)(B)(ii), by failing to renew a previously issued underground storage tank (UST) delivery certificate by submitting a properly

completed UST registration and self-certification form at least 30 days before the expiration date; 30 TAC §334.8(c)(5)(A)(i) and TWC, §26.3467(a), by failing to make available to a common carrier a valid, current TCEQ delivery certificate before accepting delivery of a regulated substance into the UST; 30 TAC §334.48(g)(1)(B) and TWC, §26.3475(c)(2), by failing to inspect the overfill prevention equipment at least once every three years to ensure that the equipment is set to activate at the correct level and will activate when a regulated substance reaches that level; and 30 TAC §334.50(b)(1)(A) and TWC, §26.3475(c)(1), by failing to monitor the UST in a manner which will detect a release at a frequency of at least once every 30 days; PENALTY: \$7,750; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Ramya Wendt, (512) 239-2513; REGIONAL OFFICE: P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512) 239-2545.

(16) COMPANY: K LX Energy Services LLC; DOCKET NUMBER: 2024-0295-AIR-E; IDENTIFIER: RN110266194; LOCATION: Victoria, Victoria County; TYPE OF FACILITY: oilfield services and equipment provider; RULES VIOLATED: 30 TAC §101.4 and Texas Health and Safety Code, §382.085(a) and (b), by failing to prevent nuisance dust conditions; PENALTY: \$3,750; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Amy Cox, (512) 239-4631; REGIONAL OFFICE: P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512) 239-2545.

(17) COMPANY: Lake Livingston Water Supply Corporation; DOCKET NUMBER: 2025-0094-PWS-E; IDENTIFIER: RN101181121; LOCATION: Livingston, Polk County; TYPE OF FACILITY: public water supply; RULES VIOLATED: 30 TAC §290.106(f)(3)(C) and Texas Health and Safety Code, §341.0315(c), by failing to comply with the maximum contaminant level of 0.010 milligrams per liter for arsenic based on a running annual average; PENALTY: \$2,625; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Hilda Iyasele, (512) 239-5280; REGIONAL OFFICE: 5425 Polk Street, Suite H, Houston, Texas 77023-1452, (713) 767-3500.

(18) COMPANY: Motiva Enterprises LLC f/k/a Motiva Chemicals LLC; DOCKET NUMBER: 2023-1303-AIR-E; IDENTIFIER: RN100217389; LOCATION: Port Arthur, Jefferson County; TYPE OF FACILITY: chemical manufacturing plant; RULES VIOLATED: 30 TAC §§101.20(3), 116.715(a), and 122.143(4), New Source Review Permit Numbers 16989 and PSDTX794, Special Conditions Number 1, Federal Operating Permit Number O1317, General Terms and Conditions and Special Terms and Conditions Number 23, and Texas Health and Safety Code, §382.085(b), by failing to prevent unauthorized emissions; PENALTY: \$56,875; SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT OFFSET AMOUNT: \$28,437; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Caleb Martin, (512) 239-2091; REGIONAL OFFICE: 5425 Polk Street, Suite H, Houston, Texas 77023-1452, (713) 767-3500.

(19) COMPANY: Oak National Development, LLC; DOCKET NUMBER: 2025-0184-WQ-E; IDENTIFIER: RN111766499; LOCATION: Greenville, Hunt County; TYPE OF FACILITY: construction site; RULES VIOLATED: 30 TAC §281.25(a)(4), Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) General Permit Number TXR1515NL Part III Section F.2(b)iii, Part IV Section A.4, and Part IV Section B, by failing to initiate stabilization of disturbed areas whenever earth disturbing activities on any portion of the site have ceased and will not resume within 14 days, or have permanently ceased; 30 TAC §281.25(a)(4), TPDES General Permit Number TXR1515NL Part III Section F.2(c)i(A)(4), and Part IV Section F, by failing to utilize outlet structures that withdraw water from the surface when discharging from sedimentation basins or impoundments; 30 TAC §281.25(a)(4) and TPDES General Permit Number TXR1515NL Part III Sections F.6(a) and (c), by failing to maintain protective measures identified in the stormwater pollution prevention

plan in effective operating condition and to remove sediment from controls before it reaches 50% of the above ground height; and 30 TAC §281.25(a)(4) and TPDES General Permit Number TXR1515NL Part III Section F.6(d), by failing to remove sediment that escapes the site at a frequency that minimizes off-site impacts; PENALTY: \$6,825; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Megan Crinklaw, (512) 239-1129; REGIONAL OFFICE: P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512) 239-2545.

(20) COMPANY: Odfjell Terminals (Houston) Incorporated; DOCKET NUMBER: 2023-0367-AIR-E; IDENTIFIER: RN100218411; LOCATION: Seabrook, Harris County; TYPE OF FACILITY: chemical storage facility; RULES VIOLATED: 30 TAC §101.201(c) and §122.143(4), Federal Operating Permit (FOP) Number O3027, General Terms and Conditions (GTC) and Special Terms and Conditions (STC) Number 2.F, and Texas Health and Safety Code (THSC), §382.085(b), by failing to submit a final record for a reportable emissions event no later than two weeks after the end of the emissions event; 30 TAC §116.115(c) and §122.143(4), New Source Review Permit Number 8865, Special Conditions Number 1, FOP Number O3027, GTC and STC Number 18, and THSC, §382.085(b), by failing to prevent unauthorized emissions; 30 TAC §122.143(4) and §122.145(2)(C), FOP Number O3027, GTC, and THSC, §382.085(b), by failing to submit a deviation report no later than 30 days after the end of each reporting period; 30 TAC §122.143(4) and §122.146(2), FOP Number O3027, GTC and STC Number 21, and THSC, §382.085(b), by failing to submit a permit compliance certification within 30 days of any certification period; and 30 TAC §122.143(4) and (15) and §122.165(a)(7), FOP Number O3027, GTC, and THSC, §382.085(b), by failing to include a signed certification of accuracy and completeness; PENALTY: \$41,063; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Johnnie Wu, (512) 239-2524; REGIONAL OFFICE: P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512) 239-2545.

(21) COMPANY: On-Site Concrete Solutions, LLC; DOCKET NUMBER: 2023-1739-AIR-E; IDENTIFIER: RN111276457; LOCATION: Freeport, Brazoria County; TYPE OF FACILITY: concrete batch plant; RULES VIOLATED: 30 TAC §116.110(a) and Texas Health and Safety Code, §382.0518(a) and §382.085(b), by failing to obtain authorization prior to operating a source of air contaminants; PENALTY: \$1,875; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Trenton White, (903) 535-5155; REGIONAL OFFICE: 2916 Teague Drive, Tyler, Texas 75701-3734, (903) 535-5100.

(22) COMPANY: Orangefield Water Supply Corporation; DOCKET NUMBER: 2023-1153-MLM-E; IDENTIFIER: RN101222818; LOCATION: Orangefield, Orange County; TYPE OF FACILITY: public water supply; RULES VIOLATED: 30 TAC §288.20(a) and §288.30(5)(B), and TWC, §11.1272(c), by failing to adopt a drought contingency plan which includes all elements for municipal use by retail public water supplier; 30 TAC §290.43(c)(4), by failing to provide all water storage tanks with a liquid level indicator; 30 TAC §290.44(h)(1)(A), by failing to ensure additional protection was provided at all residences or establishments where an actual or potential contamination hazard exists in the form of an air gap or a backflow prevention assembly, as identified in 30 TAC §290.47(f); 30 TAC §290.45(b)(1)(D)(ii) and Texas Health and Safety Code, §341.0315(c), by failing to provide a total storage tank capacity of 200 gallons per connection; 30 TAC §290.46(f)(2) and (3)(A)(iii), (B)(ii), (iv) and (v), and (D)(ii), by failing to maintain water works operation and maintenance records and make them readily available for review by the Executive Director upon request; and 30 TAC §290.46(m), by failing to initiate maintenance and housekeeping practices to ensure the good working condition and general appearance of the system's facilities and equipment; PENALTY: \$7,302; ENFORCEMENT

COORDINATOR: Emerson Rinewalt, (512) 239-1131; REGIONAL OFFICE: P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512) 239-2545.

(23) COMPANY: Panola County; DOCKET NUMBER: 2023-1350-AIR-E; IDENTIFIER: RN111775573; LOCATION: Carthage, Panola County; TYPE OF FACILITY: road and bridge department; RULES VIOLATED: 30 TAC §114.20(a) and Texas Health and Safety Code, §382.085(b), by failing to maintain the system or device used to control emissions from the motor vehicle in good operable condition; PENALTY: \$1,125; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Christina Ferrara, (512) 239-5081; REGIONAL OFFICE: 5425 Polk Street, Suite H, Houston, Texas 77023-1452, (713) 767-3500.

(24) COMPANY: Ridley USA Incorporated; DOCKET NUMBER: 2024-1577-IWD-E; IDENTIFIER: RN106364409; LOCATION: Buffalo, Leon County; TYPE OF FACILITY: wastewater treatment facility; RULES VIOLATED: 30 TAC §305.125(1) and TCEQ Permit Number WQ0005121000, Special Provisions Number C, by failing to provide an automatic flow measuring device; 30 TAC §305.125(1) and §319.5(b) and TCEQ Permit Number WQ0005121000, Conditions of the Permit and Special Provisions Number L, by failing to collect and analyze samples at the intervals specified in the permit; 30 TAC §305.125(1) and (4) and TWC, §26.121 (a)(1) and TCEQ Permit Number WQ0005121000, Permit Conditions Number 2.g, by failing to prevent the unauthorized discharge of irrigation water into or adjacent to water in the state; 30 TAC §305.125(1) and (7) and §305.126(b) and TCEQ Permit Number WQ0005121000, Permit Conditions Number 4.a, by failing to notify the Executive Director as soon as possible of any planned physical alterations or additions to the permitted facility; and 30 TAC §305.125(1) and (11)(B) and §319.7(a) and (c) and TCEQ Permit Number WQ0005121000, Operational Requirements Number 1 and Monitoring Requirements Number 3, by failing to maintain all monitoring and reporting records at the facility; PENALTY: \$26,326; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Mistie Gonzales, (254) 761-3056; REGIONAL OFFICE: 6801 Sanger Avenue, Suite 2500, Waco, Texas 76710-7826, (254) 751-0335.

(25) COMPANY: Robert Cummings and Maria Cummings; DOCKET NUMBER: 2024-1521-MSW-E; IDENTIFIER: RN111888566; LOCATION: Colorado City, Mitchell County; TYPE OF FACILITY: unauthorized municipal solid waste (MSW) disposal site; RULES VIOLATED: 30 TAC §330.15(a) and (c), by failing to not cause, suffer, allow, or permit the unauthorized disposal of MSW; PENALTY: \$3,750; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Eresha DeSilva, (512) 239-5084; REGIONAL OFFICE: 5425 Polk Street, Suite H, Houston, Texas 77023-1452, (713) 767-3500.

(26) COMPANY: Staff Water Supply Corporation; DOCKET NUMBER: 2025-0254-PWS-E; IDENTIFIER: RN101189918; LOCATION: Eastland, Eastland County; TYPE OF FACILITY: public water supply; RULES VIOLATED: 30 TAC §290.39(o)(3) and §290.45(h)(1), by failing to adopt and submit to the Executive Director a complete Emergency Preparedness Plan that demonstrates the facility's ability to provide emergency operations; PENALTY: \$61; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Rachel Frey, (512) 239-4330; REGIONAL OFFICE: P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512) 239-2545.

(27) COMPANY: Stonetown Lazy Lane, LLC; DOCKET NUMBER: 2025-0196-PWS-E; IDENTIFIER: RN101459048; LOCATION: Spring, Montgomery County; TYPE OF FACILITY: public water supply; RULES VIOLATED: 30 TAC §290.39(o)(3) and §290.45(h)(1), by failing to adopt and submit to the Executive Director a complete Emergency Preparedness Plan that demonstrates the facility's ability to provide emergency operations; PENALTY: \$51; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Emerson Rinewalt, (512) 239-1131; REGIONAL OFFICE: P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512) 239-2545.

(28) COMPANY: Tokai Carbon CB Ltd.; DOCKET NUMBER: 2024-1355-AIR-E; IDENTIFIER: RN100222413; LOCATION: Borger, Hutchinson County; TYPE OF FACILITY: carbon black production plant; RULES VIOLATED: 30 TAC §§101.20(3), 111.111(a)(8)(A), 116.115(c), and 122.143(4), New Source Review Permit Numbers 1867A and PSDTX1032M1, Special Conditions Number 1.A, Federal Operating Permit Number O1414, General Terms and Conditions and Special Terms and Conditions Number 6, and Texas Health and Safety Code, §382.085(b), by failing to prevent unauthorized emissions; PENALTY: \$10,125; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Caleb Martin, (512) 239-2091; REGIONAL OFFICE: 5425 Polk Street, Suite H, Houston, Texas 77023-1452, (713) 767-3500.

(29) COMPANY: Torrent Oil LLC; DOCKET NUMBER: 2023-1289-AIR-E; IDENTIFIER: RN105354732; LOCATION: Baytown, Chambers County; TYPE OF FACILITY: crude petroleum and natural gas tank battery; RULES VIOLATED: 30 TAC §101.10(b)(2) and (e) and Texas Health and Safety Code, §382.085(b), by failing to submit an annual emissions inventory update for the previous calendar year by March 31st of each year or as directed by the commission; PENALTY: \$2,000; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Caleb Martin, (512) 239-2091; REGIONAL OFFICE: 5425 Polk Street, Suite H, Houston, Texas 77023-1452, (713) 767-3500.

(30) COMPANY: Torrent Oil LLC; DOCKET NUMBER: 2023-1290-AIR-E; IDENTIFIER: RN106509508; LOCATION: Port Neches, Orange County; TYPE OF FACILITY: oil and gas production site; RULES VIOLATED: 30 TAC §101.10(b)(2) and (e) and Texas Health and Safety Code, §382.085(b), by failing to submit an annual emissions inventory update for the previous calendar year by March 31st of each year or as directed by the commission; PENALTY: \$2,000; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Caleb Martin, (512) 239-2091; REGIONAL OFFICE: 5425 Polk Street, Suite H, Houston, Texas 77023-1452, (713) 767-3500.

(31) COMPANY: U.S. LAND CORPORATION; DOCKET NUMBER: 2025-0630-PWS-E; IDENTIFIER: RN110796356; LOCATION: Willis, Montgomery County; TYPE OF FACILITY: public water supply; RULES VIOLATED: 30 TAC §290.39(o)(3) and §290.45(h)(1), by failing to adopt and submit to the Executive Director a complete Emergency Preparedness Plan that demonstrates the facility's ability to provide emergency operations; PENALTY: \$50; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Kaisie Hubschmitt, (512) 239-1482; REGIONAL OFFICE: P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512) 239-2545.

(32) COMPANY: Walden Pond Fresh Water Supply District of Kaufman County; DOCKET NUMBER: 2025-0224-PWS-E; IDENTIFIER: RN111475133; LOCATION: Forney, Kaufman County; TYPE OF FACILITY: public water supply; RULE VIOLATED: 30 TAC §290.39(o)(1), by failing to adopt and submit to the TCEQ for approval an emergency preparedness plan that demonstrates the facility's ability to provide emergency operations; PENALTY: \$450; ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR: Tessa Bond, (512) 239-1269; REGIONAL OFFICE: P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512) 239-2545.

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Enforcement Orders

A default order was adopted regarding SOUTHERN STOP LLC dba BZ Mart 2, Docket No. 2021-1080-PST-E on July 9, 2025 assessing \$5,719 in administrative penalties. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Benjamin Pence, Staff Attorney at (512) 239-3400, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

A default order was adopted regarding 555 Main Street, LLC, Docket No. 2021-1174-PST-E on July 9, 2025 assessing \$16,295 in administrative penalties. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Misty James, Staff Attorney at (512) 239-3400, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

A default order was adopted regarding Michael Rodriguez dba Oak Acres Mobile Home Park, Docket No. 2022-0455-PWS-E on July 9, 2025 assessing \$6,125 in administrative penalties. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Misty James, Staff Attorney at (512) 239-3400, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

A default order was adopted regarding TRIANGLE BUSINESS, INC. dba Honey Stop 22, Docket No. 2022-0840-PST-E on July 9, 2025 assessing \$5,220 in administrative penalties. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Laney Foeller, Staff Attorney at (512) 239-3400, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Natgasoline LLC, Docket No. 2022-1180-IWD-E on July 9, 2025 assessing \$27,225 in administrative penalties with \$5,445 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Harley Hobson, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

A default order was adopted regarding Dollie Jobe, Docket No. 2023-1165-PST-E on July 9, 2025 assessing \$5,140 in administrative penalties. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting A'twar Wilkins, Staff Attorney at (512) 239-3400, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Lyondell Chemical Company, Docket No. 2024-0903-AIR-E on July 9, 2025 assessing \$27,375 in administrative penalties with \$5,475 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Krystina Sepulveda, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Targa Pipeline Mid-Continent WestTex LLC, Docket No. 2024-1189-AIR-E on July 9, 2025 assessing \$12,688 in administrative penalties with \$2,537 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Trenton White, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Docket No. 2024-1269-MWD-E on July 9, 2025 assessing \$19,250 in administrative penalties with \$3,850 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Taylor Williamson, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Rock Solid Precast, LP, Docket No. 2024-1300-WQ-E on July 9, 2025 assessing \$12,436 in administrative penalties with \$2,487 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Harley Hobson, En-

forcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding San Diego Municipal Utility District No. 1, Docket No. 2024-1442-PWS-E on July 9, 2025 assessing \$5,500 in administrative penalties with \$5,500 deferred. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Wyatt Throm, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding CSWR-Texas Utility Operating Company, LLC, Docket No. 2024-1489-PWS-E on July 9, 2025 assessing \$750 in administrative penalties. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Savannah Jackson, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

An agreed order was adopted regarding Darling Ingredients Inc., Docket No. 2024-1857-AIR-E on July 9, 2025 assessing \$39,375 in administrative penalties. Information concerning any aspect of this order may be obtained by contacting Caleb Martin, Enforcement Coordinator at (512) 239-2545, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

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#### Notice of Application and Public Hearing for an Air Quality Standard Permit for a Concrete Batch Plant with Enhanced Controls Proposed Air Quality Registration Number 146422

**APPLICATION.** Texas Materials Group Inc, 1320 Arrow Point Drive Ste 600, Cedar Park, Texas 78613-2189 has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Amendment to Air Quality Standard Permit for a Concrete Batch Plant with Enhanced Controls Registration Number 146422 that authorizes the operation of a concrete batch plant. The facility is located at 7305 Farm-to-Market Road 1102, New Braunfels, Comal County, Texas 78132. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/Location-Mapper/?marker=-98.047409,29.797801&level=13>. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on May 19, 2025. The primary function of this plant is to manufacture concrete by mixing materials including (but not limited to) sand, aggregate, cement and water. The executive director has determined the application was technically complete on June 20, 2025.

**PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC HEARING.** Public written comments about this application may be submitted at any time during the public comment period. The public comment period begins on the first date notice is published and extends to the close of the public hearing. Public comments may be submitted either in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at [www.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/). Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record.

A public hearing has been scheduled, that will consist of two parts, an informal discussion period and a formal comment period. During the

informal discussion period, the public is encouraged to ask questions of the applicant and TCEQ staff concerning the application, but comments made during the informal period will not be considered by the executive director before reaching a decision on the permit, and no formal response will be made to the informal comments. During the formal comment period, members of the public may state their comments into the official record. **Written comments about this application may also be submitted at any time during the hearing.** The purpose of a public hearing is to provide the opportunity to submit written comments or an oral statement about the application. **The public hearing is not an evidentiary proceeding.**

**The Public Hearing is to be held:**

**Monday, August 18, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**

**New Braunfels Convention Center - Garden Room 102 & 103**

**375 South Castell Avenue**

**New Braunfels, Texas 78130**

**RESPONSE TO COMMENTS.** A written response to all formal comments will be prepared by the executive director after the comment period closes. The response, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and the response to comments will be posted in the permit file for viewing.

The executive director shall approve or deny the application not later than 35 days after the date of the public hearing, considering all comments received within the comment period, and base this decision on whether the application meets the requirements of the standard permit.

**CENTRAL/REGIONAL OFFICE.** The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office and the TCEQ San Antonio Regional Office, located at 14250 Judson Road, San Antonio, Texas 78233-4480, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The application, including any updates, is available electronically at the following webpage: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/air/airpermit-applications-notices>.

**INFORMATION.** For more information about the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at (800) 687-4040 or visit their website at [www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep). Si desea información en español, puede llamar al (800) 687-4040. You can also view our website for public participation opportunities at [www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/participation](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/participation).

Further information may also be obtained from Texas Materials Group, Inc., 1320 Arrow Point Dr Ste 600, Cedar Park, Texas 78613-2189, or by calling Mrs. Melissa Fitts, Senior Vice President, Westward Environmental, Inc. at (830) 249-8284.

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Notice of Application and Public Hearing for an Air Quality Standard Permit for a Concrete Batch Plant with Enhanced Controls Proposed Air Quality Registration Number 180387

**APPLICATION.** 100X Concrete LLC, 340 Trailside, Prosper, Texas 75078-0345 has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmen-

tal Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit for a Concrete Batch Plant with Enhanced Controls Registration Number 180387 to authorize the operation of a concrete batch plant. The facility is proposed to be located at 10400 Osburn Road, Pilot Point, Denton County, Texas 76258. This application is being processed in an expedited manner, as allowed by the commission's rules in 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 101, Subchapter J. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/Location-Mapper/?marker=-96.951352,33.332244&level=13>. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on June 4, 2025. The primary function of this plant is to manufacture concrete by mixing materials including (but not limited to) sand, aggregate, cement and water. The executive director has determined the application was technically complete on June 14, 2025.

**PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC HEARING.** Public written comments about this application may be submitted at any time during the public comment period. The public comment period begins on the first date notice is published and extends to the close of the public hearing. Public comments may be submitted either in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at [www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/](http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/). Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record.

A public hearing has been scheduled, that will consist of two parts, an informal discussion period and a formal comment period. During the informal discussion period, the public is encouraged to ask questions of the applicant and TCEQ staff concerning the application, but comments made during the informal period will not be considered by the executive director before reaching a decision on the permit, and no formal response will be made to the informal comments. During the formal comment period, members of the public may state their comments into the official record. **Written comments about this application may also be submitted at any time during the hearing.** The purpose of a public hearing is to provide the opportunity to submit written comments or an oral statement about the application. **The public hearing is not an evidentiary proceeding.**

**The Public Hearing is to be held:**

**Monday, August 25, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**

**City Of Aubrey Community Center**

**226 Countryside Drive**

**Aubrey, Texas 76227**

**RESPONSE TO COMMENTS.** A written response to all formal comments will be prepared by the executive director after the comment period closes. The response, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and the response to comments will be posted in the permit file for viewing.

The executive director shall approve or deny the application not later than 35 days after the date of the public hearing, considering all comments received within the comment period, and base this decision on whether the application meets the requirements of the standard permit.

**CENTRAL/REGIONAL OFFICE.** The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office and the TCEQ Dallas/Fort Worth Regional Office, located at 2309 Gravel Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76118-6951, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.,

Monday through Friday, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The application, including any updates, is available electronically at the following webpage: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/air/airpermit-applications-notices>.

**INFORMATION.** For more information about the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at (800) 687-4040 or visit their website at [www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep). *Si desea información en español, puede llamar al (800) 687-4040.* You can also view our website for public participation opportunities at [www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/participation](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/participation).

Further information may also be obtained from 100X Concrete LLC, 340 Trailside, Prosper, Texas 75078-0345, or by calling Ms. Amelia Hudson, Assistant Director, Compliance Planning at (972) 385-8069.

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### Notice of District Petition - D-06172025-032

Notice issued July 3, 2025

TCEQ Internal Control No. D-06172025-032: Honeycreek Venetian, LLC, a Wyoming limited liability corporation, and Venetian 141 Swisher, LLC, a Wyoming limited liability corporation, (Petitioners) filed a petition for creation of City of Weston Municipal Utility District No. 1 (District) with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The petition was filed pursuant to Article XVI, Section 59 of the Constitution of the State of Texas; Chapters 49 and 54 of the Texas Water Code; 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 293; and the procedural rules of the TCEQ. The petition states that: (1) the Petitioners hold title to a majority in value of the land to be included in the proposed District; (2) there are no lienholders on the property to be included in the proposed; (3) the proposed District will contain approximately 291.348 acres located within Collin County, Texas; and (4) all of the land within the proposed District is wholly within the corporate limits of the City of Weston, Texas. By Resolution No. 2024-02-02, passed and adopted on February 27, 2024, the City of Weston, Texas, gave its consent to the creation of the proposed District, pursuant to Texas Water Code Section 54.016.

The petition further states that the proposed District will: (1) purchase, construct, acquire, improve, or extend inside or outside of its boundaries any and all works, improvements, facilities, plants, equipment, and appliances necessary or helpful to supply and distribute water for municipal, domestic, and commercial purposes; (2) gather, conduct, divert, abate, amend and control local storm water or other local harmful excess of water in the proposed District; (3) design, acquire, construct, finance, improve, operate, and maintain macadamized, graveled, or paved roads and turnpikes, or improvements in the aid of those roads; and, (4) purchase, construct, acquire, improve, or extend inside or outside of its boundaries such additional facilities, systems, plants, and enterprises as shall be consonant with the purposes for which the proposed District is created. According to the petition, a preliminary investigation has been made to determine the cost of the project, and it is estimated by the Petitioners that the cost of said project will be approximately \$79,100,000 (\$55,420,000 for water, wastewater, and drainage plus \$23,680,000 for roads).

INFORMATION SECTION

To view the complete issued notice, view the notice on our website at [www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/cc/pub\\_notice.html](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/cc/pub_notice.html) or call the Office of the Chief Clerk at (512) 239-3300 to obtain a copy of the complete notice. When searching the website, type in the issued date range shown at the top of this document to obtain search results. The TCEQ may grant a contested case hearing on the petition if a written hearing request is filed within 30 days after the newspaper publication of the notice. To request a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) the name of the Petitioner and the TCEQ Internal Control Number; (3) the statement "I/we request a contested case hearing"; (4) a brief description of how you would be affected by the petition in a way not common to the general public; and (5) the location of your property relative to the proposed District's boundaries. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the petition. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address provided in the information section below. The Executive Director may approve the petition unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days after the newspaper publication of this notice. If a hearing request is filed, the Executive Director will not approve the petition and will forward the petition and hearing request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a contested case hearing is held, it will be a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Written hearing requests should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For information concerning the hearing process, please contact the Public Interest Counsel, MC 103, at the same address. For additional information, individual members of the general public may contact the Districts Review Team, at (512) 239-4691. *Si desea información en español, puede llamar al (512) 239-0200.* General information regarding TCEQ can be found at our website at [www.tceq.texas.gov](http://www.tceq.texas.gov).

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### Notice of District Petition - D-06202025-048

Notice issued July 9, 2025

TCEQ Internal Control No. D-06202025-048: Pine Creek Lakes LLC, (Petitioner) filed a petition for creation of Montgomery-San Jacinto Counties Municipal Utility District No. 1 (District) with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The petition was filed pursuant to Article XVI, §59 of the Constitution of the State of Texas; Chapters 49 and 54 of the Texas Water Code; 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 293; and the procedural rules of the TCEQ. The petition states that: (1) the Petitioner holds title to a majority in value of the land to be included in the proposed District; (2) there are no lienholders on the property to be included in the proposed District; (3) the proposed District will contain approximately 247.74 acres located within Montgomery and San Jacinto Counties, Texas; and (4) none of the land within the proposed District is within the corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction any city. The petition further states that the proposed District will: (1) purchase, construct, acquire, maintain, own, operate, repair, improve, and extend a waterworks and sanitary sewer system for residential and commercial purposes; (2) construct, acquire, improve, extend, maintain, and operate works, improvements, facilities, plants, equipment, and appliances helpful or necessary to provide more adequate drainage for the proposed District; (3) control, abate, and amend



local storm waters or other harmful excesses of water; and (4) purchase, construct, acquire, improve, maintain, and operate such additional facilities, systems, plants and enterprises, road facilities, and parks and recreation facilities, as shall be consistent with all of the purposes for which the proposed District is created.

According to the petition, a preliminary investigation has been made to determine the cost of the project, and it is estimated by the Petitioner that the cost of said project will be approximately \$43,850,000 (\$32,400,000 for water, wastewater, and drainage plus \$1,650,000 for recreation plus \$9,800,000 for roads).

#### INFORMATION SECTION

To view the complete issued notice, view the notice on our website at [www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/cc/pub\\_notice.html](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/cc/pub_notice.html) or call the Office of the Chief Clerk at (512) 239-3300 to obtain a copy of the complete notice. When searching the website, type in the issued date range shown at the top of this document to obtain search results. The TCEQ may grant a contested case hearing on the petition if a written hearing request is filed within 30 days after the newspaper publication of the notice. To request a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) the name of the Petitioner and the TCEQ Internal Control Number; (3) the statement "I/we request a contested case hearing"; (4) a brief description of how you would be affected by the petition in a way not common to the general public; and (5) the location of your property relative to the proposed District's boundaries. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the petition. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address provided in the information section below. The Executive Director may approve the petition unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days after the newspaper publication of this notice. If a hearing request is filed, the Executive Director will not approve the petition and will forward the petition and hearing request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a contested case hearing is held, it will be a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Written hearing requests should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For information concerning the hearing process, please contact the Public Interest Counsel, MC 103, at the same address. For additional information, individual members of the general public may contact the Districts Review Team, at (512) 239-4691. Si desea información en español, puede llamar al (512) 239-0200. General information regarding TCEQ can be found at our website at [www.tceq.texas.gov](http://www.tceq.texas.gov).

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#### Notice of Public Meeting for an Air Quality Standard Permit for Permanent Rock and Concrete Crushers Proposed Air Quality Registration Number 175198

**APPLICATION.** North Texas Natural Select Materials LLC, 6500 Meyer Way, Suite 110, McKinney, Texas 75070-1997 has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, Registration Number 175198, which would authorize construction of a permanent rock and concrete crusher. The facility is proposed to be located at the following directions: from the intersection of Cleve Cole Road and Fannin Avenue, travel 0.42

miles north along Fannin Avenue, and the site entrance will be to the west, Denison, Grayson County, Texas 75021. *This amended notice is in response to updated representations received by the applicant, specifically, the location of the permanent rock and concrete crushing facility on the subject property. This Notice of Public Meeting is in response to the public meeting originally scheduled on June 16, 2025, that was cancelled on June 5, 2025.* This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application <https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-96.549743,33.699412&level=13>. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on January 29, 2024. The executive director has determined the application was technically complete on March 22, 2024.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.**

TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. A public meeting will be held and will consist of two parts, an Informal Discussion Period and a Formal Comment Period. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing under the Administrative Procedure Act. During the Informal Discussion Period, the public will be encouraged to ask questions of the applicant and TCEQ staff concerning the permit application. The comments and questions submitted orally during the Informal Discussion Period will not be considered before a decision is reached on the permit application, and no formal response will be made. Responses will be provided orally during the Informal Discussion Period. During the Formal Comment Period on the permit application, members of the public may state their formal comments orally into the official record. At the conclusion of the comment period, all formal comments will be considered before a decision is reached on the permit application. A written response to all formal comments will be prepared by the executive director and will be sent to each person who submits a formal comment or who requested to be on the mailing list for this permit application and provides a mailing address.

#### **The Virtual Public Meeting is to be held:**

**Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**

#### **Via Zoom**

Members of the public may register for the public meeting and access the meeting via webcast by following this link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_I-wqAp30TEe-QRIRs6wqbWw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_I-wqAp30TEe-QRIRs6wqbWw). It is recommended that you join the webinar for the public meeting at least 15 minutes before the meeting begins. You may register for the meeting in advance using the link provided above.

Those persons without a computer with internet access or a smart phone must call (512) 239-1201 at least five days prior to the meeting to register for the meeting and to obtain information for participating telephonically.

**INFORMATION.** Members of the public are encouraged to submit written comments anytime during the public meeting or by mail before the close of the public comment period to the Office of the Chief Clerk, TCEQ, Mail Code MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or electronically at <https://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/>. If you need more information about the permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, toll free, at (800) 687-4040. General information can be found at our website at [www.tceq.texas.gov](http://www.tceq.texas.gov). Si desea información en español, puede llamar al (800) 687-4040.

**INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE.** For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database (CID) at [www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid). Once you have access to the CID using the link, enter the permit number at the top of this form.

The executive director shall approve or deny the application not later than 30 days after the end of the public comment period, considering all comments received within the comment period, and base this decision on whether the application meets the requirements of the standard permit.

**CENTRAL/REGIONAL OFFICE.** The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office and the TCEQ Dallas/Fort Worth Regional Office, located at 2309 Gravel Dr, Fort Worth, Texas 76118-6951, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Further information may also be obtained from North Texas Natural Select Materials, LLC, 6500 Meyer Way, Suite 110, McKinney, Texas 75070-1997, or by calling Ms. Melissa Fitts, Senior Vice President, Westward Environmental, Inc. at (830) 249-8284.

Persons with disabilities who need special accommodation at the meeting should call the Office of the Chief Clerk at (512) 239-3300 or (800) RELAY-TX (TDD) at least five business days prior to the meeting.

Notice Issuance Date: July 8, 2025

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Laurie Gharis

Chief Clerk

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Filed: July 8, 2025

## General Land Office

Coastal Boundary Survey - Essex Bayou - Branch T. Archer Survey, A-9 - Sunday/BRAZORIA COUNTY

Surveying Services

Coastal Boundary Survey

Project: Essex Bayou - Branch T. Archer Survey, A-9 - Sunday

Project No: Project Number: CEPRA # 1712

Project Manager: Carver Wray, Coastal Resources.

Surveyor: Kyle Sunday, Licensed State Land Surveyor

Description: Coastal Boundary Survey dated July 10, 2023, delineating the line of Mean Higher High Water of Essex Bayou and the Intra-coastal Waterway adjacent to the Branch T. Archer Survey, Abstract 9, Brazoria County, Texas, in connection with CEPRA No. 1712. Centroid coordinates 28°59'01"N, 95°16'07"W, WGS84. A copy of the survey Recorded in Official Public Records, Brazoria County Instrument No. 2025023687, Brazoria County, Texas.

A Coastal Boundary Survey for the above-referenced project has been reviewed and accepted by Surveying Services; upon completion of public notice requirements, the survey will be filed in the Texas General Land Office, Archives and Records, in accordance with provisions of the Tex. Nat. Res. Code §33.136.

by:

Signed: David Klotz, Staff Surveyor

Date: June 24, 2025

Pursuant to Tex. Nat. Res. Code §33.136, the herein described Coastal Boundary Survey is approved by Dawn Buckingham, M.D., Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office.

by:

Signed: Jennifer Jones, Chief Clerk and Deputy Land Commissioner

Date: June 30, 2025

Filed as: Brazoria County, NRC Article 33.136 Sketch No. 31

Tex. Nat. Res. Code §33.136

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Jennifer Jones

Chief Clerk and Deputy Land Commissioner

General Land Office

Filed: July 2, 2025

Coastal Boundary Survey - Long Pond - W. J. Marshall Survey, A-350 - Sunday/BRAZORIA COUNTY

Surveying Services

Coastal Boundary Survey

Project: Long Pond - W. J. Marshall Survey, A-350 - Sunday

Project No: Project Number: CEPRA # 1712

Project Manager: Carver Wray, Coastal Resources.

Surveyor: Kyle Sunday, Licensed State Land Surveyor

Description: Coastal Boundary Survey dated July 10, 2023, delineating the line of Mean High Water of West Galveston Bay, State Submerged Tract 6 and State Submerged Tract Number 8, along the W.J. Marshall Survey, Abstract 350, Brazoria County, Texas, in connection with CEPRA No. 1712. Centroid coordinates 29.149984° N, -95.156119° W, WGS84. A copy of the survey Recorded in Official Public Records, Brazoria County Instrument No. 2025023686, Brazoria County, Texas.

A Coastal Boundary Survey for the above-referenced project has been reviewed and accepted by Surveying Services; upon completion of public notice requirements, the survey will be filed in the Texas General Land Office, Archives and Records, in accordance with provisions of the Tex. Nat. Res. Code §33.136.

by:

Signed: David Klotz, Staff Surveyor

Date: June 24, 2025

Pursuant to Tex. Nat. Res. Code §33.136, the herein described Coastal Boundary Survey is approved by Dawn Buckingham, M.D., Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office.

by:

Signed: Jennifer Jones, Chief Clerk and Deputy Land Commissioner

Date: July 2, 2025

Filed as: Brazoria County, NRC Article 33.136 Sketch No. 30

Tex. Nat. Res. Code §33.136

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Jennifer Jones

Chief Clerk and Deputy Land Commissioner

General Land Office

Filed: July 2, 2025

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Coastal Boundary Survey - Nick's Cut, James C. Stuteville  
Survey, A-580 - Sunday/BRAZORIA COUNTY

Surveying Services

Coastal Boundary Survey

Project: Nick's Cut, James C. Stuteville Survey, A-580 - Sunday

Project No: Project Number: CEPRA # 1712

Project Manager: Carver Wray, Coastal Resources.

Surveyor: Kyle Sunday, Licensed State Land Surveyor

Description: Coastal Boundary Survey dated July 10, 2023, delineating the line of Mean High Water of the pass between Nicks Lake and Drum Bay State of Texas Submerged Tract Number 1, also known as Nicks Cut, adjacent to the James C. Stuteville Survey, Abstract Number 580, Brazoria County, Texas, in connection with CEPRA No. 1712. Centroid coordinates 29°01'42"N, 95°13'57"W, WGS84. A copy of the survey Recorded in Official Public Records, Brazoria County Instrument No. 2025023685, Brazoria County, Texas.

A Coastal Boundary Survey for the above-referenced project has been reviewed and accepted by Surveying Services; upon completion of public notice requirements, the survey will be filed in the Texas General Land Office, Archives and Records, in accordance with provisions of the Tex. Nat. Res. Code §33.136.

by:

Signed: David Klotz, Staff Surveyor

Date: June 24, 2025

Pursuant to Tex. Nat. Res. Code §33.136, the herein described Coastal Boundary Survey is approved by Dawn Buckingham, M.D., Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office.

by:

Signed: Jennifer Jones, Chief Clerk and Deputy Land Commissioner

Date: July 2, 2025

Filed as: Brazoria County, NRC Article 33.136 Sketch No. 29

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Jennifer Jones

Chief Clerk and Deputy Land Commissioner

General Land Office

Filed: July 2, 2025

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Coastal Boundary Survey - Oyster Lake #1 - G. B. Brownrigg  
(Browning) Survey, A-150-Sunday/BRAZORIA COUNTY

Surveying Services

Coastal Boundary Survey

Project: Oyster Lake #1- G. B. Brownrigg (Browning) Survey, A-150-Sunday

Project No: Project Number: CEPRA # 1712

Project Manager: Carver Wray, Coastal Resources.

Surveyor: Kyle Sunday, Licensed State Land Surveyor

Description: Coastal Boundary Survey dated July 10, 2023, delineating the line of Mean High Water of Oyster Lake adjacent to the George B. Brownrigg (Browning) Survey, Abstract Number 150, Brazoria County, Texas, in connection with CEPRA No. 1712. Centroid coordinates N 29.121454°, W 95.183268°, WGS84. A copy of the survey has been recorded in Official Public Records, Brazoria County Instrument No. 2025023684, Brazoria County, Texas.

A Coastal Boundary Survey for the above-referenced project has been reviewed and accepted by Surveying Services; upon completion of public notice requirements, the survey will be filed in the Texas General Land Office, Archives and Records, in accordance with provisions of the Tex. Nat. Res. Code §33.136.

by:

Signed: David Klotz, Staff Surveyor

Date: June 24, 2025

Pursuant to Tex. Nat. Res. Code §33.136, the herein described Coastal Boundary Survey is approved by Dawn Buckingham, M.D., Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office.

by:

Signed: Jennifer Jones, Chief Clerk and Deputy Land Commissioner

Date: June 30, 2025

Filed as: Brazoria County, NRC Article 33.136 Sketch No. 26

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Jennifer Jones

Chief Clerk and Deputy Land Commissioner

General Land Office

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Coastal Boundary Survey - Oyster Lake #2 - Issac F. W. Curd  
Survey, A-170 - Sunday/BRAZORIA COUNTY

Surveying Services

Coastal Boundary Survey

Project: Oyster Lake #2 - Issac F. W. Curd Survey, A-170 - Sunday

Project No: Project Number: CEPRA # 1712

Project Manager: Carver Wray, Coastal Resources.

Surveyor: Kyle Sunday, Licensed State Land Surveyor

Description: Coastal Boundary Survey dated July 10, 2023, delineating the line of Mean High Water of Oyster Lake adjacent to the Issac F. W. Curd Survey, Abstract Number 170, Brazoria County, Texas, in connection with CEPRA No. 1712. Centroid coordinates N 29.129327°, W 95.179558°, WGS84. A copy of the survey has been recorded in Official Public Records, Brazoria County Instrument No. 2025023683, Brazoria County, Texas.

A Coastal Boundary Survey for the above-referenced project has been reviewed and accepted by Surveying Services; upon completion of public notice requirements, the survey will be filed in the Texas General Land Office, Archives and Records, in accordance with provisions of the Tex. Nat. Res. Code §33.136.

by:

Signed: David Klotz, Staff Surveyor

Date: June 24, 2025

Pursuant to Tex. Nat. Res. Code §33.136, the herein described Coastal Boundary Survey is approved by Dawn Buckingham, M.D., Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office.

by:

Signed: Jennifer Jones, Chief Clerk and Deputy Land Commissioner

Date: June 30, 2025

Filed as: Brazoria County, NRC Article 33.136 Sketch No. 27

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Jennifer Jones

Chief Clerk and Deputy Land Commissioner

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Coastal Boundary Survey - Oyster Lake #3 - Issac F. W. Curd Survey, A-170 - Sunday/Brazoria County

Surveying Services

Coastal Boundary Survey

Project: Oyster Lake #3 - Issac F. W. Curd Survey, A-170 - Sunday

Project No: Project Number: CEPRA # 1712

Project Manager: Carver Wray, Coastal Resources.

Surveyor: Kyle Sunday, Licensed State Land Surveyor

Description: Coastal Boundary Survey dated July 10, 2023, delineating the line of Mean High Water of Oyster Lake adjacent to the Issac F. W. Curd Survey, Abstract Number 170, Brazoria County, Texas, in connection with CEPRA No. 1712. Centroid coordinates N 29°07'46", W 95°10'23", WGS84. A copy of the survey has been recorded in

Official Public Records, Brazoria County Instrument No. 2025023682, Brazoria County, Texas.

A Coastal Boundary Survey for the above-referenced project has been reviewed and accepted by Surveying Services; upon completion of public notice requirements, the survey will be filed in the Texas General Land Office, Archives and Records, in accordance with provisions of the Tex. Nat. Res. Code §33.136.

by:

Signed: David Klotz, Staff Surveyor

Date: June 24, 2025

Pursuant to Tex. Nat. Res. Code §33.136, the herein described Coastal Boundary Survey is approved by Dawn Buckingham, M.D., Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office.

by:

Signed: Jennifer Jones, Chief Clerk and Deputy Land Commissioner

Date: June 30, 2025

Filed as: Brazoria County, NRC Article 33.136 Sketch No. 28

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Jennifer Jones

Chief Clerk and Deputy Land Commissioner

General Land Office

Filed: July 2, 2025



## Department of State Health Services

Licensing Actions for Radioactive Materials

During the first half of June 2025, the Department of State Health Services (Department) has taken actions regarding Licenses for the possession and use of radioactive materials as listed in the tables (in alphabetical order by location). The subheading "Location" indicates the city in which the radioactive material may be possessed and/or used. The location listing "Throughout TX [Texas]" indicates that the radioactive material may be used on a temporary basis at locations throughout the state.

In issuing new licenses and amending and renewing existing licenses, the Department's Radiation Section has determined that the applicant has complied with the licensing requirements in Title 25 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 289, for the noted action. In granting termination of licenses, the Department has determined that the licensee has complied with the applicable decommissioning requirements of 25 TAC, Chapter 289. In granting exemptions to the licensing requirements of Chapter 289, the Department has determined that the exemption is not prohibited by law and will not result in a significant risk to public health and safety and the environment.

A person affected by the actions published in this notice may request a hearing within 30 days of the publication date. A "person affected" is defined as a person who demonstrates that the person has suffered or will suffer actual injury or economic damage and, if the person is not a local government, is (a) a resident of a county, or a county adjacent to the county, in which radioactive material is or will be located, or (b) doing business or has a legal interest in land in the county or adjacent county. 25 TAC §289.205(b)(15); Health and Safety Code §401.003(15). Requests must be made in writing and should contain the words "hearing request," the name and address of the person affected by the agency action, the name and license number of the entity that is the subject of the hearing request, a brief statement of how the person is affected by the action what the requestor seeks as the outcome of the hearing, and the name and address of the attorney if the requestor is represented by an attorney. Send hearing requests by mail to: Hearing Request, Radioactive Material Licensing, MC 2835, PO Box 149347, Austin, Texas 78714-9347, or by fax to: (512) 206-3760, or by e-mail to: RAMlicensing@dshs.texas.gov.

NEW LICENSES ISSUED					
Location of Use/Possession of Material	Name of Licensed Entity	License Number	City of Licensed Entity	Amendment Number	Date of Action
MANSFIELD	HEARTFUL CARDIOLOGY PLLC	L07271	MANSFIELD	00	06/10/25

**AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING LICENSES ISSUED**

Location of Use/Possession of Material	Name of Licensed Entity	License Number	City of Licensed Entity	Amendment Number	Date of Action
BAY CITY	DR GEORGE P HANNA DBA BAY CITY CARDIOLOGY ASSOCIATES CARDIOLOGY ASSOCIATES	L05975	BAY CITY	09	06/04/25
BEAUMONT	TEXAS ONCOLOGY PA	L07192	BEAUMONT	03	06/04/25
BROWNSVILLE	VHS BROWNSVILLE HOSPITAL COMPANY LLC DBA VALLEY BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER – BROWNSVILLE	L06500	BROWNSVILLE	13	06/12/25
DALLAS	CONNECTED CARDIOVASCULAR CARE ASSOCIATES PLLC	L07260	DALLAS	02	06/04/25
DALLAS	BTDI JV LLP	L06580	DALLAS	08	06/11/25
DALLAS	TEXAS INSTRUMENTS INC	L05048	DALLAS	26	06/10/25
EL PASO	ISOMEDIX OPERATIONS INC DBA STERIS APPLIED STERILIZATION TECHNOLOGIES	L04268	EL PASO	28	06/11/25
FLOWER MOUND	TEXAS ONCOLOGY PA	L05526	FLOWER MOUND	37	06/03/25
FORT WORTH	TEXAS HEALTH HARRIS METHODIST HOSPITAL FORT WORTH	L01837	FORT WORTH	170	06/04/25
FREEPORT	BRASKEM AMERICA INC	L06443	FREEPORT	14	06/04/25

<b>AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING LICENSES ISSUED</b>					
Location of Use/Possession of Material	Name of Licensed Entity	License Number	City of Licensed Entity	Amendment Number	Date of Action
GRAPEVINE	BAYLOR REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER AT GRAPEVINE DBA BAYLOR SCOTT & WHITE MEDICAL CENTER GRAPEVINE	L03320	GRAPEVINE	54	06/10/25
HARLINGEN	THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY	L06754	EDINBERG	13	06/11/25
HOUSTON	EAGLE ANALYTICAL SERVICES INC	L07231	HOUSTON	01	06/02/25
HOUSTON	TEXAS ONCOLOGY PA	L07194	HOUSTON	04	06/06/25
HOUSTON	MEMORIAL HERMANN HEALTH SYSTEM DBA MEMORIAL HERMANN TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER	L06439	HOUSTON	27	06/12/25
HOUSTON	METHODIST HEALTH CENTERS DBA HOUSTON METHODIST WILLOWBROOK HOSPITAL	L05472	HOUSTON	80	06/05/25
IRVING	BAYLOR MEDICAL CENTER AT IRVING DBA BAYLOR SCOTT & WHITE MEDICAL CENTER – IRVING	L02444	IRVING	133	06/09/25
LAKE JACKSON	BRAZOSPORT CARDIOLOGY PA	L05359	LAKE JACKSON	17	06/13/25

<b>AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING LICENSES ISSUED</b>					
Location of Use/Possession of Material	Name of Licensed Entity	License Number	City of Licensed Entity	Amendment Number	Date of Action
MCKINNEY	BAYLOR SCOTT & WHITE MEDICAL CENTERS - GREATER NORTH TEXAS  BAYLOR SCOTT & WHITE MEDICAL CENTER - MCKINNEY	L06470	MCKINNEY	21	06/09/25
MIDLAND	TEXAS ONCOLOGY PA	L04905	MIDLAND	33	06/04/25
ODESSA	GCC PERMIAN LLC	L06964	ODESSA	07	06/03/25
PLANO	HEALTHTEXAS PROVIDER NETWORK DBA BAYLOR SCOTT & WHITE THE HEART GROUP	L06501	PLANO	24	06/03/25
PORT ARTHUR	TOTAL ENERGIES PETROCHEMICALS & REFINING USA INC	L03498	PORT ARTHUR	39	06/10/25
SANGER	SQS NDT LP	L06896	SANGER	13	06/04/25
SUGAR LAND	METHODIST HEALTH CENTERS DBA HOUSTON METHODIST SUGAR LAND HOSPITAL	L06232	SUGAR LAND	22	06/05/25
THE WOODLANDS	MEMORIAL HERMANN HEALTH SYSTEM DBA MEMORIAL HERMANN MEMORIAL CITY MEDICAL CENTER	L01168	THE WOODLANDS	209	06/10/25
THROUGHOUT TX	TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	L00197	AUSTIN	209	06/02/25



<b>AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING LICENSES ISSUED</b>					
Location of Use/Possession of Material	Name of Licensed Entity	License Number	City of Licensed Entity	Amendment Number	Date of Action
THROUGHOUT TX	SIGMA OILFIELD SOLUTIONS LLC	L07184	CYPRESS	06	06/05/25
THROUGHOUT TX	J Z RUSSELL INDUSTRIES INC	L06459	DEDERLAND	14	06/06/25
THROUGHOUT TX	AVANTI EQUINE TX PC DBA ANIMAL IMAGING	L04602	IRVING	27	06/03/25
THROUGHOUT TX	PRO-SURVE TECHNICAL SERVICES LLC	L06905	LEAGUE CITY	13	06/03/25
THROUGHOUT TX	PRECISION NDT LLC DBA PRECISION GROUP	L07054	ODESSA	13	06/11/25
THROUGHOUT TX	STRONGHOLD INSPECTION LTD	L06918	PASADENA	14	06/04/25
THROUGHOUT TX	KAKIVIK ASSET MANAGEMENT LLC	L07158	PLEASANTON	03	06/05/25
THROUGHOUT TX	QAL-TEK ASSOCIATES LLC	L05965	ROUND ROCK	21	06/06/25
THROUGHOUT TX	CARDINAL NDT LLC	L07214	SAN ANTONIO	01	06/06/25
THROUGHOUT TX	SCHLUMBERGER TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION	L01833	SUGAR LAND	230	06/03/25
WACO	HILLCREST BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER DBA BAYLOR SCOTT & WHITE MEDICAL CENTER HILLCREST	L00845	WACO	131	06/04/25

RENEWAL OF LICENSES ISSUED					
Location of Use/Possession of Material	Name of Licensed Entity	License Number	City of Licensed Entity	Amendment Number	Date of Action
EL PASO	TENET HOSPITALS LIMITED DBA THE HOSPITALS OF PROVIDENCE SIERRA CAMPUS	L04758	EL PASO	41	06/09/25
EL PASO	WESTERN REFINING COMPANY LLC	L02669	EL PASO	46	06/12/25

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Molly Fudell

Deputy General Counsel, Department of State Health Services

Department of State Health Services

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Bobby Wilkinson

Executive Director

Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs

Filed: July 8, 2025

## Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs

### Request for Qualifications for Bond/Securities Disclosure Counsel

The Department anticipates the need for legal services in connection with the issuance of bonds and compliance with the ongoing disclosure requirements of SEC Rule 15c2-12, at any time and from time to time during the term of the contract at the request of the Department, as well as with respect to documentation and other legal considerations related to the Program. Bond/Securities Disclosure Counsel ("Outside Counsel") is expected to assign those attorneys and professionals employed by the firm who are best suited to appropriately respond to such requests in connection with the issuance of bonds and mortgage credit certificates and with ongoing compliance of any/all trust indentures and other documents and agreements integral to the issuance of such bonds, mortgage credit certificates and the TBA Program. The firm will provide any such services as Outside Counsel, which includes, but is not limited to preparation and/or review (as may be appropriate for single and multifamily transactions) of all official statements and offering documents of the Department in connection with bond issues being sold into the public market, as well as disclosure related to SEC Rule 15c2-12 for new or outstanding bond issues. Outside Bond/Securities Disclosure Counsel will work in conjunction with Single Family/Multifamily Bond and Tax Counsel as instructed by the Department.

Posting date for RFQ: July 18, 2025

Response Due: August 8, 2025, 4:00 p.m. (CT)

RFQ 332-RFQ25-1004 is posted on <https://www.txsmartbuy.gov/esbd>.

Proposals shall be delivered via email to:

Beau.eccles@tdhca.texas.gov

For more information, please contact:

John Stewart, Purchasing Manager

(512) 475-1229

### Request for Qualifications for Document Preparation Counsel

The Department is seeking one or more qualified lawyers or law firms ("Outside Counsel") to produce loan documents for NSP, HOME, HTF, and Owner-Builder Program ("Bootstrap") single family acquisition (purchase money and/or down payment assistance) loans secured by residential real estate, and to prepare certain necessary documentation in connection with single family residential home acquisition transactions ("TDHCA Loans"), as well as preparing Releases of Lien upon request. Without limiting in any manner the ability of a responder to fashion a response, the Department is seeking legal assistance in preparing all necessary real estate transaction documents for the programs and transaction types described above in a manner that is rapid, legally compliant, and cost-effective. Outside Counsel will prepare required legal documentation in connection with the making of TDHCA loans secured by residential real estate. In this regard, any Outside Counsel would be expected to perform certain tasks and would be expressly allowed and directed to rely upon factual information provided by the Department and others. Outside Counsel would also be provided with standard form documents, approved by the Department's legal staff, would review these draft documents for legal sufficiency and correctness, and work with the Department to agree upon the form of documents to be used. The Department will provide Outside Counsel with a specific request for each TDHCA loan or release to be documented and each request would be accompanied by certain specific documents. Outside Counsel will be allowed and required to rely on the Department to address or assume responsibility, as between the Department and Outside Counsel, for enumerated factual items and matters. Any invoice for services by Outside Counsel must state the cost of their services in sufficient detail that the Department could use that stated cost in the preparation of Texas Disclosure of Closing Costs and legally compliant integrated mortgage disclosures prepared in accordance with the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act ("RESPA") and 12 CFR Part 1024 ("Reg. X"), the Truth in Lending Act ("TILA") and 12 CFR Part 1026 ("Reg Z"), and rules promulgated by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. The basic services provided would include preparing each individual loan transaction, using legal form tem-

plates approved by the Department, a promissory note, a deed of trust to secure performance of the obligations set forth in the promissory note, a closing instruction letter, and certain ancillary documents customarily provided by counsel documenting loan transactions, such as (by way of illustration and not by way of limitation) deletion of arbitration, notice of no oral agreements, and agreements to correct documents.

Posting date for RFQ: July 18, 2025

Response Due: August 08, 2025, 4:00 p.m. (CT)

RFQ 332-RFQ25-1006 is posted on <https://www.txsmartbuy.com/esbd>

Proposals shall be delivered via email to:

Beau.eccles@tdhca.texas.gov

For more information, please contact:

Cheryl D. Robinson-Mathis, Purchaser

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Cheryl.Mathis@tdhca.texas.gov

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Bobby Wilkinson

Executive Director

Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs

Filed: July 8, 2025



#### Request for Qualifications for Low Income Housing Tax Credit Counsel

The Department anticipates the need for legal services in connection with its Program at any time and from time to time during the term of the contract. Legal Services for which the Department is seeking Tax Credit Counsel ("Outside Counsel") are generally described below:

Advise the Department on the overall administration of the Program including, upon request, a review of the Department's Qualified Allocation Plan (the "QAP") and uniform multifamily rules (the "Rules") for conformance with IRC §42 and other federal and state laws and regulations;

Advise the Department on its compliance and monitoring processes, including analysis of rules and manuals promulgated for such purpose;

Advise the Department of federal programmatic changes and rulings as they arise that would affect the Program along with necessary changes to the QAP and Rules;

Advise the Department with guidance on and interpretation of provisions of the Code, related regulations and other matters pertaining to the Program as a whole or application specific matters as questions and situations present themselves;

Advise the Department with regards to formal ruling requests to be made on behalf of the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") and to prepare and submit any such requests;

Answer questions from specified Department staff regarding the Program and applicable law;

Provide testimony to the Department's governing board on matters relating to the Program, the QAP and Rules, or application specific matters as questions and situations present themselves;

Provide any other legal service as may be required by the Department with regard to the Program and relevant law.

Posting date for RFQ: July 18, 2025

Response Due: August 8, 2025, 4:00 p.m. (CT)

RFQ 332-RFQ25-1005 is posted on <https://www.txsmartbuy.gov/esbd>.

Proposals shall be delivered via email to:

Beau.eccles@tdhca.texas.gov

For more information, please contact:

John Stewart, Purchasing Manager

(512) 475-1229

John.stewart@tdhca.texas.gov

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Bobby Wilkinson

Executive Director

Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs

Filed: July 8, 2025



#### Request for Qualifications for Multifamily Direct Loan Outside Counsel

The Department is seeking one or more qualified lawyers or law firms ("Outside Counsel") to represent the Department's interests in producing contracts as well as loan and other related documents for complex, multi-party, multifamily affordable housing developments receiving funding and assistance from the Department under the programs described in I.B, above. In its response to this RFQ, a successful responder must demonstrate experience and competence in cross-cutting regulations, including Uniform Relocation Act, Davis Bacon, and various federal energy standards, and working with the above funding and assistance programs as well as with Community Housing Development Corporations, affordable housing land use restriction agreements, and all forms of real estate ownership including but not limited to, ground leases and condominium regimes, and how those programs interact with Texas real estate, lending laws, and the Department's governing statute in Chapter 2306 of the Texas Government Code. Additionally, a successful responder must be able to demonstrate a capacity to respond quickly and effectively to comments from parties' counsel, the Department's Multifamily Finance Division staff, and the Department's legal staff so as to assure closing at a time requested by the developer.

Posting date for RFQ: July 18, 2025

Response Due: August 8, 2025, 4:00 p.m. (CT)

RFQ 332-RFQ25-1003 is posted on <https://www.txsmartbuy.com/esbd>

Proposals shall be delivered via email to:

Beau.eccles@tdhca.state.tx.us

For more information, please contact:

Suzanne Saucedo, Senior Purchaser

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## Request for Qualifications for Single Family / Multifamily Bond Counsel

The Department anticipates the need for legal services in connection with the issuance of bonds and the protection and enforcement of assets pledged to bond trust estates, including second mortgage loans originated under the Program, at any time and from time to time during the term of the contract at the request of the Department, as well as with respect to documentation and other legal considerations related to the Program. Bond Counsel ("Outside Counsel") is expected to assign those attorneys and professionals employed by the firm who are best suited to appropriately respond to such requests in connection with the issuance of bonds and mortgage credit certificates, with ongoing compliance of any/all trust indentures, including enforcement of pledged assets, and other documents and agreements integral to the operation of the Program, including as relates to second mortgage loans representing down payment assistance provided through the Program. The firm will provide any such services as Outside Counsel, unless otherwise instructed by the Department and will work in conjunction with Single Family/Multifamily Bond Tax Counsel as instructed by the Department.

Posting date for RFQ: July 18, 2025

Response Due: August 08, 2025 4:00 p.m. (CT)

RFQ 332-RFQ25-1007 is posted on <https://www.txsmartbuy.com/esbd>

Proposals shall be delivered via email to:

[Beau.eccles@tdhca.state.tx.us](mailto:Beau.eccles@tdhca.state.tx.us)

For more information, please contact:

Suzanne Saucedo, Senior Purchaser

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Bobby Wilkinson

Executive Director

Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs

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## Request for Qualifications for Single Family / Multifamily Bond Tax Counsel

Description of the services requested. Tax Counsel: Specialized Tax Counsel Services relating to the federal Tax Code.

(a) Provide specialized legal advice regarding the IRS Code as it applies to the Agency's Single family and multifamily bond financing activities and to the programs funded with the proceeds of bonds, particularly with respect to the structure of proposed new issues of bonds and the structure and operation of the new programs relating to such bonds.

(b) Provide required tax opinions evidencing compliance of each new issue of bonds with applicable provision of the IRS Code, and the adequacy of program documents and operating procedures/policies of the Agency to reasonably assure compliance with such Code provisions including, among others, Targeted Area designations, borrower income limitations and home sale price limitations.

(c) Review and approve the detailed procedures to be followed by the Agency in calculating the Bond Yield and the Mortgage Yield associated with each new issue of bonds and each new bond-financed loan program.

*Note: The initial calculation is provided by the Financial Advisor; but it is expected that Tax Counsel will review and concur with this calculation.*

(d) Review the Bond/Mortgage Yield calculations prepared by the Agency's Financial Advisor for each new issue of bonds for the purpose of determining the extent to which such calculations may be relied upon in preparing the Arbitrage Certificate for such bonds.

(e) Prepare the Arbitrage Certificate relating to each new issue of bonds and deliver such Certificate prior to closing.

(f) Assist the Department (or Agency) on 32-year and 10-year rule analysis, matters related to federal recapture tax, cross calling, and universal cap requirements, as needed.

(g) Prepare and file required IRS and State forms.

(h) Provide information regarding IRS letter rulings, interpretive releases, regulatory changes, or other actions affecting mortgage revenue bonds and mortgage loan programs.

(i) Upon request of Agency or General Counsel, cooperating with and assisting Agency in responding to any subpoena or inquiry from any federal, state or local regulatory or enforcement agency or issued by a court of competent jurisdiction related to any Bond issuance wherein Tax Counsel has provided services.

Posting date for RFQ: July 18, 2025

Response Due: August 8, 2025, 4:00 p.m. (CT)

RFQ 332-RFQ25-1008 is posted on <https://www.txsmartbuy.com/esbd>

Proposals shall be delivered via email to:

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## Texas Department of Insurance

### Company Licensing

Application for incorporation in the state of Texas for SteelPoint Casualty Company, a domestic fire and/or casualty company. The home office is in Westlake, Texas.

Application for Fletcher Reinsurance Company, a foreign fire and/or casualty company, to change its name to Lismore Insurance Company. The home office is in Chicago, Illinois.

Any objections must be filed with the Texas Department of Insurance, within twenty (20) calendar days from the date of the *Texas Register* publication, addressed to the attention of Andrew Guerrero, 1601 Congress Ave., Suite 6.900, Austin, Texas 78701.

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**Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation**

**Notice of Vacancies on Property Tax Consultants Advisory Council**

The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (Department) announces two vacancies on the Property Tax Consultants Advisory Council (Council) established by Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 1152. The pertinent rules may be found in 16 Texas Administrative Code §66.65. The purpose of the Property Tax Consultants Advisory Council is to provide advice and recommendations to the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation (Commission) on standards of practice, conduct, and ethics for registrants; setting fees; examination contents and standards of performance for senior property tax consultants; recognition of continuing education programs and courses for registrants; and establishing educational requirements for initial applicants. Service as a Council member is voluntary, and compensation is not authorized by law. **This announcement is for:**

- **one registered senior property tax consultant; and**
- **one public member.**

The Council is composed of seven members appointed by the presiding officer of the Commission, with the approval of the Commission. Members of the Council are appointed for staggered three-year terms. The terms of two members expiring on February 1 of each year. The Council consists of the following members:

1. six registered senior property tax consultants; and
2. one public member.

All members who are property tax consultants must be:

- a registered senior property tax consultant;
- a member of a nonprofit and voluntary trade association:
  - a. whose membership consists primarily of persons who perform property tax consulting services in this state or who engage in property tax management in this state for other persons;
  - b. have written experience and examination requirements for membership; and
  - c. that subscribes to a code of professional conduct or ethics;
- be a resident of this state for the five years preceding the date of the appointment; and
- have performed or supervised the performance of property tax consulting services as the person's primary occupation continuously for the five years preceding the date of appointment.

Interested persons should submit an application on the Department website at: <https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/AdvisoryBoard/login.aspx>. Applicants can also request an application via e-mail at [advisory.boards@tdlr.texas.gov](mailto:advisory.boards@tdlr.texas.gov).

**These are not paid positions and there is no compensation or reimbursement for serving on the Council.**

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**Notice of Vacancies on Texas Tax Professional Advisory Committee**

The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (Department) announces two vacancies on the Texas Tax Professional Advisory Committee (Committee) established by Texas Occupation Code §1151.051. The purpose of the Texas Tax Professional Advisory Committee is to recommend to the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation (Commission) on rules and standards regarding technical issues relating to tax professionals; provide advice to the Commission regarding continuing education courses and curricula for registrants; provide advice to the Commission regarding the contents of any examination required by the Commission under this chapter; and educate and respond to questions from the Commission and the Department regarding issues affecting tax professionals. Service as a Board member is voluntary, and compensation is not authorized by law. **This announcement is for:**

- **two public members; and**
- **one registered professional appraiser.**

The Committee is composed of seven members appointed by the presiding officer of the Commission, with the approval of the Commission. Members serve staggered six-year terms, with the terms of one or two members expiring on March 1 of each odd-numbered year. The Committee is composed of the following members:

- (1) two members who are certified under this chapter as registered professional appraisers;
- (2) two members who are certified under this chapter as registered Texas collectors or registered Texas assessors; and
- (3) three members who represent the public.

Interested persons should submit an application on the Department website at: <https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/AdvisoryBoard/login.aspx>. Applicants can also request an application via e-mail at [advisory.boards@tdlr.texas.gov](mailto:advisory.boards@tdlr.texas.gov).

**These are not paid positions and there is no compensation or reimbursement for serving on the Committee.**

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Courtney Arbour  
Executive Director  
Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation  
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**Texas Lottery Commission**

**Scratch Ticket Game Number 2663 "COWBOYS"**

**1.0 Name and Style of Scratch Ticket Game.**

A. The name of Scratch Ticket Game No. 2663 is "COWBOYS". The play style is "key number match".

**1.1 Price of Scratch Ticket Game.**

A. Tickets for Scratch Ticket Game No. 2663 shall be \$5.00 per Scratch Ticket.

1.2 Definitions in Scratch Ticket Game No. 2663.

A. Display Printing - That area of the Scratch Ticket outside of the area where the overprint and Play Symbols appear.

B. Latex Overprint - The removable scratch-off covering over the Play Symbols on the front of the Scratch Ticket.

C. Play Symbol - The printed data under the latex on the front of the Scratch Ticket that is used to determine eligibility for a prize. Each Play Symbol is printed in Symbol font in black ink in positive except for dual-image games. The possible black Play Symbols are: 01, 02,

03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, FOOTBALL SYMBOL, TD SYMBOL, \$5.00, \$10.00, \$15.00, \$20.00, \$50.00, \$100, \$500, \$5,000 and \$100,000.

D. Play Symbol Caption - The printed material appearing below each Play Symbol which explains the Play Symbol. One caption appears under each Play Symbol and is printed in caption font in black ink in positive. The Play Symbol Caption which corresponds with and verifies each Play Symbol is as follows:

Figure 1: GAME NO. 2663 - 1.2D

PLAY SYMBOL	CAPTION
01	ONE
02	TWO
03	THR
04	FOR
05	FIV
06	SIX
07	SVN
08	EGT
09	NIN
10	TEN
11	ELV
12	TLV
13	TRN
14	FTN
15	FFN
16	SXN
17	SVT
18	ETN
19	NTN
20	TWY
21	TWON
22	TWTO
23	TWTH
24	TWFR
25	TWFO
26	TWSX
27	TWSV

28	TWET
29	TWNI
30	TRTY
31	TRON
32	TRTO
33	TRTH
34	TRFR
35	TRFV
36	TRSX
37	TRSV
38	TRET
39	TRNI
40	FRTY
41	FRON
42	FRTO
43	FRTH
44	FRFR
45	FRFV
46	FRSX
47	FRSV
48	FRET
49	FRNI
50	FFTY
FOOTBALL SYMBOL	WIN\$
TD SYMBOL	WINALL
\$5.00	FIV\$
\$10.00	TEN\$
\$15.00	FFN\$
\$20.00	TWY\$



\$50.00	FFTY\$
\$100	ONHN
\$500	FVHN
\$5,000	FVTH
\$100,000	100TH

E. Serial Number - A unique thirteen (13) digit number appearing under the latex scratch-off covering on the front of the Scratch Ticket. The Serial Number is for validation purposes and cannot be used to play the game. The format will be: 0000000000000.

F. Bar Code - A twenty-four (24) character interleaved two (2) of five (5) Bar Code which will include a four (4) digit game ID, the seven (7) digit Pack number, the three (3) digit Ticket number and the ten (10) digit Validation Number. The Bar Code appears on the back of the Scratch Ticket.

G. Game-Pack-Ticket Number - A fourteen (14) digit number consisting of the four (4) digit game number (2663), a seven (7) digit Pack number, and a three (3) digit Ticket number. Ticket numbers start with 001 and end with 075 within each Pack. The format will be: 2663-0000001-001.

H. Pack - A Pack of "COWBOYS" Scratch Ticket Game contains 075 Scratch Tickets, packed in plastic shrink-wrapping and fanfolded in pages of one (1). Ticket 001 will be shown on the front of the Pack; the back of Ticket 075 will be revealed on the back of the Pack. All Packs will be tightly shrink-wrapped. There will be no breaks between the Tickets in a Pack. Every other Pack will reverse; i.e., reverse order will be: the back of Ticket 001 will be shown on the front of the Pack and the front of Ticket 075 will be shown on the back of the Pack.

I. Non-Winning Ticket - A Scratch Ticket which is not programmed to be a winning Scratch Ticket or a Scratch Ticket that does not meet all of the requirements of these Game Procedures, the State Lottery Act (Texas Government Code, Chapter 466), and applicable rules adopted by the Texas Lottery pursuant to the State Lottery Act and referenced in 16 TAC, Chapter 401.

J. Scratch Ticket Game, Scratch Ticket or Ticket - A Texas Lottery "COWBOYS" Scratch Ticket Game No. 2663.

2.0 Determination of Prize Winners. The determination of prize winners is subject to the general Scratch Ticket validation requirements set forth in Texas Lottery Rule 401.302, Scratch Ticket Game Rules, these Game Procedures, and the requirements set out on the back of each Scratch Ticket. A prize winner in the "COWBOYS" Scratch Ticket Game is determined once the latex on the Scratch Ticket is scratched off to expose forty-five (45) Play Symbols. If a player matches any of the YOUR NUMBERS Play Symbols to any of the WINNING NUMBERS Play Symbols, the player wins the prize for that number. If the player reveals a "FOOTBALL" Play Symbol, the player wins the prize for that symbol instantly. If the player reveals a Touchdown "TD" Play Symbol, the player WINS ALL 20 PRIZES INSTANTLY! No portion of the Display Printing nor any extraneous matter whatsoever shall be usable or playable as a part of the Scratch Ticket.

2.1 Scratch Ticket Validation Requirements.

A. To be a valid Scratch Ticket, all of the following requirements must be met:

1. Exactly forty-five (45) Play Symbols must appear under the Latex Overprint on the front portion of the Scratch Ticket;
2. Each of the Play Symbols must have a Play Symbol Caption underneath, unless specified, and each Play Symbol must agree with its Play Symbol Caption;
3. Each of the Play Symbols must be present in its entirety and be fully legible;
4. Each of the Play Symbols must be printed in black ink except for dual image games;
5. The Scratch Ticket shall be intact;
6. The Serial Number and Game-Pack-Ticket Number must be present in their entirety and be fully legible;
7. The Serial Number must correspond, using the Texas Lottery's codes, to the Play Symbols on the Scratch Ticket;
8. The Scratch Ticket must not have a hole punched through it, be mutilated, altered, unreadable, reconstituted or tampered with in any manner;
9. The Scratch Ticket must not be counterfeit in whole or in part;
10. The Scratch Ticket must have been issued by the Texas Lottery in an authorized manner;
11. The Scratch Ticket must not have been stolen, nor appear on any list of omitted Scratch Tickets or non-activated Scratch Tickets on file at the Texas Lottery;
12. The Play Symbols, Serial Number and Game-Pack-Ticket Number must be right side up and not reversed in any manner;
13. The Scratch Ticket must be complete and not miscut, and have exactly forty-five (45) Play Symbols under the Latex Overprint on the front portion of the Scratch Ticket, exactly one Serial Number and exactly one Game-Pack-Ticket Number on the Scratch Ticket;
14. The Serial Number of an apparent winning Scratch Ticket shall correspond with the Texas Lottery's Serial Numbers for winning Scratch Tickets, and a Scratch Ticket with that Serial Number shall not have been paid previously;
15. The Scratch Ticket must not be blank or partially blank, misregistered, defective or printed or produced in error;
16. Each of the forty-five (45) Play Symbols must be exactly one of those described in Section 1.2.C of these Game Procedures;
17. Each of the forty-five (45) Play Symbols on the Scratch Ticket must be printed in the Symbol font and must correspond precisely to the

artwork on file at the Texas Lottery; the Scratch Ticket Serial Numbers must be printed in the Serial font and must correspond precisely to the artwork on file at the Texas Lottery; and the Game-Pack-Ticket Number must be printed in the Game-Pack-Ticket Number font and must correspond precisely to the artwork on file at the Texas Lottery;

18. The Display Printing on the Scratch Ticket must be regular in every respect and correspond precisely to the artwork on file at the Texas Lottery; and

19. The Scratch Ticket must have been received by the Texas Lottery by applicable deadlines.

B. The Scratch Ticket must pass all additional validation tests provided for in these Game Procedures, the Texas Lottery's Rules governing the award of prizes of the amount to be validated, and any confidential validation and security tests of the Texas Lottery.

C. Any Scratch Ticket not passing all of the validation requirements is void and ineligible for any prize and shall not be paid. However, the Executive Director may, solely at the Executive Director's discretion, refund the retail sales price of the Scratch Ticket. In the event a defective Scratch Ticket is purchased, the only responsibility or liability of the Texas Lottery shall be to replace the defective Scratch Ticket with another unplayed Scratch Ticket in that Scratch Ticket Game (or a Scratch Ticket of equivalent sales price from any other current Texas Lottery Scratch Ticket Game) or refund the retail sales price of the Scratch Ticket, solely at the Executive Director's discretion.

## 2.2 Programmed Game Parameters.

A. Consecutive Non-Winning Tickets within a Pack will not have matching patterns, in the same order, of either Play Symbols or Prize Symbols.

B. A Ticket can win as indicated by the prize structure.

C. A Ticket can win up to twenty (20) times.

D. On winning and Non-Winning Tickets, the top cash prizes of \$5,000 and \$100,000 will each appear at least one (1) time, except on Tickets winning more than fifteen (15) times, with respect to other parameters, play action or prize structure.

E. All non-winning YOUR NUMBERS Play Symbols will be different.

F. No matching WINNING NUMBERS Play Symbols will appear on a Ticket.

G. Non-winning Prize Symbols will not match a winning Prize Symbol on a Ticket.

H. Tickets winning more than one (1) time will use as many WINNING NUMBERS Play Symbols as possible to create matches, unless restricted by other parameters, play action or prize structure.

I. The "TD" (WINALL) Play Symbol will never appear as a WINNING NUMBERS Play Symbol.

J. The "TD" (WINALL) Play Symbol will instantly win all twenty (20) prize amounts and will win only as per the prize structure.

K. The "TD" (WINALL) Play Symbol will never appear more than one (1) time on a Ticket.

L. The "TD" (WINALL) Play Symbol will never appear on a Non-Winning Ticket.

M. On Tickets winning with the "TD" (WINALL) Play Symbol, the YOUR NUMBERS Play Symbols will not match any of the WINNING NUMBERS Play Symbols.

N. The "FOOTBALL" (WIN\$) Play Symbol will never appear as a WINNING NUMBERS Play Symbol.

O. The "FOOTBALL" (WIN\$) Play Symbol will win the prize for that Play Symbol.

P. The "FOOTBALL" (WIN\$) Play Symbol will never appear more than one (1) time on a Ticket.

Q. The "FOOTBALL" (WIN\$) Play Symbol will never appear on a Non-Winning Ticket.

R. The "TD" (WINALL) Play Symbol and the "FOOTBALL" (WIN\$) Play Symbol will never appear on the same Ticket.

S. On Tickets winning with the "FOOTBALL" (WIN\$) Play Symbol, the YOUR NUMBERS Play Symbols will not match any of the WINNING NUMBERS Play Symbols.

T. All YOUR NUMBERS Play Symbols will never equal the corresponding Prize Symbol (i.e., 05 and \$5, 10 and \$10, 15 and \$15, 20 and \$20 and 50 and \$50).

U. On all Tickets, a Prize Symbol will not appear more than four (4) times, except as required by the prize structure to create multiple wins.

V. On Non-Winning Tickets, a WINNING NUMBERS Play Symbol will never match a YOUR NUMBERS Play Symbol.

## 2.3 Procedure for Claiming Prizes.

A. To claim a "COWBOYS" Scratch Ticket Game prize of \$5.00, \$10.00, \$15.00, \$20.00, \$50.00, \$100 or \$500, a claimant shall sign the back of the Scratch Ticket in the space designated on the Scratch Ticket and may present the winning Scratch Ticket to any Texas Lottery Retailer. The Texas Lottery Retailer shall verify the claim and, if valid, and upon presentation of proper identification, if appropriate, make payment of the amount due the claimant and physically void the Scratch Ticket; provided that the Texas Lottery Retailer may, but is not required, to pay a \$50.00, \$100 or \$500 Scratch Ticket Game. In the event the Texas Lottery Retailer cannot verify the claim, the Texas Lottery Retailer shall provide the claimant with a claim form and instruct the claimant on how to file a claim with the Texas Lottery. If the claim is validated by the Texas Lottery, a check shall be forwarded to the claimant in the amount due. In the event the claim is not validated, the claim shall be denied and the claimant shall be notified promptly. A claimant may also claim any of the above prizes under the procedure described in Section 2.3.B and Section 2.3.C of these Game Procedures.

B. To claim a "COWBOYS" Scratch Ticket Game prize of \$5,000 or \$100,000, the claimant must sign the winning Scratch Ticket and may present it at one of the Texas Lottery's Claim Centers. If the claim is validated by the Texas Lottery, payment will be made to the bearer of the validated winning Scratch Ticket for that prize upon presentation of proper identification. When paying a prize of \$600 or more, the Texas Lottery shall file the appropriate income reporting form with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and shall withhold federal income tax at a rate set by the IRS if required. In the event that the claim is not validated by the Texas Lottery, the claim shall be denied and the claimant shall be notified promptly.

C. As an alternative method of claiming a "COWBOYS" Scratch Ticket Game prize, the claimant may submit the signed winning Scratch Ticket and a thoroughly completed claim form via mail. If a prize value is \$1,000,000 or more, the claimant must also provide proof of Social Security number or Tax Payer Identification (for U.S. Citizens or Resident Aliens). Mail all to: Texas Lottery Commission, P.O. Box 16600, Austin, Texas 78761-6600. The Texas Lottery is not responsible for Scratch Tickets lost in the mail. In the event that the claim is not validated by the Texas Lottery, the claim shall be denied and the claimant shall be notified promptly.

D. Prior to payment by the Texas Lottery of any prize, the Texas Lottery shall deduct the amount of a delinquent tax or other money from the winnings of a prize winner who has been finally determined to be:

1. delinquent in the payment of a tax or other money to a state agency and that delinquency is reported to the Comptroller under Government Code §403.055;

2. in default on a loan made under Chapter 52, Education Code;

3. in default on a loan guaranteed under Chapter 57, Education Code; or

4. delinquent in child support payments in the amount determined by a court or a Title IV-D agency under Chapter 231, Family Code.

E. If a person is indebted or owes delinquent taxes to the State, other than those specified in the preceding paragraph, the winnings of a person shall be withheld until the debt or taxes are paid.

F. If a person is indebted or owes delinquent taxes to the State, and is selected as a winner in a promotional second-chance drawing, the debt to the State must be paid within 14 days of notification or the prize will be awarded to an Alternate.

2.4 Allowance for Delay of Payment. The Texas Lottery may delay payment of the prize pending a final determination by the Executive Director, under any of the following circumstances:

A. if a dispute occurs, or it appears likely that a dispute may occur, regarding the prize;

B. if there is any question regarding the identity of the claimant;

C. if there is any question regarding the validity of the Scratch Ticket presented for payment; or

D. if the claim is subject to any deduction from the payment otherwise due, as described in Section 2.3.D of these Game Procedures. No liability for interest for any delay shall accrue to the benefit of the claimant pending payment of the claim.

2.5 Payment of Prizes to Persons Under 18. If a person under the age of 18 years is entitled to a cash prize under \$600 from the "COWBOYS" Scratch Ticket Game, the Texas Lottery shall deliver to an adult member of the minor's family or the minor's guardian a check or warrant in the amount of the prize payable to the order of the minor.

2.6 If a person under the age of 18 years is entitled to a cash prize of \$600 or more from the "COWBOYS" Scratch Ticket Game, the Texas Lottery shall deposit the amount of the prize in a custodial bank account, with an adult member of the minor's family or the minor's guardian serving as custodian for the minor.

2.7 Scratch Ticket Claim Period. All Scratch Ticket Game prizes must be claimed within 180 days following the end of the Scratch Ticket Game or within the applicable time period for certain eligible military personnel as set forth in Texas Government Code §466.408. Any rights to a prize that is not claimed within that period, and in the manner specified in these Game Procedures and on the back of each Scratch Ticket, shall be forfeited.

2.8 Disclaimer. The number of prizes in a game is approximate based on the number of Scratch Tickets ordered. The number of actual prizes available in a game may vary based on number of Scratch Tickets manufactured, testing, distribution, sales and number of prizes claimed. A Scratch Ticket Game may continue to be sold even when all the top prizes have been claimed.

2.9 Promotional Second-Chance Drawings. Any Non-Winning "COWBOYS" Scratch Ticket may be entered into one (1) of five (5) promotional drawings for a chance to win a promotional second-chance drawing prize. See instructions on the back of the Scratch Ticket for information on eligibility and entry requirements.

3.0 Scratch Ticket Ownership.

A. Until such time as a signature is placed upon the back portion of a Scratch Ticket in the space designated, a Scratch Ticket shall be owned by the physical possessor of said Scratch Ticket. When a signature is placed on the back of the Scratch Ticket in the space designated, the player whose signature appears in that area shall be the owner of the Scratch Ticket and shall be entitled to any prize attributable thereto. Notwithstanding any name or names submitted on a claim form, the Executive Director shall make payment to the player whose signature appears on the back of the Scratch Ticket in the space designated. If more than one name appears on the back of the Scratch Ticket, the Executive Director will require that one of those players whose name appears thereon be designated by such players to receive payment.

B. The Texas Lottery shall not be responsible for lost or stolen Scratch Tickets and shall not be required to pay on a lost or stolen Scratch Ticket.

4.0 Number and Value of Scratch Ticket Prizes. There will be approximately 9,720,000 Scratch Tickets in the Scratch Ticket Game No. 2663. The approximate number and value of prizes in the game are as follows:

Figure 2: GAME NO. 2663 - 4.0

Prize Amount	Approximate Number of Winners*	Approximate Odds are 1 in **
\$5.00	1,209,600	8.04
\$10.00	496,800	19.57
\$15.00	388,800	25.00
\$20.00	388,800	25.00
\$50.00	67,500	144.00
\$100	6,480	1,500.00
\$500	270	36,000.00
\$5,000	12	810,000.00
\$100,000	4	2,430,000.00

\*The number of prizes in a game is approximate based on the number of tickets ordered. The number of actual prizes available in a game may vary based on number of tickets manufactured, testing, distribution, sales and number of prizes claimed.

\*\*The overall odds of winning a prize are 1 in 3.80. The individual odds of winning for a particular prize level may vary based on sales, distribution, testing, and number of prizes claimed.

A. The actual number of Scratch Tickets in the game may be increased or decreased at the sole discretion of the Texas Lottery Commission.

5.0 End of the Scratch Ticket Game. The Executive Director may, at any time, announce a closing date (end date) for the Scratch Ticket Game No. 2663 without advance notice, at which point no further Scratch Tickets in that game may be sold. The determination of the closing date and reasons for closing will be made in accordance with the Scratch Ticket Game closing procedures and the Scratch Ticket Game Rules. See 16 TAC §401.302(j).

6.0 Governing Law. In purchasing a Scratch Ticket, the player agrees to comply with, and abide by, these Game Procedures for Scratch Ticket Game No. 2663, the State Lottery Act (Texas Government Code, Chapter 466), applicable rules adopted by the Texas Lottery pursuant to the State Lottery Act and referenced in 16 TAC, Chapter 401, and all final decisions of the Executive Director.

TRD-202502286  
 Bob Biard  
 General Counsel  
 Texas Lottery Commission  
 Filed: July 9, 2025

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**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department**

Notice of Availability and Request for Public Comment Within 30 Days

**Draft Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment for the May 2019 Bayport Channel Collision; Galveston Bay, Texas.**

AGENCIES: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), Texas General Land Office (GLO), and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) (collectively, the Trustees).

ACTION: Notice of availability of a Draft Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan/Environmental Assessment (Draft DARP/EA) for the May 2019 Bayport Channel Collision, in Galveston Bay, Texas and of a 30-day period for public comment on the Draft DARP/EA beginning on the date of publication of this notice.

SUMMARY: This notice serves to inform the public that the Trustees for the 2019 Bayport Channel Collision Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration (NRDAR) developed a Draft DARP/EA. The Draft DARP/EA proposes projects, also referred to as alternatives, to help restore water column resources impacted by the Bayport Channel Collision. The Draft DARP/EA evaluates three restoration projects under the Oil Pollution Act (OPA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and their implementing regulations. A No Action Alternative

is also evaluated pursuant to NEPA. The total estimated cost to implement the preferred project/alternative is approximately \$1,250,000.

The Trustees invite public review and comment on the Draft DARP/EA pursuant to 15 CFR § 990.55.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested members of the public may view the Draft DARP/EA <http://darrp.noaa.gov/oil-spills/bayport-darp-ea> or request a copy of the Draft DARP/EA by contacting Kimberly Biba at the TPWD, Coastal Fisheries Division, 1502 FM 517 Road East, Dickinson, Texas 77539; by phone at (281) 534-0133; or by email at [EARRP@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:EARRP@tpwd.texas.gov).

**DEADLINE:** Public comments on the Draft DARP/EA must be submitted in writing to Kimberly Biba at the same mailing or e-mail address within 30 calendar days of the publication date of this notice. The Trustees will consider all written comments received during the comment period.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

On May 10, 2019, the tanker ship VLGC Genesis River (Genesis River) collided with the tugboat Voyager in the Houston Ship Channel near Bayport, Texas (Collision). The Collision caused approximately 600,000 gallons of reformate (a colorless, refined petroleum product) to rapidly discharge into the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bay (Spill). For purposes of natural resource damages, Kirby Inland Marine, L.P. (Kirby) was identified as the Responsible Party.

The Trustees, consisting of TPWD, TCEQ, GLO, and NOAA, conducted a NRDAR in cooperation with the Responsible Party, Kirby. The assessment found that the Spill resulted in acute injury to aquatic organisms (fish and invertebrates) throughout the water column.

On September 1, 2021, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas entered a Consent Decree resolving the Trustees' claims for injuries to natural resources resulting from the Spill. Kirby agreed to pay \$1,695,802 in damages and assessment costs to resolve federal and state claims for injuries to natural resources and services resulting from the Spill and to provide for the Trustees' costs to oversee, implement, and monitor the restoration of natural resources.

This Draft DARP/EA was prepared jointly by the Trustees to inform the public of the Trustees' authorities and responsibilities under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33 United States Code [U.S.C.] 2701 et seq.) and the National Environmental Policy Act (83 Stat. 852; 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and to solicit public comment on proposed projects to restore resources injured by the Spill. In this Draft DARP/EA, the Trustees evaluate potential restoration projects that exhibit a sufficient relationship to the natural resources injured and would compensate the public for natural resource losses resulting from the Spill. The Trustees propose the Gordy Marsh Living Shoreline project as the preferred restoration project. The total estimated cost to implement the preferred project (alternative) is approximately \$1,250,000 and includes construction of a breakwater to protect wetland and coastal prairie habitat and the creation of marsh habitat by planting marsh grasses behind the constructed breakwater. The Trustees invite the public to comment on the Draft DARP/EA.

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Notice of Proposed Real Estate Transactions

Notice of Proposed Real Estate Actions

## **Land Acquisition - Burnet County**

### **Approximately 2 Acres at Post Oak Ridge State Park**

In a meeting on August 21, 2025, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission (the Commission) will consider approving an acquisition of land of approximately 2 acres at Post Oak Ridge State Park. The public will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed transaction before the Commission takes action. The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Headquarters, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744. Prior to the meeting, public comment may be submitted to Stan David, Executive Office, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744, or by email to [real.estate.comment@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:real.estate.comment@tpwd.texas.gov), or via the department's website at [www.tpwd.texas.gov](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov). Visit the TPWD website at [tpwd.texas.gov](http://tpwd.texas.gov) for the latest information regarding the Commission.

### **Request for Pipeline Easement - Jefferson County**

#### **Approximately 27.7 Acres at J.D. Murphree Wildlife Management Area**

In a meeting on August 21, 2025, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission (the Commission) will consider approving a request for a pipeline easement of approximately 27.7 acres at the J.D. Murphree Wildlife Management Area. The public will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed transaction before the Commission takes action. The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Headquarters, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744. Prior to the meeting, public comment may be submitted to Whitney Gann, Wildlife Division, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744, or by email to [real.estate.comment@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:real.estate.comment@tpwd.texas.gov), or via the department's website at [www.tpwd.texas.gov](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov). Visit the TPWD website at [tpwd.texas.gov](http://tpwd.texas.gov) for the latest information regarding the Commission.

## **Land Acquisition - Bandera County**

### **Approximately 37 Acres at Albert and Bessie Kronkosky State Natural Area**

In a meeting on August 21, 2025, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission (the Commission) will consider approving an acquisition of land of approximately 37 acres at Albert and Bessie Kronkosky State Natural Area. The public will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed transaction before the Commission takes action. The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Headquarters, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744. Prior to the meeting, public comment may be submitted to Trey Vick, Executive Office, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744, or by email to [real.estate.comment@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:real.estate.comment@tpwd.texas.gov), or via the department's website at [www.tpwd.texas.gov](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov). Visit the TPWD website at [tpwd.texas.gov](http://tpwd.texas.gov) for the latest information regarding the Commission.

### **Request for Waterline Easement - Bastrop County**

#### **Approximately 6 Acres at Bastrop State Park**

In a meeting on August 21, 2025, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission (the Commission) will consider approving a request for a waterline easement of approximately 6 acres at Bastrop State Park. The public will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed transaction before the Commission takes action. The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Headquarters, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744. Prior to the meeting, public comment may be submitted to Trey Vick, Executive Office, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744, or by email to [real.estate.comment@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:real.estate.comment@tpwd.texas.gov), or via the depart-

ment's website at [www.tpwd.texas.gov](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov). Visit the TPWD website at [tpwd.texas.gov](http://tpwd.texas.gov) for the latest information regarding the Commission.

**Disposition of Land - Cameron County**

**Approximately 1.9 Acres at Boca Chica State Park**

In a meeting on August 21, 2025, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission (the Commission) will consider approving a disposition of land of approximately 1.9 acres at Boca Chica State Park. The public will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed transaction before the Commission takes action. The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Headquarters, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744. Prior to the meeting, public com-

ment may be submitted to Trey Vick, Executive Office, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744, or by email to [real.estate.comment@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:real.estate.comment@tpwd.texas.gov), or via the department's website at [www.tpwd.texas.gov](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov). Visit the TPWD website at [tpwd.texas.gov](http://tpwd.texas.gov) for the latest information regarding the Commission.

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**Attorney General** - summaries of requests for opinions, opinions, and open records decisions.

**Texas Ethics Commission** - summaries of requests for opinions and opinions.

**Emergency Rules** - sections adopted by state agencies on an emergency basis.

**Proposed Rules** - sections proposed for adoption.

**Withdrawn Rules** - sections withdrawn by state agencies from consideration for adoption, or automatically withdrawn by the Texas Register six months after the proposal publication date.

**Adopted Rules** - sections adopted following public comment period.

**Texas Department of Insurance Exempt Filings** - notices of actions taken by the Texas Department of Insurance pursuant to Chapter 5, Subchapter L of the Insurance Code.

**Review of Agency Rules** - notices of state agency rules review.

**Tables and Graphics** - graphic material from the proposed, emergency and adopted sections.

**Transferred Rules** - notice that the Legislature has transferred rules within the *Texas Administrative Code* from one state agency to another, or directed the Secretary of State to remove the rules of an abolished agency.

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Specific explanation on the contents of each section can be found on the beginning page of the section. The division also publishes cumulative quarterly and annual indexes to aid in researching material published.

**How to Cite:** Material published in the *Texas Register* is referenced by citing the volume in which the document appears, the words “TexReg” and the beginning page number on which that document was published. For example, a document published on page 2402 of Volume 50 (2025) is cited as follows: 50 TexReg 2402.

In order that readers may cite material more easily, page numbers are now written as citations. Example: on page 2 in the lower-left hand corner of the page, would be written “50 TexReg 2 issue date,” while on the opposite page, page 3, in the lower right-hand corner, would be written “issue date 50 TexReg 3.”

**How to Research:** The public is invited to research rules and information of interest between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays at the *Texas Register* office, James Earl Rudder Building, 1019 Brazos, Austin. Material can be found using *Texas Register* indexes, the *Texas Administrative Code* section numbers, or TRD number.

Both the *Texas Register* and the *Texas Administrative Code* are available online at: <https://www.sos.texas.gov>. The *Texas Register* is available in an .html version as well as a .pdf version through the internet. For website information, call the Texas Register at (512) 463-5561.

## Texas Administrative Code

The *Texas Administrative Code (TAC)* is the compilation of all final state agency rules published in the *Texas Register*. Following its effective date, a rule is entered into the *Texas Administrative Code*. Emergency rules, which may be adopted by an agency on an interim basis, are not codified within the TAC.

The TAC volumes are arranged into Titles and Parts (using Arabic numerals). The Titles are broad subject categories into which the agencies are grouped as a matter of convenience. Each Part represents an individual state agency.

The complete TAC is available through the Secretary of State’s website at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/tac>.

The Titles of the TAC, and their respective Title numbers are:

1. Administration
4. Agriculture
7. Banking and Securities
10. Community Development
13. Cultural Resources
16. Economic Regulation
19. Education
22. Examining Boards
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34. Public Finance
37. Public Safety and Corrections
40. Social Services and Assistance
43. Transportation

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