



PERMIAN BASIN PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION

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Legislative Updates

New Mexico Legislative Report 54th New Mexico Legislature, First Session

The Legislature is about to enter the mid-point of this sixty-day session. To date 1,040 bills have been introduced, 531 in the House and 509 in the Senate, and Thursday, February 14th, is the final day for bill introduction.

Unfortunately, there are a number of bills being introduced that are very damaging to our industry, should they pass. The House will be the more difficult chamber to stop some of these bills. Just last week a couple of bills with a "progressive" agenda, not impacting our industry directly, however, were passed in the House and are now on their way to the Senate. These bills have caused some very heated floor debates.

Even though the Senate is controlled by the Democrats, this body, in the past has been much more deliberative with legislation. For this reason, there is optimism that bills we can not stop in the House, we have a chance to stop in the Senate.

It should be noted that even in the House, if a bill, such as the "state NEPA" bill (HB 206) has an appropriation, this gives us a greater chance of stopping it. Many of the

legislators in both houses serving on the finance committees are aware of the fiscal benefit our industry provides to the state budget.

We have also had some encouraging comments from some guests attending our PBPA Legislative Committee meetings. Just last week, EMNRD Secretary - Designee Propst mentioned problems with the "state NEPA" bill as well as the anti-fracking bill (SB 459). This week we tentatively have scheduled Land Commissioner Stephanie Garcia Richards and hope to get some insight into her agenda.

We will continue to work the session on your behalf and keep you updated as the session progresses. Thank you for your support!

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Texas Legislative Report

Today marks the 36th day of the 140 day long 86th Texas Legislative Session. The bulk of the work currently is focused on organizational hearings that allow new and returning members the opportunity to learn from relevant state agencies about the issues under their jurisdiction.

While the bulk of work being done in both chambers is organizational, the Texas Senate has begun strong consideration of [Senate Bill 2](#), the Senate version of the "The Property Tax Reform and Relief Act of 2019." In the House [House Bill 2](#) has been filed and referred to Ways and Means, where it awaits a hearing, which could come as early as next week.

The Permian Basin Petroleum Association is working hard with the Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees to lend its support to a variety of issues that effect the quality of life of those in the Permian Basin. Among those include funding for transportation infrastructure improvements at the county and state level as well as additional resources to support public and higher education institutions across the region. Additionally, the association has led efforts to increase funding for medical education programs to increase the number of medical professionals, and is seeking to increase the health, safety, and welfare of the communities by promoting common sense policies with the Department of Public Safety, the Texas Department of Transportation, the Railroad Commission of Texas, and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

At the end of the day, the Permian Basin is producing more than just oil and gas. The Permian Basin is producing prosperity for the entire state and this is an important time to re-invest in the core functions that allow our region to thrive. By funding these goals, the State of Texas will earn a great deal of return on its investment, and the communities will continue to serve as the economic engine of the state and nation.

For more information, or to have any of your questions answered, don't hesitate to reach out to Michael Lozano at Michael@pbpa.info.

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Mark Your Calendar

PBPA Membership Luncheon

Please join us for the February PBPA Membership Luncheon and updates on all the legislative activity in Austin and Santa Fe! This month's luncheon will be held in conjunction with the Permian Basin Water in Energy Conference (PBWIEC) being held February 19-22 at the Midland County Horseshoe Pavilion. For more information on the PBWIEC, please [click here](#).

On February 21st, PBPA President, Ben Shepperd, will be the keynote luncheon speaker as we help the PBWIEC host a joint meeting with the PBPA membership.

While full attendance to the conference is highly recommended and is still available at an early bird price of \$595, attendance for PBPA members to lunch, and lunch only, on February 21st can be had for \$35.

Thursday, February 21st 2019

11:45AM - 1:00PM

Midland County Horseshoe Pavillion

2014 Arena Trail

Midland, Texas 79701

Register for the Membership Luncheon by
[clicking here](#) or calling our office at (432) 684-6345

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"Blowout", presented by the Texas Tribune

Next Wednesday, February 20th at 6:30, the Texas Tribune, Newsy, AP, and Center for Public Integrity are planning on holding a screening of their documentary "Blowout" followed by a panel discussion at Odessa College. The documentary is described as highlighting "an unprecedented oil and gas drilling boom in the Permian Basin that is great for business. But it's polluting the air, overwhelming communities and threatening the planet." We have a version of what we believe will be the full video, and it contains opinions represented as facts from several different sources who are opposed to our industry, including medical determinations and scientific observations.

After the screening of "Blowout", Kiah Collier of the Tribune is going to moderate a panel discussion "on how industry and local communities are trying to balance the oil and gas boom with health and environmental concerns and how activists plan to protest. Is there any room for consensus?" Currently, the panel is being made up of:

- Sharon Wilson, (Texas Sharon) senior organizer at Earthworks
- Zacariah Hildenbrand, co-founder of the UTA CLEAR research team and chief technical officer of Inform environmental
- And our very own Ben Shepperd, president of PBPA.

A priority for PBPA's communications efforts is to be the voice for the Permian Basin. We understand the very biased conversation Ben is walking into, but know if we as industry don't step into the void, the only point of view presented will be from the other side.

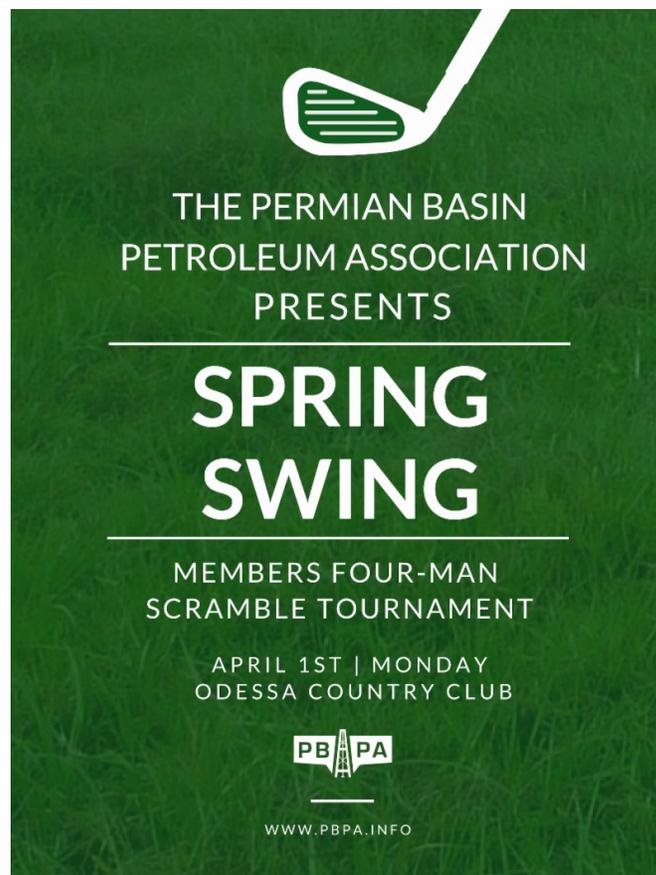
We feel this is an important time to speak on behalf of the industry and the communities of the Permian Basin in hopes to educate and advocate for the safe practices and regulatory measures industry is and has been taking in order to create an ideal environment for both communities and business. However, in a room like this, with this kind of set up, PBPA staff can't do it alone.

So now the call to arms! We encourage you to attend the screening and panel as voices of reason in this discussion. Also, help us encourage others to attend so that

there are as many people who support our industry in attendance as possible. We know who the Tribune is generally advertising this event to, and if those are the only folks who show up, Kiah, Sharon, and Zacariah will be speaking in an echo chamber. Help us support the oil and gas industry, help us support Ben, and help us support the Permian Basin!

To attend the event, you can [register here](#) . If you have any questions, please let us know! And feel free to share this information and request with anyone who is willing to help the cause.

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Registration for the 2019 PBPA Spring Swing is now open. To register or for sponsorship opportunities, please [click here!](#)

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The Permian Basin Association of Pipeliners (PBAP) is a relatively new group in the Permian Basin that provides opportunities for "peer-to-peer" networking for men and women involved in the midstream sector of our industry. For our midstream members we wanted to share information about an upcoming event hosted by the PBAP:



THE PBAP INVITES YOU TO



MEET WAYNE CHRISTIAN

The Permian Basin association of Pipeliners is pleased to announce Commissioner Wayne Christian of the Texas Railroad commission as our Keynote speaker. Commissioner Christian will speak to the rise in Importance of Texas Oil & Gas both Nationally and Globally. Please join us on

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2019 AT 11:00AM

The meeting will take place at the Springhill Suites located at
5716 Deauville Blvd, Midland, TX 79706
All Members and Guests Welcome!

RSVP or Become a Member at permianbasinap.org

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PBPA Committee Meetings

New Mexico Legislative Committee - February 13, 2019

SHOC (ESA) - February 13, 2019

Texas Legislative Committee - February 19, 2019

New Mexico Legislative Committee - February 20, 2019

For meeting times and locations, please email stephen@pbpa.info

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