



TWDB Hosts Stakeholder Meeting on Brackish Groundwater Comingling

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) invites you to a stakeholder meeting about the potential for groundwater comingling as it relates to brackish groundwater development. The stakeholder meeting will be hosted by James Golab and Van Kelley on **February 5 at 1:00 p.m. CST.**

Please [register](#) in advance. More information about the project is available on the [project website](#).

In 2020, the TWDB contracted INTERA Incorporated to conduct a study on brackish groundwater comingling issues statewide with focuses on the Gulf Coast Aquifer, Eagle Ford Shale region, and Trans-Pecos area. The assessment will determine what qualifies as comingling, where degradation occurs, and if comingling of two poor quality zones is allowable. The study seeks to build from the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation [Water Well Drillers Advisory Council Workshop](#) held on August 17, 2018. The study includes two stakeholder meetings to obtain feedback. The February 5 meeting is the first stakeholder meeting and will introduce the project's scope, purpose, and schedule. We will also solicit input from stakeholders on issues as they may relate to comingling of brackish groundwater in Texas aquifers. If you would like to participate in future stakeholder activities or discuss or contribute information to this study, please contact Van Kelley at INTERA (vkelly@intera.com) or James Golab at the TWDB (james.golab@twdb.texas.gov).

[About the hosts](#)



James Golab, Ph.D., TWDB

James is the contract manager for the Brackish Groundwater Comingling Study. He joined the TWDB in November 2019 and is a hydrologist in the Innovative Water Technologies Department.



Van Kelley, P.G., INTERA Incorporated

Van is the project manager for the Brackish Groundwater Comingling Study. Van is a principal hydrogeologist at INTERA with 35 years of experience. His focus has been on Texas water resources and management projects for the last 25 years, and over the last eight years he has managed several alternative water supply strategy projects focused on aquifer storage and recovery and brackish groundwater resources.

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