

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER COMMITTEE

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The most recent Water Committee meeting was held on Tuesday August 21, 2018 at the Concho office in Midland, Texas. The meeting focused on cross-committee presentations from the PBPA Regulatory Practices Committee and the Health, Safety and Environment Committee by two other PBPA Committee Chairs. Mark Henkhaus led off with a description of the purpose of the PBPA Regulatory Practices Committee and gave overviews of pending and recently completed regulatory actions including Railroad Commission of Texas SWR 40 and New Mexico OCD spill rules and disposal well discussions.

J. K. Wilson followed up with a description of the Health, Safety and Environment Committee and discussed current affairs and ongoing efforts of the committee including HSE Best Practices Sharing and Railroad Commission of Texas Safety Orientation for Field Inspectors. Thanks to both for taking the time to bring the Water Committee up to date with their activities.

Further committee discussions included the recently published New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission revised spill rules and the Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement Carlsbad Field Office, Pecos District, released on August 3, 2018 by the Bureau of Land Management. The BLM deadline for public comments is November 5, 2018.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday October 30, 2018.

Potential future topics for presentation and discussion include the following:

Updates to Permian Basin area regulatory issues (including state local and federal topics) which affect water from various aspects.

Updates on water handling and disposal issues including seismic monitoring and associated studies.

Possible presentation/panel discussion on overall water system management: challenges including sourcing, storage, transportation, recycling, regulatory, environmental and disposal.

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