



WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

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Central Texas Section

March 2017

Central Texas WEAT Presents:

“Hot Off The Press: Mid-Session Update From 85th Texas Legislature”

Heather Cooke

Government Relations for Austin Water

Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

The 85th Regular Session of the Texas State Legislature convened on January 10, 2017 and will conclude on May 29, 2017. Bill filing began on November 14th, which gave us a peak at the high priority bills of the 85th Texas Legislative Session. This presentation will cover proposed legislation important to the clean water and drinking water industry in Texas as well as potential impacts of water bills. We will almost certainly see legislation addressing biosolids management, domestic septage land application, movement of water, groundwater management, desalination, water reuse, cybersecurity, and endangered/invasive species. Many other issues could also emerge such as increases to fees imposed by the TCEQ on water/wastewater utilities. The emphasis of this presentation will be on providing timely updates on water-related state legislation as it is evolving.



Heather Cooke manages government relations for Austin Water, chairs WEAT's Government Affairs Committee and is the Legislative Chair for TAWWA. She also serves on the board of TWCA. Heather formerly managed Travis County's legislative program and served as a Paralegal with the Philadelphia Water Department. She holds a master's degree from the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin.

MEETING INFORMATION

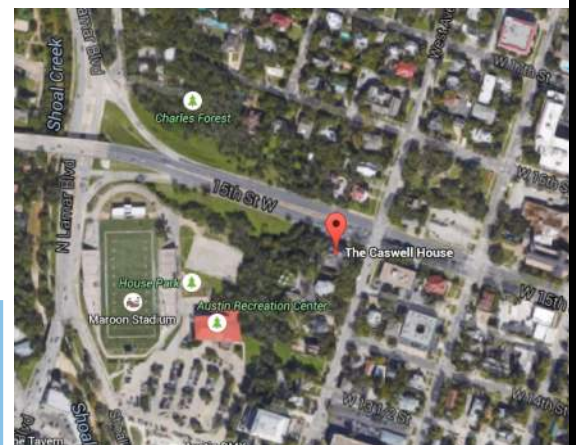
Please RSVP by contacting **Jason Bybel** (jbybel@ljaengineering.com) by **Wednesday, March 15th**.

Meeting Cost: Members and Guests - \$20.00, Students - \$5.00 *Meeting fee covers facility rental, dinner, and non-alcoholic beverages.*

Meeting Location: **The Caswell House**, 1404 West Avenue (SW corner of West Avenue and West 15th Street).

Additional Parking available at St. Martin's Lutheran Church Parking Lot at corner of West 15th St. and Rio Grande St.

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UPCOMING EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	SPONSOR(S)
March 17, 2017	Nomination Deadline for New WEAT Officers: WEAT Vice President, Secretary, and WEF Delegate Email suggestions to Nomination Chair, Jenna Covington at jcovington@NTMWD.com	Austin, TX	WEAT
March 21, 2017	WEAT CTS Meeting	Austin, TX	WEAT CTS
March 26, 2017	Texas Water Cleanup Challenge Kayaking/Cleaning up around Lady Bird Lake RSVP to skylar.weir@stantec.com by March 22	Austin, TX	WEAT CTS YP
April 10-13, 2017	Texas Water 2017 Austin Convention Center Austin, Texas Registration Now Open!	Austin, TX	WEAT / TAWWA
April 11, 2017	YP Happy Hour at Texas Water Details Forthcoming	Austin, TX	GobalWET
May 18-19, 2017	Water Reuse in Texas Conference Register Now! See attached information	El Paso, TX	WEAT / WRA / TAWWA
August 9-10, 2017	Biosolids and Odor and Corrosion Control Conference Registration Coming Soon!	San Marcos, TX	WEAT

WEAT CTS OFFICERS AND MEETING TOPICS

Please contact any of the officers if you have questions or would like to get more involved with the CTS chapter.

We are looking for your feedback on topics to be presented at our section meetings and at specialty conferences. Please contact Secretary, **Jason Bybel** if you have any suggestions.

Also, if you are interested in sponsoring a Central Texas Section WEAT event, please contact President Elect, **Rebecca Musk**, for more information.

As always, we thank you for supporting CTS WEAT!!!

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CENTRAL TEXAS SECTION SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS FOR 2017

Sponsorship alternatives have been developed in a way of keeping meeting cost low for all attendees. Options include a classic dinner sponsorship, Gold, and Platinum sponsorships. For more details, please contact Rebecca Musk at 512-617-3133 or rebecca.musk@freese.com.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS UPDATE

Check out a summary of recent and upcoming events below. Get in touch with Will Chandler (wccandler@lan-inc.com) if you are a YP and want to get in the know/involved.

RECENT EVENTS:

Joint ASCEYMF/YPT/CTWEAT/TAWWA YP Evening Soiree

Big ups to Greg Blackburn (ASCE YMF) and our sponsors (Flowtite FRP pipe <http://flowtite.amiantit-group.com/> ; and EI2 <http://www.ei2texas.com/>) for pulling it all together. Nice venue, great attendance, and very tough trivia! Looking forward to working with these folks again and keeping the collaborative and communal spirit alive with similar events moving forwards.



March 4th – BBQ Cookoff at the Austin Rodeo!

T'was a cold and rainy night, indeed, but that didn't stop the WEAT YPs (et al.) from showing up and eating some delicious smoked meat! (the pulled pork and ribs were out of control!) Thanks to our sponsors (CDM Smith, Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Environmental Improvements, Hartwell Environmental) who pulled together a \$500 group donation to the Rodeo Austin Scholarship (<http://www.rodeoaustin.com/about/scholarships/>) on behalf of WEAT/TAWWA! Fingers crossed for better weather next year!

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 26th – Kayaking Around Ladybird Lake and Cleaning Up Trash!

The Texas River Cleanup challenge is a statewide competition with the objective of keeping our waterways clean, just the way they should be. There are all sorts of awards that will be given out (at Texas Water), but the one we have our sights on is "Most Spirited." So show up in colorful clothes (tie-dye if you have it), and a little bit of spirit, and we'll hop-to collecting all the wrappers, tennis balls, water bottles, etc. that run off of 35. I did this last year and it was great fun, not to mention very positive for the lake. The event is open to friends and family, so bring ya whole crew!

When: March 25th, 9:00 -11:00 am

Where: MLI South Shore Building, 1610 E Riverside Dr, Austin, TX 78741

Cost: FREE!!! Kayaks are free, lunch afterwards is free, and the garbage (or hidden treasures) that you is also free! Gloves, grabbers, kayaks will be provided.

Attendee RSVP is requested.

Please RSVP to skylar.weir@stantec.com by March 22nd.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS UPDATE (Cont...)

April 11th – YP Happy Hour at Texas Water!

Global WET (<http://www.globalwet.com/>) is putting on a happy hour for YPs to follow the YP reception at Texas water. Still in planning phase now, but stay tuned for details. From what I have heard so far, it sounds like it will be a blast!

WEAT-CTS SCHOLARSHIP – CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Is college breaking the bank? The Central Texas Section of WEAT is here to help. We are pleased to offer a 2017 scholarship assistance program for WEAT-CTS members and/or their children and spouses. The scholarship assistance program will provide a \$500 award for students who attend either a 4-year college or university with accredited degree programs or a junior college. Preference will be given to students who are affiliated with WEAT (individually or immediate family), interested in pursuing a career related to water quality, have outstanding academic records, and are actively involved in extracurricular activities. Please contact Theresa Pedrazas (Theresa.Pedrazas@TetraTech.com) to obtain a scholarship application. Applications are due on or before June 15, 2017.

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Are you a member of WEAT? If not, here are a few reasons why you should become a member TODAY:

- Great training and networking opportunities with continuing education credit to maintain licenses
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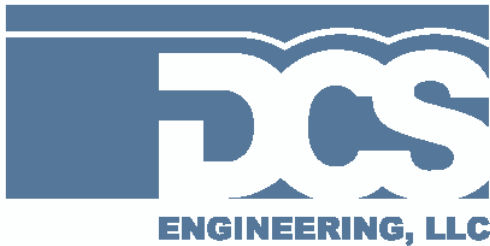
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TSIT's Project Professionals have a combined 120 years of experience in the North and Central area. Our technical staff experience levels extend to 33 years with an overall average of over 11 years of Geotechnical Engineering and Construction Materials Testing experience.

TSIT has provided Geotechnical Engineering services for a wide range of projects including commercial and residential developments, highways, municipal facilities, warehouses, churches, pavements and parking facilities, retaining walls and multistory office facilities.

TSIT has 43 employees providing Geotechnical Engineering and Construction Materials Testing services in North and Central Texas. Certifications maintained by our personnel include: ACI Field, ACI Laboratory, TxDOT Asphalt, TxDOT Soils, PCI, PTI, NICET, and ICRI Tier 2 Moisture Testing.



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WATER REUSE TEXAS

TEXAS WATER REUSE Conference May 18-19, 2017

5/18: WR 101: 1pm - 5pm

5/18: Networking Reception: 5pm-6:30pm

5/19: Water Reuse Texas Conference: 8am-4pm

TEXAS WATER REUSE ASSOCIATION, WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS, and TEXAS AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION invite you to attend the 7th Annual Water Reuse Conference in Texas — co-sponsored by our three associations.

TECHNICAL PROGRAM

The Program will provide attendees current updates on reclaimed water topics including **UTILITY OPERATIONS, FOLLOW THE MONEY, WATER REUSE PLANNING**, and **WATER QUALITY ISSUES**. Participants will enjoy networking with industry professionals interested in extending our water resources into the future. Lunch will be included and the schedule has been developed to offer maximum instruction time in a one-day conference.

CONFERENCE LOCATION: EI PASO CONVENTION CENTER, EL PASO, TX

Mention WEA for the Water Reuse in Texas conference room rate of \$115 at the Double Tree, 600 N. El Paso Street, El Paso, TX, 512.392.6450. Reservation deadline for room block is May 1, 2017.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
TBD

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Attending Network Reception? Yes No Attending Family Night? Yes No

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WATER REUSE 101 CLASS THURSDAY, May 18

Are you looking for a water reuse primer before the conference? Join Water Reuse Association Officers and experts for a Water Reuse 101 Thursday, May 18 1:00-5:00PM.

NETWORKING RECEPTION THURSDAY MAY 18

Join your colleagues in the industry for a networking reception Thursday, May 18, 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm at the El Paso Convention Center, El Paso, TX. Hors d'oeuvres and one drink ticket will be available to Texas Water Reuse Conference attendees.

RETURN FORM AND PAYMENT TO:

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MARCH 25TH KEEP AUSTIN CLEAN!

Ladybird Lake KAYAK Cleanup

The WEAT Public Communication and Outreach Committee has helped to plan a **Texas River Cleanup Challenge**. Join our 20 other WEAT chapters to **compete to clean up our local rivers**, promoting environmental stewardship, awareness, and cooperation among the WEAT chapters.



Help your local WEAT chapter clean Ladybird Lake and try to win the “Most Spirited” award at Texas Water 2017!

**Let's go Kayaking!
Bring friends and family.**

Meet at Live Love Paddle (AMLI South Shore Building, 1610 E Riverside Dr, Austin, TX 78741) at 9AM followed by a social lunch at 11:00 AM at Baby A's on Barton Springs Rd.

Please wear Tie-Dye or bright colored anything to “Keep Austin Weird”.

Kayaks, trash bags, gloves, and lunch will be provided.

Kayaking not required, Keep Austin Clean! on foot.



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