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Chairman Bryan W. Shaw, Ph.D. **MARKED AGENDA**
Commissioner H.S. Buddy Garcia
Commissioner Carlos Rubinstein

NEW BUSINESS AGENDA

Thursday, October 29, 2009

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

9:30 A.M.
12100 Park 35 Circle
Room 201S, Building E

This meeting is a work session for discussion between Commissioners and staff. Public comment will be accepted at the discretion of the Commissioners. The Commissioners may take action on items posted for consideration. The Commissioners will not take action on items posted for discussion only. The Commissioners may discuss or consider posted items in an order other than the order posted. The Commissioners may recess for a lunch break and not meet in Open Session from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. Unfinished items will be continued to the afternoon.

Item 1. **Discussion of state and federal legislative issues potentially affecting the TCEQ. The Commission may consider legislative proposals and federal rulemakings, as well as other state actions and states' participation in federal legislative and regulatory activities.**

Item presented by Jim Harrison, Director of the Intergovernmental Relations Division.

No action taken.

Item 2. **Discussion of the 2009 drought conditions affecting Texas. The Commission will consider the coordination and documentation of drought response efforts, and the current status of drought conditions.**

Item presented by Kellye Rila, Manager, Water Rights Permitting and Availability and Tracy Miller, Water Program Liaison, Field Operations Support Division.

No action taken.

Item 3. Discussion of the Status of Air Quality Issues in Texas.

Presented by Susana Hildebrand, Chief Engineer.

No action taken.

Item 4. Discussion of EPA's recent correspondence concerning the PM 2.5 NAAQS attainment designation for Harris County and surrounding areas.

Presented by Susana Hildebrand, Chief Engineer.

The Commission was presented a plan for developing a response to the EPA that includes conducting a public meeting in Houston on November 19, 2009 and the intent to bring this issue back to the December 4 Commissioners' work session.

No action taken.

Registrant for items 1-4: Keith Courtney.

Item 5. **PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:** The Commission will receive comments from the public on any matters within the jurisdiction of the TCEQ, with the exception of pending permitting matters or other contested cases which are subject to the ex parte prohibition found in Texas Government Code §2001.061. In the interest of time, speakers will be limited to three minutes each, with the total time for public comment limited to one hour.

Registrants: There were no registrants for this item.

Item 6. **CLOSED SESSION.**

a. **Docket No. 2009-0001-EXE.** The Commission will conduct a closed meeting to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the Commission's Executive Director and General Counsel, as permitted by Section 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Government Code. The Commission may also meet in open meeting to take action on this matter as required by Section 551.102 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Government Code.

The Commission did not meet in closed session.

b. **Docket No. 2009-0002-EXE.** The Commission will conduct a closed meeting to receive legal advice and will discuss pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, and/or the

appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of specific Commission employees, as permitted by Sections 551.071 and 551.074 of the Open Meetings Act, codified as Chapter 551 of the Government Code. The Commission may also meet in open meeting to take action on legal or personnel matters considered in the closed meeting as required by Section 551.102 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Government Code.

The Commission did not meet in closed session.

c. **Docket No. 2009-0003-EXE.** The Commission will conduct a closed meeting to discuss their duties, roles, and responsibilities as Commissioners of the TCEQ pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Open Meetings Act, Codified as Chapter 551 of the Government Code. The Commission may also meet in open meeting to take action on this matter as required by Section 551.102 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Government Code.

The Commission did not meet in closed session.

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