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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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May 7, 2013

Re: Stakeholder Meetings - Watermaster Evaluation for the Trinity River Basin, Trinity-San Jacinto Coastal Basin, San Jacinto River Basin, and San Jacinto-Brazos Coastal Basin

Dear Stakeholder:

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to attend stakeholder meetings and to provide updates regarding the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) review of the need for a watermaster in the Trinity River Basin, Trinity-San Jacinto Coastal Basin, San Jacinto River Basin, and San Jacinto-Brazos Coastal Basin. According to Section 11.326(g) and (h) of the Texas Water Code, the TCEQ must evaluate all river basins in the state that do not currently have a watermaster program to determine whether one should be appointed or not. In 2013, we are evaluating the four basins above.

On March 1, 2013 we mailed letters to all water right holders, county judges, extension agents, and other interested parties in the basins and requested input for our evaluation of these basins. We will be holding the following stakeholder meetings to discuss the evaluation and the watermaster program, and welcome additional comments:

6:00 p.m. – May 21, 2013
Liberty Independent School District
Auditorium
1629 Grand Avenue
Liberty, Texas 77575

6:00 p.m. – May 23, 2013
City of Corsicana
Library Civic Room
100 N 12th Street
Corsicana, Texas 75110

6:00 p.m. – May 28, 2013
Houston-Galveston Area Council
3555 Timmons Lane
2nd Floor – Conf. Room A
Houston, Texas 77027

6:00 p.m. – May 30, 2013
City of Conroe
300 West Davis Street, Suite 240
Conroe, Texas 77301

6:00 p.m. – June 4, 2013
TCEQ Region 4 Office
2309 Gravel Drive
Fort Worth, Texas 76118

We will be accepting additional comments in response to the stakeholder meetings through **5:00 p.m. on June 14, 2013**, which will be the close of the comment period. Please mail your comments to the Watermaster Section, MC 160, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or email them to watermaster@tceq.texas.gov.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my staff in the Watermaster Section: Cindy Hooper at (210) 403-4080 or Michael Redda at (512) 239-4631. In addition, you may sign up to receive email updates at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXTCEQ/subscriber/new>. Additional information on the watermaster evaluation process is available at <www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/watermaster>.

We value your input on the evaluation process, including the draft options, as well as information to assist the agency in its evaluation of your basin. Thank you for your participation as we go through this very important process.

Sincerely,

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