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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

October 10, 2013

Re: Priority Call Rescinded in the San Saba River Watershed of the Colorado River Basin

Dear Water Right Holder:

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 Because the priority calls have been rescinded and the order is no longer in effect, junior water right holders can store and divert water again according to the terms of their permits.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.

In recognition of drought conditions, all water right holders should continue to take actions necessary to conserve water and encourage your customers, if any, to do the same. You can find drought information, conservation tips, and other helpful information at the TCEQ drought page at: <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/drought>.

If applicable, we recommend that you continue to implement your drought contingency plan (DCP). In accordance with your DCP, you are required to notify TCEQ when there are changes in your drought response stages. You may notify the agency by using the online form available on the TCEQ drought page referenced above. If you need assistance completing the form, would like to provide notification by phone, or need answers to any of your questions, you can call our Small Business and Local Government Assistance hotline at 1-800-447-2827.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Mr. Jaime Nolasco, TCEQ Water Rights Liaison at 512-239-1503.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Zak Covar".

Zak Covar
Executive Director