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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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February 9, 2015

Mr. Carter Smith
Executive Director
Texas Parks & Wildlife Department
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, Texas 78744

Re: Application of the Lower Colorado River Authority for Emergency Suspension of Beneficial Inflows, **TCEQ Docket No. 2015-0219-WR**

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) has filed an application with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ or Commission) for emergency suspension of conditions in its water right relating to beneficial inflows to bays and estuaries and instream uses. Specifically, LCRA requests to reduce the requirement in its 2010 Water Management Plan to maintain a minimum streamflow of 500 cubic feet per second (cfs) for six weeks from March to May, from Bastrop to Eagle Lake, for the Blue Sucker. The LCRA requests a minimum streamflow of 300 cfs instead of 500 cfs for this time period. We understand that your office received a copy of the application on or about December 23, 2014.

Pursuant to Tex. Water Code § 11.148 and 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 35.101(e) and (f), the TCEQ is providing notice to you that the TCEQ's Executive Director will consider LCRA's application on **February 18, 2015**. If the Executive Director issues the emergency order, the Commission will consider whether to affirm, modify, or set aside the emergency order at a hearing on **March 4, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.** at:

Texas Commission of Environmental Quality
12100 Park 35 Circle
Building E, Room 201S
Austin, Texas

Pursuant to agency rule, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department may submit comments to the Commission on the application. Please submit your comments to Bridget Bohac, Director, Chief Clerk, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, MC-105, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 **before 5:00 p.m. on February 17, 2015** and provide a copy to the LCRA. You may also file your comments electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/eFilings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bridget C. Bohac".

Bridget C. Bohac
Chief Clerk