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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission  
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 11:15 AM  
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Agency: TEXAS BOARD PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS TBPG

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

I'm a firm believer in less government is more, and appreciate your role in rooting out unnecessary or outdated agencies. Therefore, it is counter to my core belief in writing this letter in support of the TBPG and against your findings and recommendations in abolishing the said agency. I am a practitioner and licensee holder under the supervision of both the TBPG and TBPE with dual PG and PE licenses. One word - water! We are in a booming state where groundwater resources are being taxed due to over usage on many fronts. It is water, not oil/gas, that is THE most precious resource this state has to offer. PE's simply do not have the educational background and experience to protect this valuable resource. PE's are extremely valuable for the protection and safe guard of the general public, but they have severe educational and practicing limitations when it comes to the geosciences. There is a large disconnect in knowledge between what a PE brings to the table versus a PG. You are proposing to kill the only agency that provides oversight and regulation of professionals trained on groundwater related issues. Groundwater is only one reason you keep TBPG going. Other PG services are soil/water contamination mitigation and mapping, geological insight and review of virtually every shovel ready public and private project, geophysical services, etc. It would be a step backwards in killing this agency for the citizens of this state. Count me as a firm supporter of TBPG, a firm supporter of the geoscience community and their role in protecting the health and safety of the general public, firm supporter of clean and abundant groundwater, and a firm supporter of SAC in killing or revamping agency that truly is a waste of government resources. TBPG is not one of them.

Thanks

Michael Gehrig, PG PE

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: My recommendations would be to give the agency a bigger stick to go after malfescence, much like the TBPE. The TBPG needs to be more aggressive in rooting out unlicensed practitioners of geoscience services.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree