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Legislative Action Team Meeting

August 20, 2026

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In-District Meeting Debriefs and Next Steps

Reports from summer constituent meetings, looking ahead at the 90th Lege Session.

Agenda

- Intro + Landscape Overview
- Lege Engagement Strategy
- In-District Meeting Debriefs
- Lege Session Next Steps
- Budget Board 101
- Closing + Actions



Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission Meeting | Wednesday, August 19

What in the Texas?

ENERGY

Residents and industry leaders at odds over transmission lines at legislative hearing

The growing backlash surrounding 765 kv lines, as well as data centers, was tackled at a nine-hour House hearing that included testimony and recommendations but no definitive answers.

BY PAUL COBLER AND CARLOS NOGUERAS RAMOS

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TEXAS LEGISLATURE 2027

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick proposes penalties for schools that keep "vulgar" books on library shelves

"We're coming for the books," the lieutenant governor said in announcing plans to lower the performance rating of Texas schools that violate a recent law targeting obscene titles in school libraries.

BY ALEJANDRO SERRANO

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HOUSTON ICE SHOOTING

Fatal Houston ICE shooting follows agency's increased focus on street arrests

The risk of violent encounters rises when immigration enforcement shifts from picking up suspected criminals in jail to arresting people on the streets, experts say.

BY ALEX NGUYEN, COLLEEN DEGUZMAN, DATA ANALYSIS AND GRAPHICS BY ALEX FORD

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Now this is Texas.

Opponents of Big Bend border construction take protest to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission

KUT 90.5 | By Mose Buchele
Published August 19, 2026 at 11:00 AM CDT
Updated August 19, 2026 at 10:02 PM CDT

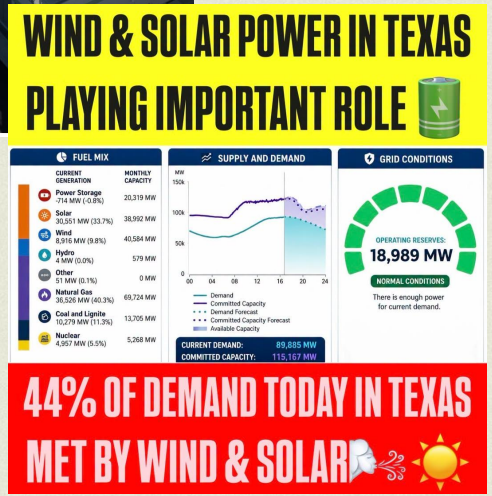


Lorianne Willett / KUT News



Texas governor's race tightens as Abbott's lead over Hinojosa shrinks in new poll

By Aaron Barker | FOX Local | Election | Published August 7, 2026 2:04 PM CDT




How have you been feeling lately?
Al Braden Photography

Countdown Continues

March
Interim Charges Named

April
Interim Hearings Begin

May
SC sets our draft priorities; hearings continue

June
SC released our Legislative Policy Platform and delivered to every office

July
Hearings continue, SC begins working to draft legislation with Legislators, in-district meetings

August
Hearings continue, SC continues drafting legislation with legislators

September
State Budget hearings begin; Interim hearings continue

Now - December
Legislative offices (with public input) submit bill ideas to Lege Counsel for drafting; Committees release reports

Legislative Strategy



Early Meetings + Education

Sierra Club staff (Cyrus and Evgenia) are meeting with legislators and their staff to discuss potential legislation, provide educational resources on our priority issues, and build relationships. They also attend and submit comments to relevant committee hearings!



Constituent Meetings

Your legislators need to hear from you - or they will only be hearing from lobbyists. Your participation provides a key element that staff meetings can't address - YOUR LIVED EXPERIENCE. What is it actually like for you in your district? You get to tell your story - and our members have been!



Pressure + Engagement

We're calling legislators out - and in - online, in publications, meetings, through petitions, action alerts, emails, phone calls, and press. If there's one thing we know about every politician - visibility matters, and the right amount of pressure and accountability is important.

We are more powerful together!

- Without bringing together and training people around the state, we're just the Sierra Club
- We need organized people to combat organized money
- Legislators need to hear from everyday Texans



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Sign-up for a 1-on-1!





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June 2026

2027 Legislative Policy Platform

Written by:
Sierra Club Lone Star Chapter



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Register Now!

Impacts of the Oil & Gas Industry on Groundwater in Texas

Date and Time:
Wed, Sep 9, 2026; 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM (Central)

Add to Calendar

Organized By: Lone Star Chapter

Location: Virtual

NEW DATE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 @ 6:30PM

Texas lawmakers are taking a closer look at two major oil and gas issues: the reuse of produced water outside the oil and gas field and the management of orphaned wells. Join us on September 9, for an expert presentation on produced water, groundwater contamination, and the policies that determine how these issues are managed in Texas. We'll then turn the meeting into an action hour, where you'll have a chance to discuss your concerns, ask questions, and develop your comments or testimony to participate in the upcoming House Energy Resources Committee hearings:

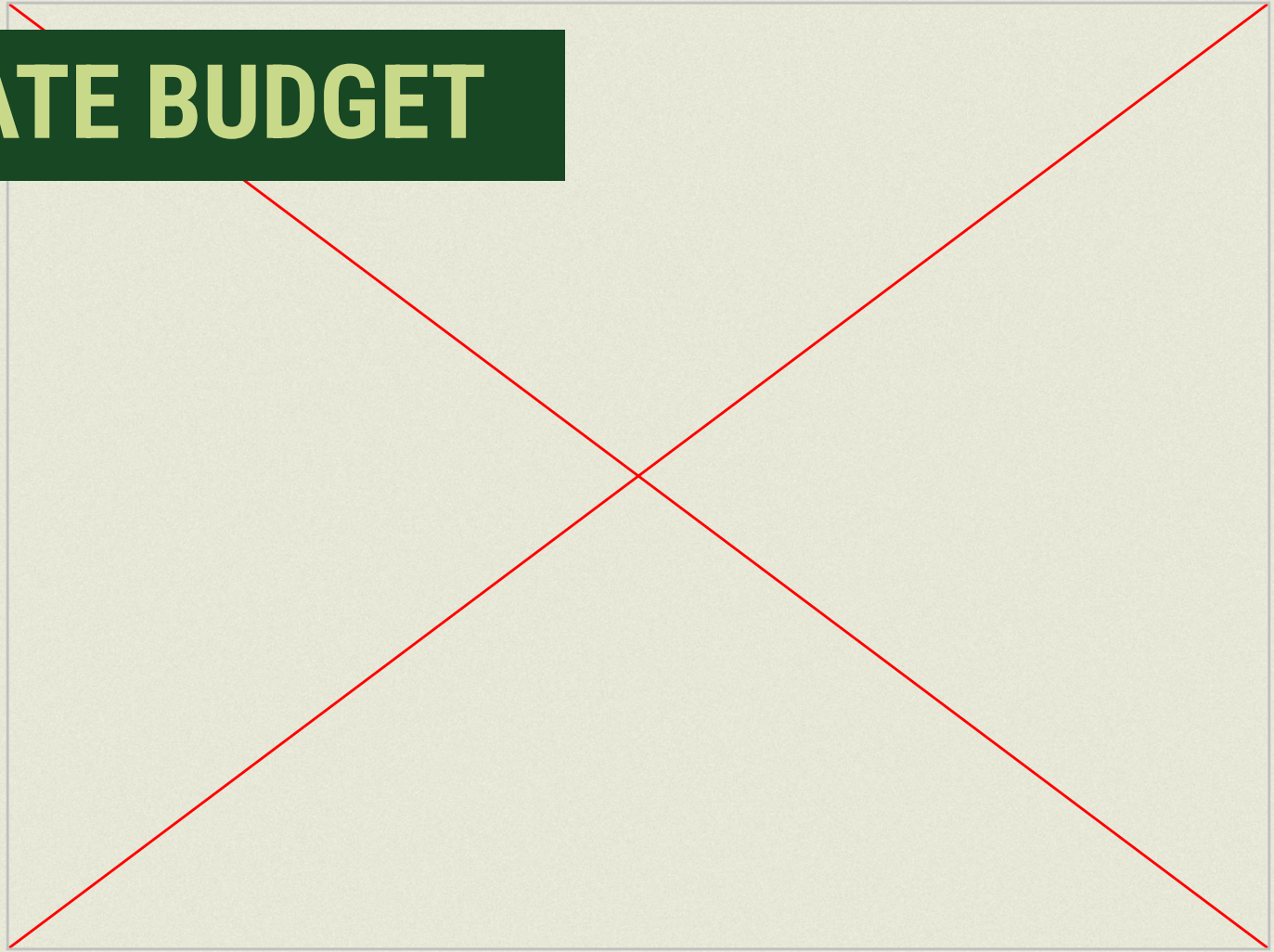


IN-DISTRICT DEBRIEFS

Reminder: Lege Session Next Steps

- Interim hearings continue through September
- State budget hearings begin in September
- November Election
- Bill ideas are submitted to Lege Counsel for drafting and committees release their interim hearing reports

STATE BUDGET



Legislative Action Team Next Steps

- Continue submitting comments and attending interim hearings
- Attend Sierra Club Endorsed Candidate Town Hall - Monday, August 31
- September Legislative Action Team meeting - Thursday, September 17
- October Legislative Action Team meeting - Thursday, October 15
- Vote, vote, vote in the General Election - Tuesday, November 3
- November Legislative Action Team meeting - Thursday, November 19

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Endorsed Candidate Town Hall

Monday, August 31 @ 6:30PM



Take Action + Share

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Stop bulldozing and border wall construction in Big Bend National Park!



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Last Name

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Thank you!

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