

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



AN ORDER

approving the Lower Colorado River Authority's Water Curtailment Plan for its Firm Water Customers; Docket No. 2011-2097-WR

On December 7, 2011, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ" or "Commission") considered the request for approval of its Water Curtailment Plan, filed on October 21, 2011. LCRA's firm Water Curtailment Plan is an amendment to LCRA's Raw Water Drought Contingency Plan, which is included in LCRA's Water Management Plan, Permit No 5838. LCRA's Water Management Plan, required by its Certificates of Adjudication Nos. 14-5478 and 14-5482, provides how LCRA makes water available from Lakes Buchanan and Travis to meet "firm" water customer needs, downstream interruptible irrigation demands, and environmental flow needs of Matagorda Bay and the lower Colorado River. It also provides how LCRA will manage and curtail supplies from the lakes during times of drought including through a repeat of the Drought of Record. LCRA's Water Management Plan additionally requires that this Water Curtailment Plan be prepared before the LCRA implements mandatory firm water customer curtailment under Tex. Water Code § 11.039, and that this plan be approved by the LCRA Board and the Commission.

The Commission finds that the plan meets the requirements of Texas Water Code § 11.039 and 30 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 288.

THEREFORE, THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ORDERS THAT:

Lower Colorado River Authority's Water Curtailment Plan filed October 21, 2011, is approved.

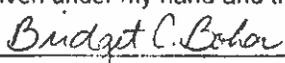
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For the Commission

Issue Date: **DEC 12 2011**

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TRAVIS

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality document, which is filed in the permanent records of the Commission. Given under my hand and the seal of office on

 **DEC 14 2011**
Bridget C. Bohan, Chief Clerk
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality