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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

May 3, 2019

Re: Stakeholder Meetings: Watermaster Evaluation for the Neches River and Sabine River Basins

Dear Stakeholder:

Under Texas Water Code §11.326 (g) and (h), the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) must evaluate river basins without watermasters every five years. Evaluations are utilized to determine whether a watermaster should be appointed as well as to report the findings and to make recommendations to the Commission. In 2019, the TCEQ is evaluating the Neches and Sabine River Basins. Stakeholder input is an important part of this process. The TCEQ will be taking public comment through **5:00 p.m. on June 19, 2019.**

Stakeholder Meetings

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to attend stakeholder meetings where the TCEQ will provide additional information about this process and will take public comment. Stakeholder meetings will be held as follows:

6:00 p.m. – June 11, 2019
TCEQ Region 10 Office
3870 Eastex Freeway
Beaumont, Texas 77703

6:00 p.m. – June 12, 2019
Angelina College
Community Services Bldg., Room CS104
3500 South First Street
Lufkin, Texas 75904

6:00 p.m. – June 13, 2019
TCEQ Region 5 Office
2916 Teague Drive
Tyler, Texas 75701

Information about the Process

The TCEQ mailed letters on March 11, 2019, to all water right holders, county judges, extension agents, and other interested parties providing information about the process. Information about the process is also available on the TCEQ's website: www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/watermaster.

If you have any questions about the process, please contact:

- Brooke McGregor, Watermaster Liaison, at (512) 239-2025 or
- Laurie Gharis, Watermaster Section Manager, at (512) 239-1835

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Additionally, you can sign up to receive email updates at:
<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXTCEO/subscriber/new>.

Public Comment

The TCEQ will be taking public comment through **5:00 p.m. on June 19, 2019**. Please mail your comments to the Watermaster Section, MC 160, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or by email to watermaster@tceq.texas.gov. Thank you for your participation as we go through this very important process.

Sincerely,



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