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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

October 10, 2013

The Honorable Daniel Neal
County Judge
McCullough County
199 Courthouse Square, Room 202
Brady, Texas 76825

Re: Priority Call Rescinded in the San Saba Watershed of the Colorado River Basin

Dear Judge Neal:

On August 26, 2013, I issued an order suspending or adjusting certain junior water right holders with a priority date of January 1, 1900 or later in the San Saba River Watershed of the Colorado River Basin. I issued this order in response to two priority calls from domestic and livestock water users received on August 19, 2013 and August 21, 2013.

The domestic and livestock users provided written notification to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) that they were rescinding their calls on October 3, 2013 and October 8, 2013. In accordance with its terms, the August 26 Order automatically terminated on October 8, 2013. Because the priority calls have been rescinded and the order is no longer in effect, junior water right holders can store and divert water again according to the terms of their permits. Please note that should another priority call be made, adjustments or suspensions of junior water rights may again be necessary.

While the domestic and livestock priority calls have been rescinded, the TCEQ is soliciting your help in disseminating appropriate information to affected parties in the San Saba River Watershed communities. If this drought cycle worsens, it will be very important that all residents living and working in the San Saba River Watershed are well informed. The TCEQ has established a drought web page to provide additional information and address questions and concerns. The drought web page is located at:

<http://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/drought>.

You may also call the TCEQ Drought Hotline at 1-800-447-2827.

Should you have questions or need additional information, please contact L'Oreal Stepney, P.E., Deputy Director, Office of Water at 512-239-1321.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zak Covar".

Zak Covar
Executive Director