

TO: Board Members

THROUGH: Jeff Walker, Executive Administrator
Todd Chenoweth, General Counsel

FROM: Kendal Kowal, Assistant General Counsel

DATE: June 29, 2018

SUBJECT: Gifts and donations of \$500 or more in value given to the Texas Water Development Board

ACTION REQUESTED

Consideration and acknowledgment of gifts and donations of \$500 or more in value given to the Texas Water Development Board in accordance with Chapter 575 of the Texas Government Code.

BACKGROUND

Chapter 575 of the Government Code gives specific direction to state agencies regarding the acceptance of gifts and donations. Chapter 575 requires that the Board acknowledge the acceptance of all gifts of money or property with a value of \$500 or more in an open meeting no later than the 90th day after the date the gift is accepted. The name of the donor, a description of the gift or donation, and a statement of the purpose of the gift or donation must be recorded in the minutes.

The Executive Administrator's approval memorandum is attached as Exhibit "A." The resolution attached as Exhibit "B" includes a list of gifts and donations including all travel expenses paid for by a third party organization. This resolution, with the attachment, will be recorded in the minutes.

RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Administrator recommends the acknowledgement of gifts and donations of \$500 or more in value given to the Texas Water Development Board in order to comply with Chapter 575 of the Texas Government Code.

Attachments: Exhibit A-Executive Administrator's approval memorandum
Exhibit B- Resolution (18 -), including "Attachment 1"

A RESOLUTION OF THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD
REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS AND DONATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH
CHAPTER 575 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE, CONCERNING ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS
AND DONATIONS BY CERTAIN STATE AGENCIES

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WHEREAS, Chapter 575 of the Government Code provides that a majority of the Texas Water Development Board (Board) must acknowledge the acceptance of all gifts of money or property with a value of \$500.00 or more in an open meeting no later than the 90th day after the date the gift is accepted; and

WHEREAS, attached as "Attachment 1" is a list of gifts or donations with a value of \$500.00 or more, including a description and amount of each gift or donation, the donor's name, and a statement regarding the purpose of each gift or donation, in accordance with Section 575.004 of Chapter 575; and

WHEREAS, the gifts have been accepted by the Executive Administrator.

NOW THEREFORE, based on these considerations and findings, the Board acknowledges acceptance of the gifts and donations listed in the attached, in accordance with Chapter 575 of the Government Code.

APPROVED and ordered of record this 26th day of July, 2018.

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Peter M. Lake, Chairman

DATE SIGNED: _____

ATTEST:

Jeff Walker
Executive Administrator

Attachment 1

Third Party Payments/Reimbursements/Gifts

Reimbursing organization	TWDB Staff	Date Range	Location	Purpose	Total
Western States Water Council & the NASA Western Water Applications Office	Yun-Jeong Cho	Jan. 16 - 18, 2018	Pasadena, CA	Presenting at the 2018 Water Information Management Systems Workshop regarding water demand projections	\$644.55
				Reimbursed Expense Description	Reimbursed Amount
				AIRFARE	\$245.96
				MEALS	
				LODGING	\$398.59
Environmental Protection Agency	Jeff Walker	Feb. 19 - 21, 2018	Washington D.C.	Attend Environmental Financial Advisory Board Meeting, of which Mr. Walker is a board member	\$1,280.93
				Reimbursed Expense Description	Reimbursed Amount
				AIRFARE	\$563.60
				PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	\$18.00
				MILEAGE	\$19.08
				MEALS	\$172.50
				LODGING	\$461.50
				PARKING	\$31.50
OTHER (voucher fee)	\$14.75				
Federal Emergency Management Agency - Emergency Management Institute	Kathy Hopkins	Mar. 11 - 16, 2018	Emmitsburg, MD	Attend the National FEMA Hazard Mitigation Stakeholder meeting	\$540.00
				Reimbursed Expense Description	Reimbursed Amount
				AIRFARE	\$540.00
Federal Emergency Management Agency - Emergency Management Institute	Ivan Ortiz	Mar. 11 - 16, 2018	Emmitsburg, MD	Attend the National FEMA Hazard Mitigation Stakeholder meeting	\$540.00
				Reimbursed Expense Description	Reimbursed Amount
				AIRFARE	\$540.00
Federal Emergency Management Agency - Emergency Management Institute	Michael Segner	Mar. 11 - 16, 2018	Emmitsburg, MD	Attend the National FEMA Hazard Mitigation Stakeholder meeting	\$540.00
				Reimbursed Expense Description	Reimbursed Amount
				AIRFARE	\$540.00

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South Central Arc User Group Conference	Richard Wade, Felicia Retiz	Apr. 10 - 12, 2018	San Antonio, TX	SCAUG and TNRIS GIS Forum trade "Silver Sponsorship" vendor exhibit booths at their respective events without charging the other event the typical exhibit booth fee	\$1,080.00
				Reimbursed Expense	
				Description	Reimbursed Amount
				EXHIBIT BOOTH FEE + ATTENDEE COST	\$1,080.00