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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED REVISIONS TO 30 TAC CHAPTERS 295 and 297

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (commission) will conduct a public hearing to receive testimony regarding revisions to 30 TAC Chapter 295, Water Rights, Procedural, proposed amendments to §295.13 and §295.155 and proposed new §295.177; and 30 TAC Chapter 297, Water Rights, Substantive, proposed amendment to §297.18, under the requirements of Texas Health and Safety Code, §341.0358 and §341.0359, and Texas Water Code, §13.148.

The proposed rulemaking would implement House Bill 3233 from the 83rd Legislature, 2013, Regular Session, relating to modifying the requirements of the permitting process for interbasin transfers of surface water.

The commission will hold a public hearing on this proposal in Austin, Texas on April 10, 2014, 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 Derek Baxter, 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 2013-055-295-OW. The comment period closes April 14, 2014. 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 Tracie Donnelly, Water Availability Division, (512) 239-0083.