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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

July 13, 2018

RE: Alert for Permitted State Surface Water Diversions

Dear County Judge:

Drought conditions have returned to some parts of Texas, and forecasters are predicting that dry conditions may persist in the coming months. Persistent drought conditions can result in low or reduced stream flows and shortages can impact senior and superior water rights. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is closely monitoring the evolving situation.

As a first response, the TCEQ is notifying water right holders throughout the state about potential impacts to water rights. That notification letter is enclosed for your reference. Additional information can also be found at the TCEQ's website at: <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/drought>. This site will be updated as the drought continues.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact L'Oreal Stepney, P.E., Deputy Director, Office of Water at (512) 239-1321.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephanie Bergeron Perdue".

Stephanie Bergeron Perdue
Interim Executive Director

Enclosure