



Water Environment Association of Texas

UPDATE ON THE 86TH TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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Presenters: Julie Nahrgang, Executive Director, WEAT;
Heather Cooke, Austin Water, WEAT Governmental Affairs Committee Co-Chair;
Nathan Vassar, Lloyd Gosselink, WEAT Governmental Affairs Committee Co-Chair.

Presentation Overview/Synopsis: The 86th session kicked off on Jan 8 with water bills filed addressing disaster and flood planning and funding as a top priority as announced by Governor Abbott, Lt Gov Patrick, and Speaker Bonnen. WEAT is tracking a number of high priority bills and subject areas for our members and stakeholders. Join Heather Cooke, Nathan Vassar, and Julie Nahrgang as they discuss the latest from the leg, and give you details on bills that impact you, your ratepayers, and all those in the water sector in Texas.

Area of Interest: Wastewater and/or Water

Presentation Questions:

- What changes are being proposed by the legislature to the current process for wastewater spill reporting?
 - a. adding reporting to a county judge and other local government officials in the area where the spill occurs
 - b. lowering the number of gallons spilled that has to be reported to TCEQ within 24 hours
 - c. removing requirements to report spills to TCEQ
 - d. none of the above
- Has legislation been filed to give guidance to local governments to help them plan better for future disasters, including removing debris faster?
- True or False: A bill has been filed to allow Harris County to try reusing any kind of wastewater at county facilities.