

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER COMMITTEE

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The most recent committee meeting was held on March 22, 2018. The meeting was held at Concho Resources offices in Midland, Texas. During the meeting, there was a presentation by Ms. Monica Jacobs, Partner, Chair, Environmental Water Law Section with Kelly Hart and Hallman from Austin, Texas. The presentation was titled “Oil and Water: Texas Water Rights and Energy Resources.” Ms. Jacobs’ presented an overview on Texas water law key issues focusing on water rights; including ownership, regulatory entities, acquiring water for use, moving water, long term planning and trends. Ms. Jacobs’ presentation was followed by a question and answer period. Thanks to Monica for an excellent presentation. The committee also briefly discussed the recently held Permian Basin Water in Energy Conference held in Midland in late February and preliminary planning for next year’s conference. The next Water Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held in May or June 2018 at a time and place to be determined.

Potential future topics for presentation and discussion include the following:

Cross-Committee presentations to the Water Committee from the PBPA Regulatory Practices Committee and the Health, Safety and Environment Committee.

Produced water recycle, disposal, regulatory and operational issues.

Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR). Presentation to discuss and explain the processes involved as well as advantages and limitations of ASR.

New Mexico water related updates.

Updates on seismic monitoring and associated studies.