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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED REVISIONS TO 30 TAC CHAPTERS 293 and 294

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (commission) will conduct a public hearing to receive testimony regarding proposed revisions to 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) 293, Water Districts, §§293.19, 293.20, 293.22 and 293.23; and Chapter 294, Priority Groundwater Management Areas, §§294.30 and 294.40 - 294.44, under the requirements of Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001, Subchapter B.

The proposed rulemaking would implement Senate Bills 313 and 660 from the 82nd Legislature, 2011, relating to the creation of groundwater conservation districts in priority groundwater management areas that were designated before September 1, 1997; the study and designation of new priority groundwater management areas; the creation of groundwater conservation districts in new priority groundwater management areas; the definition of an affected person; and, the reasons that an affected person may petition the commission for an inquiry of a groundwater conservation district in a groundwater management area.

The commission will hold a public hearing on this proposal in Austin on April 17, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. in Building E, Room 201S, 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 Michael Parrish, 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 2011-054-294-OW. The comment period closes April 23, 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. For further information, please contact Michael Chadwick, Groundwater Planning and Assessment Team, at (512) 239-4517.