

Item 5 – Proposed Aquifer Storage & Recovery Language

Monique, Heather Harward (BVGCD legislative consultant) and I met with Chairman Lyle Larson, House Natural Resources Committee, Rep. Kyle Kacal/staff and Rep. John Raney's staff Monday, March 06, 2017 in Austin to discuss possible Aquifer Storage & Recovery legislative language amending HB 655 or possible adjustment of rules promulgated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality addressing ASR permitting transparency.

We made it clear the Chairman that either of the above mentioned courses of action would not proceed without his support and blessing. After a very productive meeting, Chairman Larson was not in favor of moving any amendment to HB 655 forward. On the TCEQ avenue, he felt it was premature to be making rule changes since no ASR projects have been permitted under the new rules. If a need for change is perceived, it can occur at a later date.

We agreed we would no longer pursue any action on ASR either through legislation or rules changes at TCEQ.