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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

February 10, 2015

Re: Watermaster Operations in the Brazos River Basin

Dear Water Right Holder:

The purpose of this letter is to provide updates and information on the Brazos Watermaster Program. First, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Molly Mohler and I am the new Brazos Watermaster, effective January 1, 2015. I have been with the TCEQ since 2005 working with the Concho River Watermaster program from its inception.

As we continue towards full implementation of the Brazos Watermaster Program on June 1, 2015, please feel free to contact me at the contact information provided below with any questions or comments. With the program officially starting on June 1st, 2015, there are some requirements that diverters within the program will need to meet in order to divert water. These requirements, explained in greater detail below, include installing verified measuring devices and submitting declarations of intent.

Measuring Device Required

Texas Administrative Code §304.13 requires that a measuring device be installed and maintained by each diverter, and by each person that makes a significant return flow. The installed meters must measure within 5.0% accuracy and we request that it have a non-resettable totalizer to ensure accurate meter reporting.

Diversion requests can only be approved by the watermaster after watermaster staff have verified that the measuring device is in place and meets the requirements of the rule. Watermaster staff will begin verifying meters in April 2015. The watermaster program will begin accepting requests to divert water on June 1, 2015. If you expect that you may divert water at that time, your measuring device must be verified beforehand. **Please contact our office by April 1, 2015** to schedule a time for our staff to verify your measuring device.

Declaration of Intent to Divert Water

In a watermaster area, diverters must contact the watermaster before diverting state water, transporting water, or making a dedicated release. **Diverters are water right holders, agents of water right holders, or contractual buyers.** Diversions can only be made after receiving approval from the watermaster.

For the purpose of assisting the watermaster in determining the scope and volume of active diverters, please contact us by April 1, 2015 and provide general information on your diversion history and planned diversions for 2015. If you do not currently divert under your water right, please provide that information as well. You may contact us by e-mail at BrazosWMtceq.texas.gov or by letter using the address at the bottom of this page.

Water Use Reports

In addition to the requirements above, the watermaster office will require all water right holders to provide 2015 water use data through May 31, 2015. **This data will need to be provided no later than June 30, 2015 in order for our water use accounting system to be updated accurately.** TCEQ will provide a reporting form to all water right holders no later than May 1, 2015 in order to facilitate this process.

If you have any questions about any of the information in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (254) 761-3027 or (254) 313-8554 or by e-mail at molly.mohler@tceq.texas.gov. You may also contact Amy Settemeyer, Watermaster Section Manager, at (512) 239-2588 or her staff in the Watermaster Section; Cindy Hooper at (210) 403-4080 or Michael Redda at (512) 239-4631.

- You can find more information on the Brazos Watermaster program on TCEQ's web site:

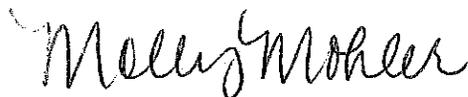
www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/water_rights/wmaster/brazos-river-watermaster

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We value your input and thank you for your participation and assistance with this very important process. If you believe you received this letter in error, please contact us by phone or e-mail and staff will respond promptly with a resolution.

Sincerely,



Molly Mohler, Brazos Watermaster
Watermaster Section
Water Availability Division, Office of Water
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

cc: County Ag Extension Agents
County Judges