

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED REVISION TO 30 TAC CHAPTER
297

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (commission) will conduct a public hearing to receive testimony regarding the proposed revision to 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 297, Water Rights, Substantive, §297.1, under the requirements of Texas Water Code, §5.103, and Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001, Subchapter B.

The proposed rulemaking would amend the definition of "Municipal use" in §297.1(32) to allow use of return flows authorized under Texas Water Code, §11.042 for watering of parks, golf courses, and parkways as a municipal use, after that use of return flows has been authorized by the commission. The proposed rulemaking would also expand the authorized uses to include the watering of other public or recreational spaces.

The commission will hold a public hearing on this proposal in Austin on March 12, 2013, at 10:00 a.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 2012-039-297-OW. The comment period closes March 18, 2013. 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 Jennifer Allis, Water Rights Permitting and Availability Section, at (512)239-0027.