

# Public Participation in Petronila Creek TMDL Project

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Segment 2204  
Dissolved Solids

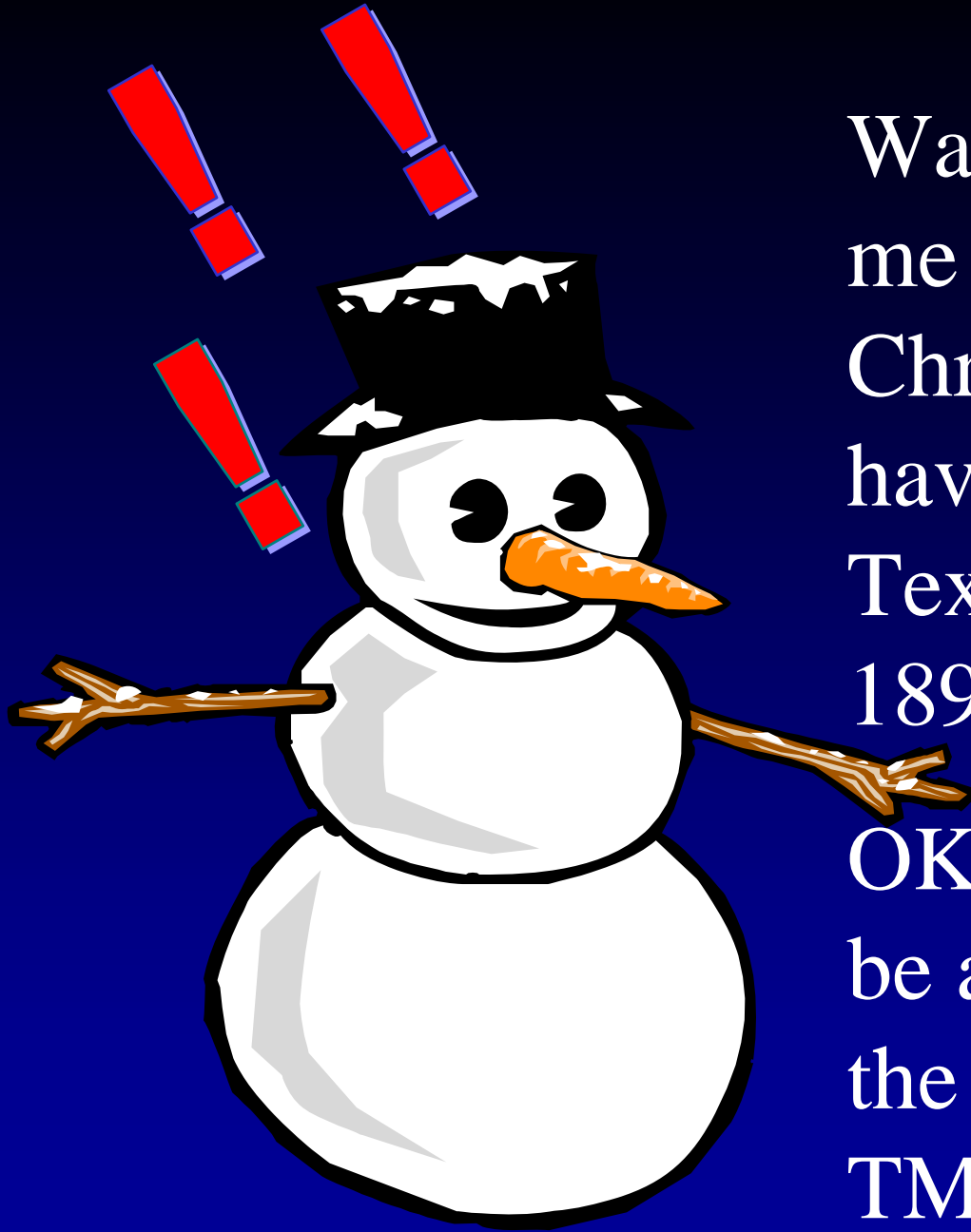
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
Environmental Planning and Implementation Division





**When what to our wondering  
eyes should appear....**





Wait .... you want me to go *where* on Christmas Eve? I haven't gotten to the Texas Coast since 1895!

OK, but only if I can be a stakeholder for the Petronila Creek TMDL ...

# TCEQ Solicited Members

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- - Identified possible stakeholders from within the Petronila Creek watershed to create a *balanced representation*
  - House Bill 2912 – no more than 24 members
  - Members must be empowered to speak and act
  - Invited members, formalized commitment
  - Established a committee



# Balanced Representation

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Committee membership represents a diversity of viewpoints on issues to be discussed

- Geography
- Income levels
- Ethnicity
- Business (different types and sizes)
- Governments (different sizes and levels)
- Associations, trade groups, organizations
- Consumer and public interest groups
- Industries or occupations regulated and affected



# Operating the Stakeholder Group

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- TCEQ approved the formation of the Petronila Creek Watershed Committee and there are remaining spots.



- Petronila Creek's Web site:  
[http://www.tnrcc.state.tx.us/water/quality/tmdl/colorado\\_san\\_gabriel\\_project.html](http://www.tnrcc.state.tx.us/water/quality/tmdl/colorado_san_gabriel_project.html)



# Ground Rules and Goals

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- Steering Committee will help develop and implement a TMDL for dissolved solids in Petronila Creek [ problem identified on the *Texas Water Quality Inventory and 303(d) List*]
- The TMDL will meet all necessary legal and scientific requirements
- The committee will be the main vehicle for public participation in the process
- The committee will be instrumental in obtaining local support for actions aimed at restoring surface water quality [Implementation Plan]



# Steering Committee Member

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- If you would like to be a committee member, please see me after the meeting.



*Jump on in, the  
water's fine!*



# TMDL Project

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- Assist in accomplishing the following:
  - Identify the desired water quality conditions and measurable goals
  - Make recommendations regarding water quality monitoring and modeling needed to identify and assess the sources of pollutant loadings or physical stresses
  - Help determine the pollution reduction targets
  - Lead the effort to implement the TMDLs
  - Communicate implications of the TMDLs to other interested parties in the watershed



# Final Committee Documents

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The Committee will provide input into the preparation of a draft and final TMDL report, which includes:

- (1) problem identification,
- (2) endpoint identification,
- (3) source analysis,
- (4) linkage between sources and receiving water,
- (5) margin of safety,
- (6) loading allocation and
- (7) supporting (technical) documents



# Our Commitment to Stakeholders

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- Ensure you understand the issues and your ideas are considered
- Solicit your comment at each milestone in the project's development



Now the Snowman has  
melted and become a part of  
the watershed...



...won't you take a part in  
improving the quality of  
Petronila Creek?

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quality/tmdl/](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/water/quality/tmdl/)



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