

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## WATER COMMITTEE

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The first quarter began with a joint meeting in January between PBPA's HSE, Regulatory Practices and Water Committees which hosted Investigator Telck of the Midland County Environmental Enforcement Unit (EEU). The primary purpose of this meeting was to introduce and familiarize the committee members with the county's EEU. Investigator Telck explained the various aspects of criminal law and water code violations that the unit covers and when to call the unit for such violations.

With two large water gatherings in February, the water committee did not officially meet rather was invited to attend and participate in these meetings. The first was the Permian Basin Water in Energy Conference. This conference was held on February 18th – 21st and hosted water experts covering various topics including regulatory issues and updates, water disposal, sourcing, midstream and surface water discharge. The second was the Permian Basin Water Management Council hosted on February 26th. This was a joint meeting between operators and service companies to discuss various water issues in the Permian Basin. Additionally, an update on the NM produced water bill implementation was presented as well as an introduction to the NM Produced Water Research consortium.

March's water committee meeting was scheduled to host a presentation on Permian ground water geology and availability by a representative from Daniel B. Stephens & Associates. However, with the advent of the novel coronavirus, the meeting was postponed until stay at home orders are lifted, and we are allowed to meet face-to-face again.