

2:00pm to 3:30pm WHA Office

Attendees on March 21, 2019

Jack Miller	Auggie Campbell
Alia Vinson (phone)	Bryan Thomas
Carmen Kumpula	Jennifer Elms
Connie Curtis	Mohamed Bagha

- 1. **Welcome & Introductions (2:00)** Jack Miller
- 2. **Committee Business (2:10)** Jack Miller

a. **Committee Goals for 2019**

i. **Technical Forum**

1. *The committee discussed that the joint meeting between the education and water resources committees was a great meeting to see what programs are already in progress. Inframark reported that they are partnering with BGE and HCC on an accreditation program to generate licensed operators. The group discussed the following potential panelists:*

- a. *Julie Nahrgang – WEAT*
- b. *Donna Starling – City of Irving*
- c. *Bill Callegari*
- d. *Representative from TRIO Electric*
- e. *Mike Thornhill – Moderator*

2. *The group discussed the target event audience as local ISD’s, Operator Firms and City of Houston. The committee discussed that WEAT is already working with the city on their workforce needs. The goal will be to get programs off the ground and facilitate the discussion. The working group meeting will be announced at the event.*

ii. **Marketing**

1. *The group discussed having committee members push the July event to other companies. Kumpula asked if the event should be marketed as a continuing education credit. The committee reported that this event would be for operators and the process would need to go through TCEQ. The committee decided not to include the continuing education credit. AWWA is working to get operators the ability to self report their continuing education.*

b. **Legislative Updates**



- i. Representative Larson has filed **HB2846** stating that the City of Houston shall enter into a contract agreement with the Brazos River Authority (BRA) to transfer the city's ownership interests, including water right permits, in the Allens Creek Reservoir project. The bill states that the city must enter into this contract by January 1, 2020.
 - ii. Campbell reported that **SB6, 7 and 8** passed through the senate this week. These bills will allow non-structural and nature based projects as well.
 - iii. The committee discussed the Creighton's bill is very Harvey centric. The concern is that other legislators will not want to pass his bill because they would like the program to be state-wide.
 - iv. The committee also discussed **HB911** which creates the Lake Houston Watershed Commission to weigh in on water supply projects. This would include the NE waterplant which many people do not want. Vinson reported that this bill will likely stay in committee.
 - v. Sarah Davis has recently filed **HB1875** which would restrict MUD and TIRZ meetings to nights and weekends.
 - vi. Vinson reported that Kolkhorst has also filed an eminent domain bill that would only impact private entities. The purpose of the goal is to ensure a fair offer for landowners.
3. **New Business (3:00)** Jack Miller
- a. The group discussed having Richard Seline, Accelerate H₂O, give a presentation at the May 16th meeting. The group discussed having Clif Edwards at the May meeting as well.
4. **Adjourn (3:30)**

2019 WHA WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE PROPOSED MEETING SCHEDULE

Default Meeting Location at WHA Offices, 2 pm

~~Thursday, January 17~~

~~Thursday, March 21~~

Thursday, May 16

Thursday, July 18

Thursday, September 19

Thursday, November 21