



# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED NEW RULES IN 30 TAC CHAPTERS 39, 295, 297, and 318

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (commission) will conduct a public hearing to receive testimony regarding proposed new §§39.901 - 39.903 of 30 TAC Chapter 39, Public Notice; new §§295.300 - 295.306 of 30 TAC Chapter 295, Water Rights, Procedural; new §§297.200 - 297.210 of 30 TAC Chapter 297, Water Rights, Substantive; and new §§318.1 - 318.9, 318.21 - 318.30, 318.40 - 318.43, 318.60, and 318.61 of 30 TAC Chapter 318, Marine Seawater Desalination Discharges, under the requirements of Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001, Subchapter B.

The proposed rulemaking would implement House Bill (HB) 2031 from the 84th Texas Legislature, 2015, relating to the diversion, treatment, and use of marine seawater and the discharge of treated marine seawater and waste resulting from the desalination of marine seawater and HB 4097 from the 84th Texas Legislature, 2015, relating to seawater desalination projects.

The commission will hold a public hearing on this proposal in Austin on June 21, 2016, 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 or 1-800-RELAY-TX (TDD). Requests should be made as far in advance as possible.

Written comments may be submitted to Kris Hogan, 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://www1.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 2015-029-295-OW. The comment period closes on July 5, 2016. Copies of the proposed rulemaking can be obtained from the commission's website at [http://www.tceq.texas.gov/rules/propose\\_adopt.html](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/rules/propose_adopt.html). For further information regarding the proposed rules in Chapter 39 or Chapter 318, please contact Laurie Fleet at (512) 239-5445. For further information regarding the proposed rules in Chapter 295 or Chapter 297, please contact Kathy Alexander at (512) 239-0778.