

# COMMITTEE REPORT

## WATER COMMITTEE

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The PBPA Water Committee met on June 2nd for their 2021 Q2 meeting. This meeting primarily focused on Texas water legislation. The goal of this meeting was to inform Water Committee members of important bills that had passed TX legislation as well as others that had not passed but may come back in future sessions.

There were two primary produced water related bills that past the Texas session. HB3516 by King amends TX Nat. Res. Code Section 122.004 which is the section of code that requires the commission to adopt rules to govern the treatment of beneficial use of oil and gas waste. This bill adds requirements and details for the rules to be adopted by the commission. The intent of this bill is to streamline the H-11 (commercial produced water recycling permit) application process by requiring the commission to adopt rules that provide standard criteria for commercial recycle facilities. This bill also places a timeline on the commission to make a decision once an application is submitted.

The second important produced water related bill is SB601 by Perry. This bill will establish a Produced Water Consortium. The intent of the consortium will be to bring together information resources to study the economics of, technology related to, and the environmental and public health considerations for the beneficial reuse of produced water. This consortium will be organized and hosted by Texas Tech and will consist of a regulatory agency advisory council, stakeholder advisory council, and technical and economic steering committee. The consortium is tasked with producing a report by September 1st, 2022, that includes suggested changes to regulation, suggestions for permitting/testing standards, a feasible pilot project, and an economic model for reusing produced water.