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June 2024 Monthly Update



2024 TLMA Statewide Members Meeting Update

We are very close to matching our sponsorships from last year! We have less than \$1,500 to go. If you or a business you know would like to sponsor the meeting, please email us at info@tlma.org, and I will send you the sponsorship packet. We still have the title, educational, and lunch sponsorships available.

The agenda is coming together very well. We will announce another phenomenal set of speakers in the July magazine!

Registration is OPEN. This year, registration fees are \$175 for members and \$250 for non-members. If you register **before September 22**, you will receive a discount! You can register [online](#) or by mailing in the attached registration form.

The hotel block at the Wyndham Garden Inn is open! However, the hotel is undergoing a renovation and branding change and will be the Sol Cypress, a Tribute Hotel by Marriott when we arrive in October. Due to the branding change, you must call the hotel to make a reservation. Mention the Texas Land & Mineral Owners Association meeting for the group rate. Their phone number is (210) 515-4555.

All members at the \$250 level and above will receive an invitation to a cocktail reception the evening prior to the Statewide Members Meeting. If you would like to upgrade your membership, please email execdir@tlma.org.

Please make sure to look at our sponsors and exhibitors below. You can click on each logo to visit their website.



Interim Hearings Are Well Underway!

The month of June started interim hearings in both the House and Senate. Senate State Affairs, Business & Commerce, and Natural Resources & Economic Development Committees held hearings. The State Affairs Committee heard the charge on protecting Texas' lands. Of note, Vice-Chairman Angela Paxton commented that, while protecting Texas' lands are important, private

property rights are also important and must be protected. The Business & Commerce hearing focused on the electric grid. The Natural Resources & Economic Development Committee hearing discussed the impact of the federal government's decisions regarding restricting liquified natural gas exports, supply chain limitations, a net-zero carbon agenda, and other air emission provisions on Texas. Part of this discussion included how many wells will become inactive if the EPA methane rule becomes effective.

In the House, the State Affairs Committee focused on the electric grid.

Since these are interim hearings, they are for information gathering. There are not any policy proposals before the committees.

This month, House State Affairs will hold a hearing to receive updates on rulemakings for several bills passed during the 88th legislative session. The Culture, Recreation, and Tourism Committee will meet to discuss the conservation of farm and ranch lands.

You can view the committee postings for the [Senate](#) and [House](#) and the livestream links at the bottom of the email.



TLMA Files Amicus Briefs; Governor Makes Appointments to 15th Court of Appeals

TLMA recently filed two amicus briefs in the [Cactus Water Services v. COG Operating, LLC](#) and [Carl/White Trust v. Hilcorp](#) cases. You can read the briefs by clicking on each of the links above.

Last session, Legislators passed bills that created the Texas Business Courts system. We have kept our members updated on this new judicial venue as it will impact many of our members. [Governor Abbott has appointed judges to the 15th Court of Appeals which is responsible for the appellate cases that come up through the Business Court system.](#)

Additionally, we just saw the first challenge to new court in May. You can read about the case on [Oil and Gas Lawyer Blog.](#)



Attorney General Opinion on Landmen and Wind Rights

Last fall, the Texas Real Estate Commission requested an opinion from the Attorney General on “whether a person who negotiates a lease of property for the development of a wind power project on behalf of another, for compensation, is required to hold a license issued by the Texas Real Estate Commission”.

The Attorney General issued his [opinion](#) that a person is required to have a TREC license in the above mentioned situation. The opinion has the potential to have far-reaching implications including in the geothermal and solar industries.

Do you have a topic or issues you want to be included in the monthly newsletter? Please email it to info@tlma.org for review and potential inclusion.

Upcoming Dates of Interest

Monday, July 8 – House Committee on State Affairs Hearing
Wednesday, July 10 - Saturday, July 14 – NARO-TX Convention, Austin
Tuesday, July 16 – House Committee on Culture, Recreation and Tourism Hearing
Monday, August 5 and Tuesday, August 6 – Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course
Monday, August 12 – Last day to upgrade your membership for cocktail reception
Tuesday, October 8 -- Statewide Members Meeting, San Antonio, Texas

Additional Articles and Links

[HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON PROTECTING TEXAS LNG EXPORTS](#)

[Texan by Nature Return on Conservation Report](#)

[Houston energy company to build largest new refinery in half a century](#)

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