

## Water Rights Advisory Work Group Meeting – March 4, 2013

### **Section Updates** – Iliana Delgado

- Introduction of new Water Availability Staff
- The City of Irving proposed amending the definition of Municipal Use. A public hearing will be held March 12, 2013 at 10am in the TCEQ Agenda Room.

### **Water Use Reports (WUR)**

- The statutory deadline to return completed reports is March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- October 2011, TCEQ followed up by sending letters to those water right holders who did not submit reports.
- Small Business Assistance preformed outreach by calling and researching addresses and looking through county records.
- Small Business sent post cards (attached) to water rights holders reminding them of the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline and also the maximum \$150.00.
- Water Rights Permitting has a high number of change of ownerships (COO) pending. Curtailments and suspensions in the Brazos River Basin have also contributed to pending COOs.
- Please remember if you are submitting a COO to provide a complete chain of title. Also, the Buyer or Seller can initiate the change and provide the COO information.

### **Commission Updates** – Robin Smith

- September 2012 Agenda: Watermaster budgets were all approved
- September/October 2012: Two work sessions were held for a Watermaster in the Brazos and Colorado River Basins. Commissioners agenda decided not to create Watermaster in either basin at this time. Discussed how water right holders can request or petition for a Watermaster.
- October 17, 2012: Proposal for decision concerning the City of Lubbock's groundwater re-use application. Commissioners approved the proposal.
- October 17, 2012: a hearing request was held for LCRA's diversion point and change of use. The hearing request was denied and remanded back to the ED for permit issuance.
- A senior call was made November 19, 2012 by Dow Chemical Company. The ED issued 3 Orders concerning the priority call.
- February 13, 2013: LCRA emergency Order was granted. The Order was filed under Texas Water Code §11.139. The targets were changed so the irrigators would be cut off at a different point. Led to irrigators not getting any water this year.

- A contested case hearing was held for Ralph Hall on the Sulphur River – currently working on the closing arguments.

### **Closing**

Next WRAWG Meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2013

Please e-mail or call with any topics you would like to discuss at future meetings.