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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

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Dear Stakeholder:

TCEQ has now adopted environmental flow standards for many river basins and bay systems and the agency is planning to hold a stakeholder meeting to discuss the draft guidelines for implementation of these rules.

Staff has developed a set of revised draft guidelines based on stakeholder input from the June 2015 stakeholder meeting, which are available at https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/water_rights/wr_technical-resources/eflows/rulemaking, and is now seeking additional input in order to finalize the guidelines. TCEQ's goal is to protect the adopted standards, along with the interests of senior water right holders, in the water rights permitting process for new appropriations and amendments that increase the amount of an appropriation and to provide an understanding of the implementation process.

The stakeholder meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., at the TCEQ's office complex located at 12100 Park Thirty-Five Circle, Building E, Room 201, Austin, Texas. The meeting will also be available by webcast at <http://www.texasadmin.com/tceqs.shtml>. You may submit written comments by May 1, 2016. Address comments to Dr. Kathy Alexander, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, MC 160, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or by e-mail to wras@tceq.texas.gov. Please include the text "SB3 Implementation" in the subject line of your e-mail.

Please note that this is an opportunity to provide input to TCEQ staff on the process that will be used to implement the adopted environmental flow standards in water rights permitting. Staff will consider your comments in the development of the final document, but responses will not be prepared for comments received.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Kathy Alexander at 512-239-0778 or at kathy.alexander@tceq.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Wilson".

Kim Wilson
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