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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED REVISIONS TO 30 TAC CHAPTER 298

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (commission) will conduct a public hearing to receive testimony regarding proposed revisions to 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 298, Environmental Flow Standards for Surface Water, §§298.290, 298.300, 298.305, 298.310, 298.315, 298.320, 298.325, 298.330, 298.335, 298.340, 298.350, 298.355, 298.360, 298.365, 298.370, 298.375, 298.380, 298.385, and 298.390, under the requirements of Texas Water Code, §§11.0235, 11.0236(p) and (q), 11.147, and 11.1471 and Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001, Subchapter B.

The proposed rulemaking would implement House Bill 3 and Senate Bill 3, 80th Legislature, 2007, relating to the establishment of environmental flow standards included in a permit or amended water right in the river and bay systems consisting of the Colorado and Lavaca Rivers and Matagorda and Lavaca Bays, and the Guadalupe, San Antonio, Mission, and Aransas Rivers and Mission, Copano, Aransas, and San Antonio Bays. Additionally, the rulemaking will amend the schedule for the revision of standards for the Sabine and Neches Rivers and Sabine Lake Bay.

The commission will hold a public hearing on this proposal in Austin on May 8, 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 Charlotte Horn, 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 2011-059-298-OW. The comment period closes May 14, 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 Ron Ellis, Water Rights Permitting and Availability, (512) 239-1282.