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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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### **Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Revisions to 30 TAC Chapters 291, 293, and 297**

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (commission) will conduct a public hearing to receive testimony regarding the proposed repeal of §291.7 and amendment to §291.22 of 30 TAC Chapter 291, Utility Regulations; amendment to §293.94 of 30 TAC Chapter 293, Water Districts; and amendment to §297.1 of 30 TAC Chapter 297, Water Rights, Substantive, under the requirements of Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001, Subchapter B.

The proposed rulemaking would implement House Bills 2694 and 3002, and Senate Bill 1361, 82nd Legislature, 2011, relating to water district audit report exemptions; the addition of the definition of aquaculture; utility application filing fees; and delivery of notice for certain utility applications. The proposed rulemaking would also correct the spelling of the word "willfully;" amend the rule to reflect that the "Water District Financial Management Guide" is the only manual currently in use for the accounting and auditing of water districts; and, make other non-substantive changes to comply with grammar, sequencing and formatting requirements.

The commission will hold a public hearing on this proposal in Austin on March 20, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. in Building E, Room 201 S, at the commission's central office located at 12100 Park 35 Circle. The hearing is structured for the receipt of oral or written comments by interested persons. Individuals may present oral statements when called upon in order of registration. Open discussion will not be permitted during the hearing; however, commission staff members will be available to discuss the proposal 30 minutes prior to the hearing.

Persons who have special communication or other accommodation needs who are planning to attend the hearing should contact Sandy Wong, Office of Legal Services at (512) 239-1802. Requests should be made as far in advance as possible.

Written comments may be submitted to Bruce McAnally, MC 205, Office of Legal Services, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or faxed to (512) 239-4808. Electronic comments may be submitted at: <http://www5.tceq.texas.gov/rules/ecomments/>. File size restrictions may apply to comments being submitted via the *eComments* system. All comments should reference Rule Project Number 2011-039-293-OW. The comment period closes March 26, 2012. Copies of the proposed rulemaking can be obtained from the commission's Web site at [http://www.tceq.texas.gov/nav/rules/propose\\_adopt.html](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/nav/rules/propose_adopt.html). For further information, please contact Justin Taack, Utilities and Districts Unit, (512) 239-1122.