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### March 2025 Monthly Update



#### Legislative Update

The 89th legislative session has now passed its halfway mark. As of the bill filing deadline on March 4th, legislators have submitted a total of 8,909 bills and joint resolutions. The Senate is progressing at a much faster pace than the House, having already passed numerous bills. Meanwhile, the House scheduled its first floor debate for this week. The Senate approved the state budget, the one bill that must pass, in late March, and the House is set to take it up in early April.

We are deep in the committee hearing process with active referrals of and hearings on bills. TLMA remains highly engaged, ensuring that our voice is heard on the public record. We provided testimony on the following bills:

- [SB 1150](#) – Middleton; ON - Relating to the plugging of certain inactive wells subject to the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission of Texas
- [HB 49](#) – Darby; AGAINST - Relating to fluid oil and gas waste and products and byproducts of that waste
- [HB 2663](#) – Darby; FOR - Relating to the affirmation required by an operator as part of a Railroad Commission application for an extension of the deadline for plugging an inactive well and the possible imposition of a penalty

Additionally, we have submitted cards of support for the following bills:

- [SB 291](#) – Schwertner; Relating to the failure to disclose certain appraisal reports by an entity with eminent domain authority in connection with an offer to acquire real property
- [SB 292](#) – Schwertner; Relating to certain requirements in connection with the acquisition of real property for public use by an entity with eminent domain authority
- [SB 1172](#) – Perry; Relating to exempting certain transactions from regulation by the Texas Real Estate Commission
- [HB 143](#) – King; Relating to the authority of the Railroad Commission of Texas and the Public Utility Commission of Texas to address a failure by an operator to maintain an electrical power line serving a well site or certain surface facilities in accordance with the National Electrical Code
- [HB 144](#) – King; Relating to plans for the management and inspection of electrical transmission and distribution poles

We continue to work on refining bill language to ensure your rights are protected. A full list of bills we are tracking

along with their statuses and updates is available on the [TLMA website](#).



## House Energy Resources Organizational Hearing & Priorities

The first hearing of each committee is typically an organizational hearing where it will hear invited testimony only and not testimony on specific bills. During the first House Energy Resources Committee, Chairman Drew Darby (R-San Angelo) laid out the following priorities for the committee to accomplish this session:

- Addressing inactive and orphan wells
- Managing produced water
- Mitigating wildfire risks
- Reducing burdensome red tape

The committee has already held hearings on produced water and wildfire-related legislation, though these bills remain pending in the committee.

This committee meets Mondays at 11:00 A.M.



## Texas Supreme Court Case: *Cactus Water Services v. COG Operating, LLC*

In mid-March, the Texas Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the *Cactus Water Services v. COG Operating, LLC* case, which has significant implications for our members regarding produced water rights. TLMA along with South Texans' Property Rights Association filed a joint post-submission amicus brief in support of Cactus Water

Services. You can read this brief at this [link](#) and watch the oral arguments at this [link](#).

A decision is expected in the coming months, and we will keep you informed of any developments.

### Upcoming Seminar: 2025 GDHM Land & Mineral Owner Seminar

Our friends at **Graves Dougherty Hearon & Moody** have announced the 2025 **Land & Mineral Owner Seminar** this May! Don't miss this valuable opportunity; purchase your tickets by clicking the link below:



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## Upcoming Dates of Interest

Tuesday, April 29 – RRC Open Hearing

Friday, May 16 – GDHM Land & Mineral Owner Seminar

Monday, June 2 – Sine Die (Final Day of Legislative Session)

Senate Natural Resources meets Wednesday mornings at 9:00 A.M.

House Energy Resources meets Monday mornings at 11:00 A.M.

[89th Legislative Session End of Session Deadline Calendar](#)

## Additional Articles and Links

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