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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

Notice of Public Hearings and Opportunity for Comment on the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) will conduct hearings to receive comments from the public on actions the commission should take to protect the Edwards Aquifer from pollution, as required under Texas Water Code, §26.046. This requirement assists the TCEQ in its shared responsibility with local governments such as cities and groundwater conservation districts to protect the water quality of the aquifer.

Annual hearings are held on the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program and the TCEQ's rules, 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §213, which regulate development over the delineated contributing, recharge, and transition zones of the Edwards Aquifer.

The hearings will be held at the following times and locations:

Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Tesoro Building, Alamo Area Council of Governments, Al J. Notzon III Board Room, 8700 Tesoro Drive, Suite 100, San Antonio

Thursday, August 23, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the TCEQ Park 35 Office Complex, Building B, Room 201S, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin

These hearings will be structured for the receipt of oral or written comments by interested persons. Individuals may present oral statements when called upon. There will be no open discussion during the hearing; however, agency staff members will be available to answer questions 30 minutes prior to and 30 minutes after the conclusion of the hearing. Registration will begin 30 minutes prior to the hearing.

Persons with disabilities who have special communication or other accommodation needs who are planning to attend the Austin hearing should contact the Office of Administrative Services Facilities Liaison at (512) 239-0080. Persons requesting accommodations for the San Antonio hearing should contact Candy Garrett at (512) 239-1457. Requests should be made as far in advance as possible.

Comments should reference the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program and may be sent to Amy Settemeyer, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Field Operation Support Division, MC 174, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, faxed to (512) 239-2249, or e-mailed to amy.settemeyer@tceq.texas.gov. Comments must be received by **5:00 p.m., September 28, 2012**. For further information or questions concerning these hearings, please contact Ms. Settemeyer at (512) 239-2588, or visit http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/compliance/field_ops/eapp/history.html.