TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION TO AMEND A CERTIFICATE OF ADJUDICATION

APPLICATION NO. 14-1798C

John and Katherine Kniffen Revocable Living Trust seeks an amendment to Certificate of Adjudication No. 14-1798 to add a diversion point and place of use for agricultural purposes to irrigate a 71.2-acre tract in Menard County. More information on the application and how to participate in the permitting process is given below.

APPLICATION. John and Katherine Kniffen Revocable Living Trust, 3170 East FM 2092, Menard, Texas 76859-4707, Applicant, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an amendment to a Certificate of Adjudication pursuant to Texas Water Code (TWC) § 11.122 and TCEQ Rules Title 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 295.1, *et seq.* Limited mailed notice is required to co-owners pursuant to Title 30 TAC § 295.158(c)(2)(B), and to interjacent water right holders of record in the Colorado River Basin pursuant to Title 30 TAC § 295.158(c)(3)(D).

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Applicant also seeks to add a diversion point on the San Saba River, located at Latitude 30.923817° N, Longitude 99.741975° W in Menard County, which is authorized under Certificate of Adjudication No. 14-1806 and owned by the Applicant. Novice C. Kniffen and Elizabeth Ann Kniffen, in ZIP Code 76859-4707.

Applicant provided an *Agreement Relating to Water Rights,* dated February 6, 2023, which grants consent to the applicant to use the land owned by John Kniffen, Katherine Kniffen, Novice Kniffen and Elizabeth Ann Kniffen; and

The application was received on May 10, 2023. Fees were received on May 30 and June 12, 2023. The application was declared administratively complete and accepted for filing with the Office of the Chief Clerk on June 21, 2023.

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Executive Director's draft amendment are available for viewing on the TCEQ web page at: www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/water_rights/wr-permitting/wr-apps-pub-notice. Alternatively, you may request a copy of the documents by contacting the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk by phone at (512) 239-3300 or by mail at TCEQ OCC, Notice Team (MC-105), P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711.

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CONTESTED CASE HEARING. The TCEQ may grant a contested case hearing on this application if a written hearing request is filed by April 4, 2025. The Executive Director can consider an approval of the application unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed by April 4, 2025.

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Issued: March 21, 2025

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



AMENDMENT TO A CERTIFICATE OF ADJUDICATION

CERTIFICATE NO. 14-1798C TYPE § 11.122

Owner: John and Katherine Kniffen Address: 3170 East FM 2092

Revocable Living Trust Menard, TX 76859-4707

Filed: June 21, 2023 Granted:

Purpose: Agricultural County: Menard

Watercourse: San Saba River Watershed: Colorado River Basin

WHEREAS, a portion of Certificate of Adjudication No. 14-1798 (Certificate) authorizes John and Katherine Kniffen Revocable Living Trust (Owner/Applicant) to divert not to exceed 20 acre-feet of water per year from a point on the San Saba River, Colorado River Basin, at a maximum combined diversion rate of 2.90 cfs (1,300 gpm), for agricultural purposes in Menard County; and

WHEREAS, the time priority of owner's right is 1895; and

WHEREAS, Applicant seeks to amend Certificate of Adjudication No. 14-1798 to add a place of use for agricultural purposes to irrigate a 71.2-acre tract of land in Menard County; and

WHEREAS, ownership of the 40 acres land to be irrigated owned by John Kniffen, Katherine Kniffen, Novice C. Kniffen and Elizabeth Ann Kniffen is evidenced by a *Deed of Partition*, recorded as Volume 136, Pages 630-632 in the official public records of the County of Menard. Ownership of the 31.2 acres of land owned by John B. Kniffen and Katherine L. Kniffen Revocable Living Trust is evidenced by a *Special Warranty Deed* recorded as Document No. 00013153, Volume 232, Page 34 in the official public records of Menard County.

WHEREAS, Applicant also seeks to add a diversion point on the San Saba River, located at Latitude 30.923817° N, Longitude 99.741975° W in Menard County, which is authorized under Certificate of Adjudication No. 14-1806 and owned by the Applicant, Novice C. Kniffen and Elizabeth Ann Kniffen; and

WHEREAS, Applicant provided an *Agreement Relating to Water Rights*, dated February 6, 2023, which grants consent to the applicant to use the land owned by John Kniffen, Katherine Kniffen, Novice Kniffen and Elizabeth Ann Kniffen; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality finds that jurisdiction over the application is established; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director recommends special conditions be included in the amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has complied with the requirements of the Texas Water Code and Rules of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in issuing this amendment;

NOW, THEREFORE, this amendment to Certificate of Adjudication No. 14-1798, designated Certificate of Adjudication No. 14-1798C, is issued to John and Katherine Kniffen Revocable Living Trust subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. USE

- A. In addition to previous authorizations, Owner is authorized to divert and use 20 acrefeet of water per year from the San Saba River to irrigate a 71.2-acre tract of land in Menard County.
- B. Ownership of the 40 acres land to be irrigated owned by John Kniffen, Katherine Kniffen, Novice C. Kniffen and Elizabeth Ann Kniffen is evidenced by a *Deed of Partition*, recorded as Volume 136, Pages 630-632 in the official public records of the County of Menard.
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3. CONSERVATION

Owner shall implement water conservation plans that provide for the utilization of those practices, techniques, and technologies that reduce or maintain the consumption of water, prevent or reduce the loss or waste of water, maintain or improve the efficiency in the use of water, increase the recycling and reuse of water, and prevent the pollution of water, so that a water supply is made available for future or alternative uses. Such plans shall include a requirement that in every water supply contract entered into on or after the effective date of this amendment, including any contract extension or renewal, that each successive wholesale customer develop and implement conservation measures. If the customer intends to resell the water, then the contract for resale of the water shall have water conservation requirements so that each successive customer in the resale of the water will be required to implement water conservation measures.

4. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A. Owner shall not divert water at the new diversion point unless streamflow exceeds the following environmental flow values for a season, plus the diversion rate at the time of diversion, at USGS Gage No. 08144500 – San Saba River at Menard, TX, subject to the requirements of Paragraph 4.B. below.

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This water right is appurtenant to and is an undivided part of the above-described lands within which irrigation is authorized, except the 40-acre tract of land owned by John Kniffen, Katherine Kniffen, Novice Kniffen and Elizabeth Ann Kniffen. A transfer of any portion of the 31.2 acres owned by the applicant described includes, unless otherwise specified, a proportionate amount of the Certificate of Adjudication by the owners or seller at the time of the transaction.

This amendment is issued subject to all terms, conditions and provisions contained in Certificate of Adjudication No. 14-1798, except as specifically amended herein.

This amendment is issued subject to all superior and senior water rights in the Colorado River Basin.

Owner agrees to be bound by the terms, conditions, and provisions contained herein and such agreement is a condition precedent to the granting of this amendment.

All other matters requested in the application which are not specifically granted by this amendment are denied.

This amendment is issued subject to the Rules of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and to the right of continuing supervision of State water resources exercised by the Commission.

	For the Commission
Date Issued:	

Jeremy Walker-Lee

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2025 8:53 AM

To: Jeremy Walker-Lee

Cc: Chris Kozlowski; Humberto Galvan

Subject: RE: John and Katherine Kniffen Revocable Living Trust 14-1798C

Good morning,

We do not have any questions or recommended changes.

Thanks, Meredith

From: Jeremy Walker-Lee < Jeremy. Walker-Lee@tceq.texas.gov>

Sent: Friday, February 28, 2025 10:57 AM

To:

Cc: Chris Kozlowski <chris.kozlowski@tceq.texas.gov>; Humberto Galvan <Humberto.Galvan@tceq.texas.gov>

Subject: John and Katherine Kniffen Revocable Living Trust 14-1798C

Good Morning,

Please review draft public notice, amendment, and technical memoranda for John and Katherine Kniffen Revocable Living Trust 14-1798C and provide any comments by 3.14.2025.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks,

Jeremy Walker-Lee, Project Manager Water Rights Permitting Team Water Rights Permitting and Availability Section 512-239-0637



Brooke T. Paup, *Chairwoman*Bobby Janecka, *Commissioner*Catarina R. Gonzales, *Commissioner*Kelly Keel, *Executive Director*



TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

February 28, 2025

Ms. Meredith Allen, Manager Menard County WCID P.O. Box 1215 Menard, TX 76859-4707 **VIA E-MAIL**

RE: John and Katherine Kniffen Revocable Living Trust

ADJ 1798

CN604374405, RN103976221

Application No. 14-1798C to Amend Certificate of Adjudication No. 14-1798

Texas Water Code § 11.122, Requiring Limited Mailed Notice

San Saba River, Colorado River Basin

Menard County

Dear Ms. Allen:

Drafts, subject to revision, of the public notice, proposed amendment to Certificate of Adjudication No. 14-1798, and the related technical memoranda are attached.

Staff is recommending that the referenced application be granted in accordance with the enclosed drafts. Please review the drafts and contact me no later than March 14, 2025, with any comments or questions as the notice will be forwarded to the Office of the Chief Clerk for mailing after that date.

Please note, this application requires a two-week comment period, and once the comment period has closed, the proposed amendment to Certificate of Adjudication No. 14-1798 may be issued as drafted given no hearing requests are received.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me via email at jeremy.walker-lee@tceq.texas.gov or by telephone at (512) 239-0637.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Walker-Lee, Project Manager

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Water Rights Permitting Team

Water Rights Permitting and Availability Section

Attachments

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



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Issued:

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AMENDMENT TO A CERTIFICATE OF ADJUDICATION

CERTIFICATE NO. 14-1798C TYPE § 11.122

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Revocable Living Trust Menard, TX 76859-4707

Filed: June 21, 2023 Granted:

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4. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A. Owner shall not divert water at the new diversion point unless streamflow exceeds the following environmental flow values for a season, plus the diversion rate at the time of diversion, at USGS Gage No. 08144500 – San Saba River at Menard, TX, subject to the requirements of Paragraph 4.B. below.

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Owner agrees to be bound by the terms, conditions, and provisions contained herein and such agreement is a condition precedent to the granting of this amendment.

All other matters requested in the application which are not specifically granted by this amendment are denied.

This amendment is issued subject to the Rules of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and to the right of continuing supervision of State water resources exercised by the Commission.

	For the Commission
Date Issued:	

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: Jeremy Walker-Lee, Project Manager **Date:** November 4, 2024

Water Rights Permitting Team

Through: Leslie Patterson, Team Leader

Resource Protection Team

From: Richard Schmoyer, Aquatic Scientist

Resource Protection Team

Subject: John and Katherine Kniffen Revocable Living Trust

ADJ 1798 CN604374405

San Saba River, Colorado River Basin

Menard County

Environmental reviews of water right applications are conducted in accordance with applicable provisions of the Texas Water Code (TWC) and the administrative rules of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The provisions applicable to environmental reviews can vary according to the type and the location of the authorization requested.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Certificate of Adjudication No. 14-1798 (Certificate) authorizes, among other things, John and Katherine Kniffen Revocable Living Trust (Applicant) to divert not to exceed 20 acre-feet of water per year from a point on the San Saba River, Colorado River Basin, at a maximum combined diversion rate of 2.90 cfs (1,300 gpm) for agricultural purposes in Menard County.

Applicant seeks to amend its portion of the Certificate to add a diversion point on the San Saba River and to add a place of use for agricultural purposes in Menard County.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

Aquatic and Riparian Habitats: The proposed diversion point is on the San Saba River, which is a perennial stream. The Applicant's proposed project is in the Edwards Plateau Woodland ecoregion (Griffith et al. 2007).

The checklist for the Colorado River Basin identified 47 species of ichthyofauna occurring within San Saba hydrologic unit (United States Geologic Survey [USGS] code 12090109) (Hendrickson and Cohen 2022). The Texas fatmucket (*Lampsilis bracteata*), Texas pimpleback (*Cyclonaias petrina*), and false spike (*Fusconaia mitchelli*), federally-listed endangered species; and the Guadalupe bass (*Micropterus treculii*), a caddisfly (*Ochrotrichia capitana*), Texas Fawnsfoot

John and Katherine Kniffen Revocable Living Trust, 14-1798C San Saba River, Colorado River Basin Page 2 of 4

(*Truncilla macrodon*), and Balcones spike (*Fusconaia iheringi*), high interest aquatic or aquatic-dependent species, are known to occur in Menard County (TPWD 2024). This amendment is not expected to have an effect on any federally-listed or high interest aquatic species, or aquatic-dependent species, because no additional state water will be taken and no increase in diversion rate or amount is being requested.

The Applicant has agreed to install screens on any new diversion structures in order to minimize entrainment and impingement of aquatic organisms. The Applicant's request is not expected to adversely impact aquatic and riparian habitats in the area.

On August 8, 2012, the TCEQ adopted environmental flow standards for the Colorado and Lavaca Rivers, and Matagorda and Lavaca Bays (Title 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 298 Subchapter D). These environmental flow standards are considered adequate to support a sound ecological environment (Title 30 TAC § 298.310). The Applicant does not request a new appropriation of water or an amendment that increases the amount of water stored, taken, or diverted. Resource Protection staff recommend a streamflow restriction for this addition of a diversion point. Resource Protection staff utilized the subsistence environmental flow standards (Title 30 TAC § 298.330(e)(8)) established at USGS Gage No. 08146000 – San Saba River at San Saba, TX for the streamflow restriction as shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Environmental Flow Values at USGS Gage No. 08146000 - San Saba River at San Saba, TX

Season	Subsistence
Winter	29 cfs
Spring	22 cfs
Summer	3 cfs
Fall	13 cfs

cfs = cubic foot per second

Resource Protection staff prorated the subsistence flow values to USGS Gage No. 08144500 – San Saba River at Menard, TX, which is closer to the Applicant's project area. Applying a drainage area ratio to the environmental flow standards in Table 1 results in the environmental flow values in Table 2, below.

Table 2. Environmental Flow Values at USGS Gage No. 08144500 - San Saba River at Menard, TX

Season	Subsistence
Winter	11 cfs
Spring	8 cfs
Summer	1 cfs
Fall	5 cfs

The applicable subsistence flow values depend on the seasons. Seasons are defined in Title 30 TAC § 298.305 as follows: Winter (November through February), Spring (March through June), Summer (July through August), and Fall (September through October). Staff recommend that diversion of water under this proposed amendment should be limited to comply with the applicable subsistence flow values.

Recreational Uses: San Saba River (Segment 1416) has a designated primary contact recreation 1 use (TCEQ 2022). The Applicant's request should not adversely impact recreation uses.

Water Quality: San Saba River (Segment 1416) has a designated high aquatic life and public water supply use (TCEQ 2022). The Applicant's request should not adversely impact water quality.

Freshwater Inflows: Freshwater inflows are critical for maintaining the historical productivity of bays and estuaries along the Gulf Coast. The proposed project is located more than 200 river miles from the Gulf. The application does not request a new appropriation of water. Therefore, the Applicant's request should not have any impact on Matagorda Bay.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Resource Protection staff recommends the following Special Conditions be included in the proposed amendment, if granted:

- 1. Owner shall implement reasonable measures in order to reduce impacts to aquatic resources due to entrainment or impingement. Such measures shall include, but shall not be limited to, the installation of screens on any new diversion structure(s).
- 2. Owner shall not divert water at the new diversion point unless streamflow exceeds the following environmental flow values for a season, plus the diversion rate at the time of diversion, at USGS Gage No. 08144500 San Saba River at Menard, TX, subject to the requirements of Special Condition 3 below.

Season	Subsistence
Winter	11 cfs
Spring	8 cfs
Summer	1 cfs
Fall	5 cfs

cfs = cubic foot per second

3. Seasons are defined as follows: Winter (November through February), Spring (March through June), Summer (July through August), and Fall (September through October).

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Richard Schmoyer
Richard Schmoyer, Aquatic Scientist

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: Jeremy Walker-Lee, Project Manager Date: November 4, 2024

Water Rights Permitting Team

Leslie Patterson, Team Leader Through:

Resource Protection Team

Trent Jennings, Water Conservation Specialist From:

Resource Protection Team

Subject: John and Katherine Kniffen Revocable Living Trust

> ADJ 1798 CN604374405

San Saba River, Colorado River Basin

Menard County

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Certificate of Adjudication No. 14-1798 (Certificate) authorizes, among other things, John and Katherine Kniffen Revocable Living Trust (Applicant) to divert not to exceed 20 acre-feet of water per year from a point on the San Saba River, Colorado River Basin, at a maximum combined diversion rate of 2.90 cfs (1,300 gpm) for agricultural purposes in Menard County.

Applicant seeks to amend its portion of the Certificate to add a diversion point on the San Saba River and to add a place of use for agricultural purposes to irrigate 71.2 acres in Menard County.

WATER CONSERVATION REVIEW

Pursuant to Title 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §295.9(4), applications requesting to change the place of use require the submittal of a water conservation plan.

The water conservation plan for agricultural use was reviewed by Resource Protection staff and found to be administratively complete per 30 TAC §288.4.

The application is consistent with the 2021 Region F Water Plan and the 2022 State Water Plan because there is nothing in the water plans that conflicts with issuing this proposed amendment.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following water conservation language should be included in the proposed amendment, if granted:

John and Katherine Kniffen Revocable Living Trust, 14-1798C San Saba River, Colorado River Basin Page 2 of 2

Owner shall implement water conservation plans that provide for the utilization of those practices, techniques, and technologies that reduce or maintain the consumption of water, prevent or reduce the loss or waste of water, maintain or improve the efficiency in the use of water, increase the recycling and reuse of water, and prevent the pollution of water, so that a water supply is made available for future or alternative uses. Such plans shall include a requirement that in every water supply contract entered into on or after the effective date of this amendment, including any contract extension or renewal, that each successive wholesale customer develop and implement conservation measures. If the customer intends to resell the water, then the contract for resale of the water shall have water conservation requirements so that each successive customer in the resale of the water will be required to implement water conservation measures.

Jennifer Allis for Trent Jennings

Trent Jennings, Water Conservation Specialist

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: Jeremy Walker-Lee, Project Manager Date: December 30, 2024

Water Rights Permitting Team

Through Kathy Alexander, Ph.D., Policy and Technical Analyst

Water Availability Division

Trent Gay, Team Leader
Surface Water Availability Team

From: Lauren Simmons, Hydrologist

Surface Water Availability Team

Subject: John and Katherine Kniffen Revocable Living Trust

ADJ 1798 CN604374405

San Saba River, Colorado River Basin

Menard County

WATER AVAILABILITY REVIEW

Application Summary

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Applicant seeks to amend its portion of the Certificate to add a diversion point on the San Saba River and to add a place of use for agricultural purposes in Menard County.

The application was declared administratively complete on June 21, 2023.

Water Availability Review

Resource Protection staff recommended instream flow requirements for this application. See Resource Protection memo dated November 4, 2024.

The application does not request a new appropriation of water; therefore, a water availability analysis is not necessary. However, the application must be reviewed to ensure that no water rights are affected by the request.

The Water Rights Analysis Package (WRAP) simulates management of the water resources of a river basin. TCEQ uses WRAP in the evaluation of water right permit applications using priority-based water allocations. WRAP is a generalized simulation model for application to any river basin, and input datasets must be developed for the particular river basin of concern. The TCEQ developed water availability models (WAMs) for Texas river basins that include geographical information, water right information, naturalized flows, evaporation rates, channel losses, and specific management assumptions. Hydrology staff operates WRAP to evaluate water rights applications to determine water availability and to ensure that senior water rights are protected.

Staff used the Full Authorization simulation of the Colorado WAM to evaluate impacts on other water rights as a result of the application. The period of record for the Colorado WAM is 1940 through 2016. Staff modeled the application with the recommended streamflow restrictions in place and the diversion of the authorized 20 acre-feet of water at a priority date of December 31, 1895. Staff compared the pre- and post- application volume reliabilities of all water rights in the Colorado River Basin and found that 12 water rights were negatively affected as a result of adding the diversion point, although the effects were minimal (<1%). Because the impacts are small, Staff is of the opinion that this amendment does not constitute a practical impact on other water rights.

Conclusion

Staff can support granting the application.

Lauren Simmons, Hydrologist

Jeremy Walker-Lee

From: Jeremy Walker-Lee

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2025 1:59 PM **To:**

Cc: Chris Kozlowski; Humberto Galvan

Subject: RE: John and Katherine Kniffen Revocable Living Trust Application No. 14-1798C

Administratively Complete

Hello Meredith,

Our staff is currently reviewing the Amendment for John and Katherine Kniffen Revocable Living Trust No. 14-1798C. Following that review, we will be contacting you with updates. Thank you for reaching out and if you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to email or call me at the number 512-239-0637.

Thank You,

Jeremy Walker-Lee, Project Manager Water Rights Permitting Team Water Rights Permitting and Availability Section 512-239-0637



From:

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2025 10:56 AM

To: Hal Bailey <Hal.Bailey@tceq.texas.gov>; Joshua Schauer <Joshua.Schauer@Tceq.Texas.Gov>

Subject: RE: John and Katherine Kniffen Revocable Living Trust Application No. 14-1798C Administratively Complete

Good Morning,

Can I get an update on the status of this application?

Thanks! Meredith

From: Hal Bailey < Hal.Bailey@tceq.texas.gov > Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 9:37 AM

To:

Subject: RE: John and Katherine Kniffen Revocable Living Trust Application No. 14-1798C Administratively Complete

Good morning Meredith,

The application is currently in technical review.

Thank you,

Hal E. Bailey, Jr.

Natural Resources Specialist III

Water Rights Permitting Team

Water Availability Division

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

512-239-4615 Hal.Bailey@tceq.texas.gov

From:

Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 9:25 AM

To: Hal Bailey < Hal.Bailey@tceq.texas.gov >

Subject: RE: John and Katherine Kniffen Revocable Living Trust Application No. 14-1798C Administratively Complete

Hal,

Can I get a status update on this application?

Meredith Allen

From: Hal Bailey < Hal.Bailey@tceq.texas.gov > Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 11:57 AM

To:

Subject: John and Katherine Kniffen Revocable Living Trust Application No. 14-1798C Administratively Complete

Good morning Meredith,

Application no. 14-1798C for John and Katherine Kniffen Revocable Living Trust was declared administratively complete and filed with the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk today.

The application will now enter technical review. Attached is an electronic copy of the administrative completeness letter. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Hal E. Bailey, Jr.

Natural Resources Specialist III

Water Rights Permitting Team

Water Availability Division

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
512-239-4615 Hal.Bailey@tceq.texas.gov

TCEQ Interoffice Memorandum

Office of the Chief Clerk

June 21, 2023

Chris Kozlowski, Team Leader

Water Rights Permitting Team

Hal E. Bailey, Jr., Project Manager Water Rights Permitting Team

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

TO:

THRU:

FROM:

DATE:

	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
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Hal E. Baile	Bailey, Jr. ey, Jr., Project Manager .
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the Colorac	c)(2)(B), and mailed notice to interjacent water right holders of record in lo River Basin for adding a diversion point is required pursuant to Title 95.158(c)(3)(D).
May 30, 20 declared ac Chief Clerk is required	tion was received on May 10, 2023. Application fees were received on 23. Additional fees were received on June 12, 2023. The application was liministratively complete and accepted for filing with the Office of the on June 21, 2023. Mailed notice to co-owners for adding a place of use pursuant to Title 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC)
	Texas Water Code § 11.122, Limited Mailed Notice Required San Saba River, Colorado River Basin Menard County
SUBJECT:	John and Katherine Kniffen Revocable Living Trust ADJ 1798 CN604374405, RN103976221 Application No. 14-1798C to Amend Certificate of Adjudication No. 14-1798
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Jon Niermann, *Chairman*Emily Lindley, *Commissioner*Bobby Janecka, *Commissioner*Kelly Keel, *Interim Executive Director*



TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

June 21, 2023

Ms. Meredith Allen Menard County WCID P.O. Box 1215 Menard, Texas 76859 **VIA E-MAIL**

RE: John and Katherine Kniffen Revocable Living Trust

ADJ 1798

CN604374405, RN103976221

Application No. 14-1798C to Amend Certificate of Adjudication No. 14-1798

Texas Water Code § 11.122, Limited Mailed Notice Required

San Saba River, Colorado River Basin

Menard County

Dear Ms. Allen:

This acknowledges receipt, on June 12, 2023, of additional fees in the amount of \$49.98 (Receipt No. M317456, copy attached).

The application was declared administratively complete and filed with the Office of the Chief Clerk on June 21, 2023. Staff will continue processing the application for consideration by the Executive Director.

Please be advised that additional information may be requested during the technical review phase of the application process.

If you have any questions concerning the application, please contact me via e-mail at hal.bailev@tceq.texas.gov or at (512) 239-4615.

Sincerely,

Hal E. Bailey, Jr., Project Manager Water Rights Permitting Team

Hal C. Bailey

Water Rights Permitting and Availability Section

Attachment



TCEQ - A/R RECEIPT REPORT BY ACCOUNT NUMBER

	Fee Code	Ref#1	Check Number	CC Type			
	Account#	Ref#2	Card Auth.	Tran Code	Slip Key		
Fee Description	Account Name	Paid In By	User Data	Rec Code	Document#	Tran Date	Tran Amount
NOTICE FEES-WUP-	PTGU	M317456			BS00103479	12-JUN-23	-\$49.98
WATER USE PERM	PTGU	141798C	061223	N	D3802789		
	NOTICE FEES WUP WATER USE PERMITS	KIFFEN/JOHN , KATHERINE	RHDAVIS	CK			
				Total	(Fee Code):		-\$49.98

Hal Bailey

From:

Subject:

Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 2:07 PM

To:

RE: John and Katherine Kniffen Revocable Living Trust Application No. 14-1798C RFI

Sent

Hal Bailey

Hal,

We put the check in the mail today. Thanks!

Meredith

From: Hal Bailey <Hal.Bailey@tceq.texas.gov>

Sent: Thursday, June 1, 2023 8:02 PM

Subject: John and Katherine Kniffen Revocable Living Trust Application No. 14-1798C RFI Sent

Good evening Meredith,

Attached is a Request for Information (RFI) letter for application no. 14-1798C. Please provide a response by COB on 07/03/2023.

Feel free to let me know if you should have any questions.

Thank you,

Hal E. Bailey, Jr.

Natural Resources Specialist III

Water Rights Permitting Team

Water Availability Division

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
512-239-4615 Hal.Bailey@tceq.texas.gov

Jon Niermann, *Chairman*Emily Lindley, *Commissioner*Bobby Janecka, *Commissioner*Erin E. Chancellor, *Interim Executive Director*



TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

June 1, 2023

Ms. Meredith Allen, Manager Menard County WCID P.O. Box 1215 Menard, Texas 76859 VIA E-MAIL

RE: John and Katherine Kniffen Revocable Living Trust

ADJ 1798

CN604374405, RN103976221

Application No. 14-1798C to Amend Certificate of Adjudication No. 14-1798

Texas Water Code § 11.122, Limited Mailed Notice Required

San Saba River, Colorado River Basin

Menard County

Dear Ms. Allen:

This acknowledges receipt, on May 10, 2023, of the referenced application. Fees in the amount of \$112.50 were received on May 30, 2023 (Receipt No. M316957, copy attached).

Before the application can be declared administratively complete, remit fees in the amount of \$49.98 as described below. Please make checks payable to the TCEQ or Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Filing Fee (Amendment)	\$ 100.00	
Recording Fee	\$ 12.50	
Notice (\$2.94 x 17 water right holders)	\$ 49.98	
Total Fees	\$ 162.48	
Fees Received	\$ 112.50	
Fees Due	\$ 49.98	

Please provide the requested fees by July 3, 2023, or the application may be returned pursuant to Title 30 Texas Administrative Code § 281.18.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me via email at hal.bailey@tceq.texas.gov or by telephone at (512) 239-4615.

Sincerely,

Hal C. Bailey, Jr., Hal E. Bailey, Jr., Project Manager Water Rights Permitting Team

Water Rights Permitting and Availability Section

Attachment

TCEQ 30-MAY-23 08:31 AM

TCEQ - A/R RECEIPT REPORT BY ACCOUNT NUMBER

	Fee Code	Ref#1	Check Number	CC Type			
	Account#	Ref#2	Card Auth.	Tran Code	Slip Key		
Fee Description	Account Name	Paid In By	User Data	Rec Code	Document#	Tran Date	Tran Amount
WTR USE PERMITS	WUP	M316957			BS00103274	30-MAY-23	-\$112.50
	WUP	ADJ141798	052623	N	D3802705		
	WATER USE PERMITS	MENARD CO	VHERNAND	CK			
		WCID 1					
				Total	(Fee Code):		-\$112.50





Water Availability Division

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MENARD COUNTY WATER CONTROL & IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1

206 E San Saba Ave Post Office Box 1215 Menard, Texas 76849 Office: 325-396-3670

E-mail:

Chairman: Mark Blau Vice-Chairman: Debra Roberson

Secretary/Treasurer: Paul Mews Director: Susan Wheless Director: James McBee

March 15, 2023

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Water Rights Permitting and Availability Division- MC 160 P. O. Box 13087 Austin, TX 78711-3087

Re: Amendment to Certificate of Adjudication 14-1798

CN604374405

San Saba River, Colorado River Basin

Dear Sir:

The landowner, Katherine Kniffen, Trustee, has requested that I submit the necessary documents to effect amendment of COA 14-1798 to add an additional diversion point. The type of use, amount if diversion and rate of diversion remain unchanged.

Enclosed are the following documents submitted on behalf of Mrs. Kniffen:

- 1. Administrative Information Checklist
- 2. Administrative Information Report
- 3. Technical Information Report
- Partition Deed dated September 18, 1992, filed for record in Vol. 136 Page 630 of the Official Public Records of Menard County, Texas.
- Special Warranty Deed dated May 3, 2011, recorded in Volume 232, Page 26; and Special Warranty Deed dated May 3, 2011, recorded in Volume 232, Page 34 of the Official Public Records of Menard County,
- Notarized Summary of Revocable Living Trust Agreement, authorizing Katherine Kniffen to act on behalf of the Trust.
- 7. Agreement Relating to Water Right
- 8. An aerial map of the subject land with the existing and proposed diversion points marked.
- 9. A section of a USGS topo map with the proposed diversion point marked.
- 10. Photographs across the San Saba River and upstream and downstream from the proposed point.
- 11. Check # 1229 in the amount of \$112.50 for the required fees.

Applicant owns the Westernmost 31.2 acre tract and the Easternmost 20 acre tract shown on the map
and have provided consent for Novice Kniffen and Elizabeth Ann Kniffen to irrigate, during the
lifetime of Novice Kniffen, the 20 acre tract owned by them that is between the tracts owned by
Applicant. However, the water right will only become appurtenant to the land owned by the Applicant

Please contact me at 325-396-3670, or the above address, if you need any additional information.

Thank you for your attention to this application.

Sincerely, Mereditts E. Ollen

Meredith E. Allen

Manager

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

TCEQ WATER RIGHTS PERMITTING APPLICATION

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION CHECKLIST

Complete and submit this checklist for each application. See Instructions Page. 5.

APPLICANT(S): John and Katherine Kniffen Revocable Living Trust

Indicate whether the following items are included in your application by writing either Y (for yes) or N (for no) next to each item (all items are <u>not</u> required for every application).

Y/N		Y/N	
Υ	Administrative Information Report	Υ	Worksheet 3.0
N	Additional Co-Applicant Information	Υ	Additional W.S 3.0 for each Point
N	Additional Co-Applicant Signature Pages	Υ	Recorded Deeds for Diversion Points
N	Written Evidence of Signature Authority	Υ	Consent For Diversion Access
Υ	Technical Information Report	N	Worksheet 4.0
Υ	USGS Map (or equivalent)	N	_ TPDES Permit(s)
Υ	Map Showing Project Details	N	_ WWTP Discharge Data
Υ	Original Photographs	N	Groundwater Well Permit
N	Water Availability Analysis	N	Signed Water Supply Contract
Υ	Worksheet 1.0	N	Worksheet 4.1
Υ	Recorded Deeds for Irrigated Land	Υ	Worksheet 5.0
Υ	Consent For Irrigation Land	Υ	Addendum to Worksheet 5.0
N	Worksheet 1.1	Υ	Worksheet 6.0
N	Addendum to Worksheet 1.1	Υ	Water Conservation Plan(s)
N	Worksheet 1.2	N	Drought Contingency Plan(s)
N	Additional W.S 2.0 for Each Reservoir	N	Documentation of Adoption
N	Dam Safety Documents	N	Worksheet 7.0
N	Notice(s) to Governing Bodies	N	Accounting Plan
N	Recorded Deeds for Inundated Land	Υ	Worksheet 8.0
N	Consent For Inundation Land	Υ	Fees

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION REPORT

The following information is required for all new applications and amendments.

***Applicants are strongly encouraged to schedule a pre-application meeting with TCEQ Staff to discuss Applicant's needs prior to submitting an application. Call the Water Rights Permitting Team to schedule a meeting at (512) 239-4600.

1. TYPE OF APPLICATION (Instructions, Page. 6)
Indicate, by marking X, next to the following authorizations you are seeking.
New Appropriation of State Water
X Amendment to a Water Right *
Bed and Banks
*If you are seeking an amendment to an existing water rights authorization, you must be the owner of record of the authorization. If the name of the Applicant in Section 2, does not match the name of the current owner(s) of record for the permit or certificate or if any of the co-owners is not included as an applicant in this amendment request, your application could be returned. If you or a co-applicant are a new owner, but ownership is not reflected in the records of the TCEQ, submit a change of ownership request (Form TCEQ-10204) prior to submitting the application for an amendment. See Instructions page. 6. Please note that an amendment application may be returned, and the Applicant may resubmit once the change of ownership is complete.
Please summarize the authorizations or amendments you are seeking in the space below or attach a narrative description entitled "Summary of Request."
Addition of diversion point to existing certificate.

2. APPLICANT INFORMATION (Instructions, Page. 6)

Applicant	
Indicate the number of Applic (Include a copy of this section	cants/Co-Applicants <u>1</u> n for each Co-Applicant, if any)
What is the Full Legal Name of	the individual or entity (applicant) applying for this permit?
John and Katherine Kniffen Re	vocable Living Trust
	e legal name must be spelled exactly as filed with the Texas n the legal documents forming the entity.)
You may search for your CN or	ustomer with the TCEQ, what is the Customer Number (CN)? In the TCEQ website at crpub/index.cfm?fuseaction=cust.CustSearch
CN : CN604374405	(leave blank if you do not yet have a CN).
application is signed by an indi	he person or persons signing the application? Unless an ividual applicant, the person or persons must submit written gnatory requirements in 30 TAC § 295.14. therine Kniffen
295.14, as an attachment to thi	address as recognized by the US Postal Service (USPS)? You USPS website at
Name: John and Katherine K	íniffen
Mailing Address: 3170 East	FM 2092
City: Menard	State: Texas ZIP Code: 76859
Indicate an X next to the type oIndividualPartnership	of Applicant:Sole Proprietorship-D.B.ACorporation
X Trust	Estate
11u3t	State Government
County Government Other Government	City Government Other
Other Government	Other
For Corporations or Limited Pa	rtnerships, provide:

3. APPLICATION CONTACT INFORMATION (Instructions, Page. 9)

If the TCEQ needs additional information during the review of the application, who should be contacted? Applicant may submit their own contact information if Applicant wishes to be the point of contact.

First and Last Name: Mere	aith Allen		
_{Title:} Manager			
Organization Name: Mena	rd County WCID		
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1215			
	State: TX	_{ZIP Code:} <u>76859</u>	
Phone Number: 325-396-3	<u> </u>		
Fax Number:		_	
E-mail Address:			

4. WATER RIGHT CONSOLIDATED CONTACT INFORMATION (Instructions, Page. 9)

This section applies only if there are multiple Owners of the same authorization. Unless otherwise requested, Co-Owners will each receive future correspondence from the Commission regarding this water right (after a permit has been issued), such as notices and water use reports. Multiple copies will be sent to the same address if Co-Owners share the same address. Complete this section if there will be multiple owners and all owners agree to let one owner receive correspondence from the Commission. Leave this section blank if you would like all future notices to be sent to the address of each of the applicants listed in section 2 above.

I/We authorize all future notices be received on my/our behalf at the following:

First and Last Name:					
Title:					
Mailing Address:					
		ZIP Code:			
Phone Number:					
Fax Number:					
E-mail Address:					

5. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION (Instructions, Page. 9)

	the Delinquent Fee and Penalty Protocol by all applicants/co-applicants. If you need assistance determining whether you owe delinquent penalties or fees, please call the Water Rights Permitting Team at (512) 239-4600, prior to submitting your application.
	1. Does Applicant or Co-Applicant owe any fees to the TCEQ? Yes / No_N If yes , provide the following information:
	Account number: Amount past due:
	2. Does Applicant or Co-Applicant owe any penalties to the TCEQ? Yes / No_N_
	If yes , please provide the following information:
	Enforcement order number: Amount past due:
b.	If the Applicant is a taxable entity (corporation or limited partnership), the Applicant must be in good standing with the Comptroller or the right of the entity to transact business in the State may be forfeited. See Texas Tax Code, Subchapter F. Applicants may check their status with the Comptroller at https://mycpa.cpa.state.tx.us/coa/ Is the Applicant or Co-Applicant in good standing with the Comptroller? Yes / No $\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ $
C.	The commission will not grant an application for a water right unless the applicant has submitted all Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) surveys of groundwater and surface water use – if required. See TWC §16.012(m) and 30 TAC § 297.41(a)(5). Applicants should check survey status on the TWDB website prior to filing: https://www3.twdb.texas.gov/apps/reports/WU/SurveyStatus PriorThreeYears
	Applicant has submitted all required TWDB surveys of groundwater and surface water? Yes / No

a. The application will not be processed unless all delinquent fees and/or penalties owed to the TCEQ or the Office of the Attorney General on behalf of the TCEQ are paid in accordance with

SIGNATURE PAGE (Instructions, Page. 11)

Applicant: , Katherine Kniffen Trustee (Typed or printed name) (Title) certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware there are significant penalties for submitting false

I further certify that I am authorized under Title 30 Texas Administrative Code §295.14 to sign and submit this document and I have submitted written evidence of my signature authority.

Signature: Hatherine 7	Knillen	Date: 1-18-2023
(Use blue ink)		

information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Subscribed	and Sworn to befo	ore me by the said	
on this	18th	day of Danuary	3
		1200	0.

My commission expires on the _____day of ____day of _____day of _____day of _____

Notary Public CHRISTY G EGGLESTON My Commission Expires County, Texas

[SEAL]

If the Application includes Co-Applicants, each Applicant and Co-Applicant must submit an original, separate signature page

SIGNATURE PAGE (Instructions, Page. 11) Applicant: John Kniffen Trustee (Typed or printed name) (Title) certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations. I further certify that I-am authorized under Title 30 Texas Administrative Code §295.14 to sign and submit this document and I have submitted written evidence of my signature authority. Signature: (Use blue ink) Subscribed and Sworn to before me by the said on this My commission expires on the

If the Application includes Co-Applicants, each Applicant and Co-Applicant must submit an original, separate signature page

County, Texas

[SEAL]

My Commission Expires

TECHNICAL INFORMATION REPORT WATER RIGHTS PERMITTING

This Report is required for applications for new or amended water rights. Based on the Applicant's responses below, Applicants are directed to submit additional Worksheets (provided herein). A completed Administrative Information Report is also required for each application.

Applicants are REQUIRED to schedule a pre-application meeting with TCEQ Permitting Staff to discuss Applicant's needs and to confirm information necessary for an application prior to submitting such application. Please contact the Water Availability Division at (512) 239-4600 or WRPT@tceq.texas.gov to schedule a meeting.

Date of pre-application meeting: 05/03/2023

1. New or Additional Appropriations of State Water. Texas Water Code (TWC) § 11.121 (Instructions, Page. 12)

State Water is: The water of the ordinary flow, underflow, and tides of every flowing river, natural stream, and lake, and of every bay or arm of the Gulf of Mexico, and the storm water, floodwater, and rainwater of every river, natural stream, canyon, ravine, depression, and watershed in the state. TWC § 11.021.

a.	Applicant requests a new	appropriation	(diversion o	r impoundment)	of State Water?	Y/N N

b.	Applicant requests an amendment to an existing water right requesting an increase in the
	appropriation of State Water or an increase of the overall or maximum combined diversion
	rate? Y / N_N(If yes, indicate the Certificate or Permit number:)

If Applicant answered yes to (a) or (b) above, does Applicant also wish to be considered for a term permit pursuant to TWC \S 11.1381? \mathbf{Y} / \mathbf{N} ___

C.	Applicant r	requests to extend	an existing Terr	n authorization	or to make th	e right permanent?
	Y / N	(If yes, indica	te the Term Cer	tificate or Permi	t number:)

If Applicant answered yes to (a), (b) or (c), the following worksheets and documents are required:

- Worksheet 1.0 Quantity, Purpose, and Place of Use Information Worksheet
- Worksheet 2.0 Impoundment/Dam Information Worksheet (submit one worksheet for each impoundment or reservoir requested in the application)
- Worksheet 3.0 Diversion Point Information Worksheet (submit one worksheet for each diversion point and/or one worksheet for the upstream limit and one worksheet for the downstream limit of each diversion reach requested in the application)
- Worksheet 5.0 Environmental Information Worksheet
- Worksheet 6.0 Water Conservation Information Worksheet
- Worksheet 7.0 Accounting Plan Information Worksheet
- Worksheet 8.0 Calculation of Fees
- Fees calculated on Worksheet 8.0 see instructions Page. 34.
- Maps See instructions Page. 15.
- Photographs See instructions Page. 30.

Additionally, if Applicant wishes to submit an alternate source of water for the project/authorization, see Section 3, Page 3 for Bed and Banks Authorizations (Alternate sources may include groundwater, imported water, contract water or other sources).

Additional Documents and Worksheets may be required (see within).

2. Amendments to Water Rights. TWC § 11.122 (Instructions, Page. 12)

This section should be completed if Applicant owns an existing water right and Applicant requests to amend the water right. If Applicant is not currently the Owner of Record in the TCEQ Records, Applicant must submit a Change of Ownership Application (TCEQ-10204) prior to submitting the amendment Application or provide consent from the current owner to make the requested amendment. If the application does not contain consent from the current owner to make the requested amendment, TCEQ will not begin processing the amendment application until the Change of Ownership has been completed and will consider the Received Date for the application to be the date the Change of Ownership is completed. See instructions page. 6.

Wa	Vater Right (Certificate or Permit) number you are requesting to amend: 14-1798		
_	oplicant requests to sever and combine existing extificates into another Permit or Certificate? Y		
List of water rights to sever		Combine into this ONE water right	
a.	Applicant requests an amendment to an exist appropriation of State Water (diversion and/o		
If yes, application is a new appropriation for the increased amount, complete Secti Report (PAGE. 1) regarding New or Additional Appropriations of State Water .			
b. Applicant requests to amend existing Term authorization to extend the term or make the			

If yes, application is a new appropriation for the entire amount, complete **Section 1 of this Report (PAGE. 1) regarding New or Additional Appropriations of State Water**.

water right permanent (remove conditions restricting water right to a term of years)?

- c. Applicant requests an amendment to change the purpose or place of use or to add an additional purpose or place of use to an existing Permit or Certificate? Y / $N_{\underline{}}$ If yes, submit:
 - Worksheet 1.0 Quantity, Purpose, and Place of Use Information Worksheet
 - Worksheet 1.2 Notice: "Marshall Criteria"

 Y/N^{N}

- d. Applicant requests to change: diversion point(s); or reach(es); or diversion rate? Y / $N_{\underline{Y}}$ *If yes, submit:*
 - **Worksheet 3.0 Diversion Point Information Worksheet** (submit one worksheet for each diversion point or one worksheet for the upstream limit and one worksheet for the downstream limit of each diversion reach)
 - **Worksheet 5.0 Environmental Information** (Required for <u>any</u> new diversion points that are not already authorized in a water right)
- e. Applicant requests amendment to add or modify an impoundment, reservoir, or dam? Y / N_N_

If yes, submit: **Worksheet 2.0 - Impoundment/Dam Information Worksheet** (submit one worksheet for each impoundment or reservoir)

f.	Other - Applicant requests to change any provision of an authorization not mentioned above? Y / $N_{\underline{N}}$ If yes, call the Water Availability Division at (512) 239-4600 to discuss.
Ac	 *dditionally, all amendments require: *Worksheet 8.0 - Calculation of Fees; and Fees calculated - see instructions Page. 34 *Maps - See instructions Page. 15. *Additional Documents and Worksheets may be required (see within).
3.	Bed and Banks. TWC § 11.042 (Instructions, Page 13)
a.	Pursuant to contract, Applicant requests authorization to convey, stored or conserved water to the place of use or diversion point of purchaser(s) using the bed and banks of a watercourse? TWC § 11.042(a). Y/N
	If yes, submit a signed copy of the Water Supply Contract pursuant to 30 TAC §§ 295.101 and 297.101. Further, if the underlying Permit or Authorization upon which the Contract is based does not authorize Purchaser's requested Quantity, Purpose or Place of Use, or Purchaser's diversion point(s), then either:
	 Purchaser must submit the worksheets required under Section 1 above with the Contract Water identified as an alternate source; or Seller must amend its underlying water right under Section 2.
b.	Applicant requests to convey water imported into the state from a source located wholly outside the state using the bed and banks of a watercourse? TWC § 11.042(a-1). Y / N
	<i>If yes, submit worksheets</i> 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 7.0, 8.0, Maps and fees from the list below.
c.	Applicant requests to convey Applicant's own return flows derived from privately owned groundwater using the bed and banks of a watercourse? TWC § 11.042(b). Y / N
	If yes, submit worksheets 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 7.0, 8.0, Maps, and fees from the list below.
d.	Applicant requests to convey Applicant's own return flows derived from surface water using the bed and banks of a watercourse? TWC § $11.042(c)$. Y / N Johr
	<i>If yes, submit worksheets</i> 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, Maps, and fees from the list below.
	*Please note, if Applicant requests the reuse of return flows belonging to others, the Applicant will need to submit the worksheets and documents under Section 1 above, as the application will be treated as a new appropriation subject to termination upon direct or indirect reuse by the return flow discharger/owner.
e.	Applicant requests to convey water from any other source, other than (a)-(d) above, using the bed and banks of a watercourse? TWC § $11.042(c)$. Y / N
	If yes, submit worksheets 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 7.0, 8.0, Maps, and fees from the list below.
	Worksheets and information:
	 Worksheet 1.0 - Quantity, Purpose, and Place of Use Information Worksheet Worksheet 2.0 - Impoundment/Dam Information Worksheet (submit one worksheet for each impoundment or reservoir owned by the applicant through which water will be conveyed or diverted)

Worksheet 3.0 - Diversion Point Information Worksheet (submit one worksheet for the downstream limit of each diversion reach for the proposed conveyances)

- Worksheet 4.0 Discharge Information Worksheet (for each discharge point)
- Worksheet 5.0 Environmental Information Worksheet
- Worksheet 6.0 Water Conservation Information Worksheet
- Worksheet 7.0 Accounting Plan Information Worksheet
- Worksheet 8.0 Calculation of Fees; and Fees calculated see instructions Page. 34
- Maps See instructions Page. 15.
- Additional Documents and Worksheets may be required (see within).

4. General Information, Response Required for all Water Right Applications (Instructions, Page 15)

a. Provide information describing how this application addresses a water supply need in a manner that is consistent with the state water plan or the applicable approved regional water plan for any area in which the proposed appropriation is located or, in the alternative, describe conditions that warrant a waiver of this requirement (not required for applications to use groundwater-based return flows). Include citations or page numbers for the State and Regional Water Plans, if applicable. Provide the information in the space below or submit a supplemental sheet entitled "Addendum Regarding the State and Regional Water Plans":

The request is for an addition of a diversion point and does not request an increase in diversion amount or rate, and as such will not impact water supply or availability.

The state and regional water plans generally do not address every possible change in individual water rights. The application is consistent with the 2021 Region F Water Plan and the 2022 State Water Plan because there is nothing in the plans that conflict with the application.

b. Did the Applicant perform its own Water Availability Analysis? Y / N N

If the Applicant performed its own Water Availability Analysis, provide electronic copies of any modeling files and reports.

c. Does the application include required Maps? (Instructions Page. 15) Y / N $^{ extstyle Y}$

WORKSHEET 1.0 Quantity, Purpose and Place of Use

1. New Authorizations (Instructions, Page. 16)

Submit the following information regarding quantity, purpose and place of use for requests for new or additional appropriations of State Water or Bed and Banks authorizations:

_____Total amount of water (in acre-feet) to be used annually (*include losses for Bed and Banks applications*)

If the Purpose of Use is Agricultural/Irrigation for any amount of water, provide:

a.	Location Information Regarding the Land	ds to be I	rrigated	
	i) Applicant proposes to irrigate a total	l of	acres ir	any one year. This acreage is
	all of or part of a larger tract(s) v	which is	described in a	supplement attached to this
	application and contains a total of		acres in_	County, TX.
	ii) Location of land to be irrigated:	In the_		Original Survey No.
	. Abstract No. ⁷⁶⁸⁵⁹			

A copy of the deed(s) or other acceptable instrument describing the overall tract(s) with the recording information from the county records must be submitted. Applicant's name must match deeds.

If the Applicant is not currently the sole owner of the lands to be irrigated, Applicant must submit documentation evidencing consent or other documentation supporting Applicant's right to use the land described.

Water Rights for Irrigation may be appurtenant to the land irrigated and convey with the land unless reserved in the conveyance. 30 TAC § 297.81.

2. Amendments - Purpose or Place of Use (Instructions, Page. 12)

a. Complete this section for each requested amendment changing, adding, or removing Purpose(s) or Place(s) of Use, complete the following:

Quantity (acre- feet)	Existing Purpose(s) of Use	Proposed Purpose(s) of Use*	Existing Place(s) of Use	Proposed Place(s) of Use**
20	agricultural irrigation	agricultural irrigation	N/A	Johann Knetsch Survey 193, Abstract 478

^{*}If the request is to add additional purpose(s) of use, include the existing and new purposes of use under "Proposed Purpose(s) of Use."

Changes to the purpose of use in the Rio Grande Basin may require conversion. 30 TAC § 303.43.

b.	For any request which adds Agricultural purpose of use or changes the place of use for Agricultural rights, provide the following location information regarding the lands to be irrigated:

i.	Applicant proposes to irrigate a total of 712	acres in any one year. This acreage is
	all of or part of a larger tract(s) which is	s described in a supplement attached to this
	application and contains a total of 71.2	acres in
	County, TX.	
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ii.	Location of	land to be irrigated:	In the_	Johann Knetsch	Original Survey No.
	193	, Abstract No478			

A copy of the deed(s) describing the overall tract(s) with the recording information from the county records must be submitted. Applicant's name must match deeds. If the Applicant is not currently the sole owner of the lands to be irrigated, Applicant must submit documentation evidencing consent or other legal right for Applicant to use the land described.

Water Rights for Irrigation may be appurtenant to the land irrigated and convey with the land unless reserved in the conveyance. 30 TAC § 297.81.

- c. Submit Worksheet 1.1, Interbasin Transfers, for any request to change the place of use which moves State Water to another river basin.
- d. See Worksheet 1.2, Marshall Criteria, and submit if required.
- e. See Worksheet 6.0, Water Conservation/Drought Contingency, and submit if required.

^{**}If the request is to add additional place(s) of use, include the existing and new places of use under "Proposed Place(s) of Use."

WORKSHEET 1.1 INTERBASIN TRANSFERS, TWC § 11.085

Submit this worksheet for an application for a new or amended water right which requests to transfer State Water from its river basin of origin to use in a different river basin. A river basin is defined and designated by the Texas Water Development Board by rule pursuant to TWC \S 16.051.

Applicant requests to transfer State Water to another river basin within the State? Y / N_____

1.	Interbasin Transfer Request (Instructions, Page. 20)	
a. Pi	rovide the Basin of Origin	
b. Pı	rovide the quantity of water to be transferred (acre-feet)	
c. Pi	rovide the Basin(s) and count(y/ies) where use will occur in the space below:	

2. Exemptions (Instructions, Page. 20), TWC § 11.085(v)

Certain interbasin transfers are exempt from further requirements. Answer the following:

- a. The proposed transfer, which in combination with any existing transfers, totals less than 3,000 acre-feet of water per annum from the same water right. **Y/N**_
- b. The proposed transfer is from a basin to an adjoining coastal basin? Y/N____
- c. The proposed transfer from the part of the geographic area of a county or municipality, or the part of the retail service area of a retail public utility as defined by Section 13.002, that is within the basin of origin for use in that part of the geographic area of the county or municipality, or that contiguous part of the retail service area of the utility, not within the basin of origin? Y/N__
- d. The proposed transfer is for water that is imported from a source located wholly outside the boundaries of Texas, except water that is imported from a source located in the United Mexican States? Y/N__

3. Interbasin Transfer Requirements (Instructions, Page. 20)

For each Interbasin Transfer request that is not exempt under any of the exemptions listed above Section 2, provide the following information in a supplemental attachment titled "Addendum to Worksheet 1.1, Interbasin Transfer":

- a. the contract price of the water to be transferred (if applicable) (also include a copy of the contract or adopted rate for contract water);
- b. a statement of each general category of proposed use of the water to be transferred and a detailed description of the proposed uses and users under each category;
- c. the cost of diverting, conveying, distributing, and supplying the water to, and treating the water for, the proposed users (example expert plans and/or reports documents may be provided to show the cost);

- d. describe the need for the water in the basin of origin and in the proposed receiving basin based on the period for which the water supply is requested, but not to exceed 50 years (the need can be identified in the most recently approved regional water plans. The state and regional water plans are available for download at this website: (http://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/swp/index.asp);
- e. address the factors identified in the applicable most recently approved regional water plans which address the following:
 - (i) the availability of feasible and practicable alternative supplies in the receiving basin to the water proposed for transfer;
 - (ii) the amount and purposes of use in the receiving basin for which water is needed;
 - (iii) proposed methods and efforts by the receiving basin to avoid waste and implement water conservation and drought contingency measures;
 - (iv) proposed methods and efforts by the receiving basin to put the water proposed for transfer to beneficial use:
 - (v) the projected economic impact that is reasonably expected to occur in each basin as a result of the transfer; and
 - (vi) the projected impacts of the proposed transfer that are reasonably expected to occur on existing water rights, instream uses, water quality, aquatic and riparian habitat, and bays and estuaries that must be assessed under Sections 11.147, 11.150, and 11.152 in each basin (*if applicable*). If the water sought to be transferred is currently authorized to be used under an existing permit, certified filing, or certificate of adjudication, such impacts shall only be considered in relation to that portion of the permit, certified filing, or certificate of adjudication proposed for transfer and shall be based on historical uses of the permit, certified filing, or certificate of adjudication for which amendment is sought;
- f. proposed mitigation or compensation, if any, to the basin of origin by the applicant; and
- g. the continued need to use the water for the purposes authorized under the existing Permit, Certified Filing, or Certificate of Adjudication, if an amendment to an existing water right is sought.

WORKSHEET 1.2 NOTICE. "THE MARSHALL CRITERIA"

This worksheet assists the Commission in determining notice required for certain **amendments** that do not already have a specific notice requirement in a rule for that type of amendment, and *that do not change the amount of water to be taken or the diversion rate*. The worksheet provides information that Applicant **is required** to submit for amendments such as certain amendments to special conditions or changes to off-channel storage. These criteria address whether the proposed amendment will impact other water right holders or the on- stream environment beyond and irrespective of the fact that the water right can be used to its full authorized amount.

This worksheet is **not required for Applications in the Rio Grande Basin** requesting changes in the purpose of use, rate of diversion, point of diversion, and place of use for water rights held in and transferred within and between the mainstems of the Lower Rio Grande, Middle Rio Grande, and Amistad Reservoir. See 30 TAC § 303.42.

This worksheet is **not required for amendments which are only changing or adding diversion points, or request only a bed and banks authorization or an IBT authorization**. However, Applicants may wish to submit the Marshall Criteria to ensure that the administrative record includes information supporting each of these criteria

1. The "Marshall Criteria" (Instructions, Page. 21)

Submit responses on a supplemental attachment titled "Marshall Criteria" in a manner that conforms to the paragraphs (a) – (g) below:

- a. <u>Administrative Requirements and Fees.</u> Confirm whether application meets the administrative requirements for an amendment to a water use permit pursuant to TWC Chapter 11 and Title 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapters 281, 295, and 297. An amendment application should include, but is not limited to, a sworn application, maps, completed conservation plan, fees, etc.
- b. <u>Beneficial Use.</u> Discuss how proposed amendment is a beneficial use of the water as defined in TWC § 11.002 and listed in TWC § 11.023. Identify the specific proposed use of the water (e.g., road construction, hydrostatic testing, etc.) for which the amendment is requested.
- c. <u>Public Welfare</u>. Explain how proposed amendment is not detrimental to the public welfare. Consider any public welfare matters that might be relevant to a decision on the application. Examples could include concerns related to the well-being of humans and the environment.
- d. <u>Groundwater Effects.</u> Discuss effects of proposed amendment on groundwater or groundwater recharge.

- e. <u>State Water Plan.</u> Describe how proposed amendment addresses a water supply need in a manner that is consistent with the state water plan or the applicable approved regional water plan for any area in which the proposed appropriation is located or, in the alternative, describe conditions that warrant a waiver of this requirement. The state and regional water plans are available for download at:

 http://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/swp/index.asp.
- f. <u>Waste Avoidance.</u> Provide evidence that reasonable diligence will be used to avoid waste and achieve water conservation as defined in TWC § 11.002. Examples of evidence could include, but are not limited to, a water conservation plan or, if required, a drought contingency plan, meeting the requirements of 30 TAC Chapter 288.
- g. <u>Impacts on Water Rights or On-stream Environment</u>. Explain how the proposed amendment will not impact other water right holders or the on-stream environment beyond and irrespective of the fact that the water right can be used to its full authorized amount.

WORKSHEET 2.0 Impoundment/Dam Information

This worksheet **is required** for any impoundment, reservoir and/or dam. Submit an additional Worksheet 2.0 for each impoundment or reservoir requested in this application.

If there is more than one structure, the numbering/naming of structures should be consistent throughout the application and on any supplemental documents (e.g., maps).

1	. Storage Information (Instructions, Page. 21)						
a.	Official USGS name of reservoir, if applicable:						
b.	Provide amount of water (in acre-feet) impounded by structure at normal maximum operating level:						
С.	The impoundment is on-channelor off-channel(mark one)						
	 i. Applicant has verified on-channel or off-channel determination by contacting Surface Water Availability Team at (512) 239-4600? Y / N ii. If on-channel, will the structure have the ability to pass all State Water inflows that Applicant does not have authorization to impound? Y / N 						
l.	Is the impoundment structure already constructed? Y/N						
	i. For already constructed on-channel structures:						
	1. Date of Construction:						
	 2. Was it constructed to be an exempt structure under TWC § 11.142? Y / N a. If Yes, is Applicant requesting to proceed under TWC § 11.143? Y / N b. If No, has the structure been issued a notice of violation by TCEQ? Y / N 						
	3. Is it a U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) (formerly Soil Conservation Service (SCS)) floodwater-retarding structure? Y/N a. If yes, provide the Site No and watershed project name; b. Authorization to close "ports" in the service spillway requested? Y/N						
	ii. For any proposed new structures or modifications to structures:						
	 Applicant must contact TCEQ Dam Safety Section at (512) 239-0326, prior to submitting an Application. Applicant has contacted the TCEQ Dam Safety Section regarding the submission requirements of 30 TAC, Ch. 299? Y/NProvide the date and the name of the Staff Person 						
	 2. As a result of Applicant's consultation with the TCEQ Dam Safety Section, TCEQ has confirmed that: a. No additional dam safety documents required with the Application. Y / N b. Plans (with engineer's seal) for the structure required. Y / N c. Engineer's signed and sealed hazard classification required. Y / N d. Engineer's statement that structure complies with 30 TAC, Ch. 299 Rules required. Y / N 						

		reservoir to be constructed, will be located. (30 TAC § 295.42). Applicant must submit a copy of all the notices and certified mailing cards with this Application. Notices and cards are included? Y / N
	iii.	Additional information required for on-channel storage:
		1. Surface area (in acres) of on-channel reservoir at normal maximum operating level:
		2. Based on the Application information provided, Staff will calculate the drainage area above the on-channel dam or reservoir. If Applicant wishes to also calculate the drainage area they may do so at their option. Applicant has calculated the drainage area. Y/N If yes, the drainage area issq. miles. (If assistance is needed, call the Surface Water Availability Team prior to submitting the application, (512) 239-4600).
2.	Stru	cture Location (Instructions, Page. 23)
o. Zij	* A c subn inun **If t or w docu	Original Survey No, Abstract No County, Texas. opy of the deed(s) with the recording information from the county records must be nitted describing the tract(s) that include the structure and all lands to be dated. the Applicant is not currently the sole owner of the land on which the structure is ill be built and sole owner of all lands to be inundated, Applicant must submit mentation evidencing consent or other documentation supporting Applicant's to use the land described.
d. A p	ooint or annel) is	the centerline of the dam (on-channel) or anywhere within the impoundment (offs:
	Latiti	ude°N, Longitude°W.
	*Pro	vide Latitude and Longitude coordinates in decimal degrees to at least six decimal
	i.	Indicate the method used to calculate the location (examples: Handheld GPS Device, GIS, Mapping Program):
	ii.	Map submitted which clearly identifies the Impoundment, dam (where applicable), and the lands to be inundated. See instructions Page. 15. Y / N

3. Applicants **shall** give notice by certified mail to each member of the governing body of each county and municipality in which the reservoir, or any part of the

WORKSHEET 3.0 DIVERSION POINT (OR DIVERSION REACH) INFORMATION

This worksheet **is required** for each diversion point or diversion reach. Submit one Worksheet 3.0 for **each** diversion point and two Worksheets for **each** diversion reach (one for the upstream limit and one for the downstream limit of each diversion reach).

The numbering of any points or reach limits should be consistent throughout the application and on supplemental documents (e.g., maps).

1.	Diversion Information (Instructions, Page.	24)					
a.	. This Worksheet is to add new (select 1 of 3 below):						
	 1 Diversion Point No. 2 Upstream Limit of Diversion Reach No. 3. Downstream Limit of Diversion Reach No. 						
b.	Maximum Rate of Diversion for this new point or 160 gpm (gallons per minute)	cfs (cubic feet per second)					
c.	I. Does this point share a diversion rate with other points? Y / N Y If yes, submit Maximum Combined Rate of Diversion for all points/reaches 2.9 cfs or 1300 gpm						
d.	For amendments, is Applicant seeking to increase combined	d diversion rate? Y / N					
	** An increase in diversion rate is considered a new appropriation and would require completion of Section 1, New or Additional Appropriation of State Water.						
e. Check $()$ the appropriate box to indicate diversion location and indicate whether the diversion location is existing or proposed):							
	Check one	Write: Existing or Proposed					
	Directly from stream	shared with 1806					
	From an on-channel reservoir						
	From a stream to an on-channel reservoir						
	Other method (explain fully, use additional sheets if necessary)						
f. Based on the Application information provided, Staff will calculate the drainage a above the diversion point (or reach limit). If Applicant wishes to also calculate the drainage area, you may do so at their option.							
	y Team at (512) 239-4600, prior to						

۷.	Diversion Location (instructions, rage 23)
a.	On watercourse (USGS name): San Saba River
b.	Zip Code: <u>76859</u>
c.	Location of point: In the J KNETSCH Original Survey No. 193, Abstract No. 418 County, Texas.
	A copy of the deed(s) with the recording information from the county records must be submitted describing tract(s) that include the diversion structure.
	For diversion reaches, the Commission cannot grant an Applicant access to property that the Applicant does not own or have consent or a legal right to access, the Applicant will be required to provide deeds, or consent, or other documents supporting a legal right to use the specific points when specific diversion points within the reach are utilized. Other documents may include, but are not limited to a recorded easement, a land lease, a contract, or a citation to the Applicant's right to exercise eminent domain to acquire access.
d.	Point is at: Latitude 30.923817°N, Longitude -99.741975 _°W. Provide Latitude and Longitude coordinates in decimal degrees to at least six decimal places
e.	Indicate the method used to calculate the location (examples: Handheld GPS Device, GIS, Mapping Program): Google Earth
f.	Map submitted must clearly identify each diversion point and/or reach. See instructions

g. If the Plan of Diversion is complicated and not readily discernable from looking at the map, attach additional sheets that fully explain the plan of diversion.

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WORKSHEET 4.0 DISCHARGE INFORMATION

This worksheet required for any requested authorization to discharge water into a State Watercourse for conveyance and later withdrawal or in-place use. Worksheet 4.1 is also required for each Discharge point location requested. **Instructions Page. 26.** *Applicant is responsible for obtaining any separate water quality authorizations which may be required and for insuring compliance with TWC*, *Chapter 26 or any other applicable law*.

a. The purpose of use for the water being discharged will be
b. Provide the amount of water that will be lost to transportation, evaporation, seepage, channel or other associated carriage losses(% or amount) and explain the method of calculation:
c. Is the source of the discharged water return flows? Y / NIf yes, provide the following information:
1. The TPDES Permit Number(s)(attach a copy of the current TPDES permit(s))
2. Applicant is the owner/holder of each TPDES permit listed above? Y / N
PLEASE NOTE: If Applicant is not the discharger of the return flows, or the Applicant is not the water right owner of the underlying surface water right, or the Applicant does not have a contract with the discharger, the application should be submitted under Section 1, New or Additional Appropriation of State Water, as a request for a new appropriation of state water. If Applicant is the discharger, the surface water right holder, or the contract holder, then the application should be submitted under Section 3, Bed and Banks.
3. Monthly WWTP discharge data for the past 5 years in electronic format. (Attach and label as "Supplement to Worksheet 4.0").
4. The percentage of return flows from groundwater, surface water?
5. If any percentage is surface water, provide the base water right number(s)
d. Is the source of the water being discharged groundwater? Y / N If yes, provide the following information:
1. Source aquifer(s) from which water will be pumped:
2. If the well has not been constructed, provide production information for wells in the same aquifer in the area of the application. See http://www.twdb.texas.gov/groundwater/data/gwdbrpt.asp . Additionally, provide well numbers or identifiers
3. Indicate how the groundwater will be conveyed to the stream or reservoir.
4. A copy of the groundwater well permit if it is located in a Groundwater Conservation District (GCD) or evidence that a groundwater well permit is not required.
di. Is the source of the water being discharged a surface water supply contract? Y / N If yes, provide the signed contract(s).
dii. Identify any other source of the water

WORKSHEET 4.1 DISCHARGE POINT INFORMATION

This worksheet is required for **each** discharge point. Submit one Worksheet 4.1 for each discharge point. If there is more than one discharge point, the numbering of the points should be consistent throughout the application and on any supplemental documents (e.g., maps). **Instructions, Page 27.**

For	water	discharged	at this	location	provide:
					P-0 :

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a.	The amount of water that will be discharged at this point is acre-feet per year. The discharged amount should include the amount needed for use and to compensate for any losses.
b.	Water will be discharged at this point at a maximum rate ofcfs orgpm
c.	Name of Watercourse as shown on Official USGS maps:
d.	Zip Code
	Location of point: In theOriginal Survey No, Abstract No, County, Texas.
f.	Point is at:
	Latitude°N, Longitude°W.
	*Provide Latitude and Longitude coordinates in decimal degrees to at least six decimal places
g.	Indicate the method used to calculate the discharge point location (examples: Handheld GPS Device, GIS, Mapping Program):
	Map submitted must clearly identify each discharge point. See instructions Page. 15.

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WORKSHEET 5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

1. **Impingement and Entrainment**

This section is required for any new diversion point that is not already authorized. Indicate the measures the applicant will take to avoid impingement and entrainment of

■ Historical observation by adjacent landowners

☐ USGS flow records

Personal observation
□ Other, specify:
c. Waterbody aesthetics
Check one of the following that best describes the aesthetics of the stream segments affected by the application and the area surrounding those stream segments. Wilderness: outstanding natural beauty; usually wooded or unpastured area; water clarity exceptional
■ Natural Area: trees and/or native vegetation common; some development evident (from fields, pastures, dwellings); water clarity discolored
☐ Common Setting: not offensive; developed but uncluttered; water may be colored or turbid
☐ Offensive: stream does not enhance aesthetics; cluttered; highly developed; dumping areas; water discolored
d. Waterbody Recreational Uses
Are there any known recreational uses of the stream segments affected by the application?
■ Primary contact recreation (swimming or direct contact with water)
☐ Secondary contact recreation (fishing, canoeing, or limited contact with water)
□ Non-contact recreation
e. Submit the following information in a Supplemental Attachment, labeled Addendum to

- Worksheet 5.0:
 - 1. Photographs of the stream at the diversion point or dam location. Photographs should be in color and show the proposed point or reservoir and upstream and downstream views of the stream, including riparian vegetation along the banks. Include a description of each photograph and reference the photograph to the mapsubmitted with the application indicating the location of the photograph and the direction of the shot.
 - 2. If the application includes a proposed reservoir, also include:
 - i. A brief description of the area that will be inundated by the reservoir.
 - ii. If a United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) 404 permit is required, provide the project number and USACE project manager.
 - iii. A description of how any impacts to wetland habitat, if any, will be mitigated if the reservoir is greater than 5,000 acre-feet.

3. Alternate Sources of Water and/or Bed and Banks Applications

This section is required for applications using an alternate source of water and bed and banks applications in any basins. **Instructions**, page 31.

- a. For all bed and banks applications:
 - i. Submit an assessment of the adequacy of the quantity and quality of flows remaining after the proposed diversion to meet instream uses and bay and estuary freshwater inflow requirements.
- b. For all alternate source applications:
 - i. If the alternate source is treated return flows, provide the TPDES permit number_____
 - ii. If groundwater is the alternate source, or groundwater or other surface water will be discharged into a watercourse provide: Reasonably current water chemistry information including but not limited to the following parameters in the table below. Additional parameters may be requested if there is a specific water quality concern associated with the aquifer from which water is withdrawn. If data for onsite wells are unavailable; historical data collected from similar sized wells drawing water from the same aquifer may be provided. However, onsite data may still be required when it becomes available. Provide the well number or well identifier. Complete the information below for each well and provide the Well Number or identifier.

Parameter	Average Conc.	Max Conc.	No. of	Sample Type	Sample
			Samples		Date/Time
Sulfate, mg/L					
Chloride,					
mg/L					
Total					
Dissolved					
Solids, mg/L					
pH, standard					
units					
Temperature*,					
degrees					
Celsius					

^{*} Temperature must be measured onsite at the time the groundwater sample is collected.

iii.	If groundwater will be used, provide the depth of the well_	$\underline{}$ and the name
	of the aquifer from which water is withdrawn	

WORKSHEET 6.0 Water Conservation/Drought Contingency Plans

This form is intended to assist applicants in determining whether a Water Conservation Plan and/or Drought Contingency Plans is required and to specify the requirements for plans. **Instructions, Page 31.**

The TCEQ has developed guidance and model plans to help applicants prepare plans. Applicants may use the model plan with pertinent information filled in. For assistance submitting a plan call the Resource Protection Team (Water Conservation staff) at 512-239-4600, or e-mail wras@tceq.texas.gov. The model plans can also be downloaded from the TCEQ webpage. Please use the most up-to-date plan documents available on the webpage.

1. Water Conservation Plans

- a. The following applications must include a completed Water Conservation Plan (30 TAC § 295.9) for each use specified in 30 TAC, Chapter 288 (municipal, industrial or mining, agriculture including irrigation, wholesale):
 - 1. Request for a new appropriation or use of State Water.
 - 2. Request to amend water right to increase appropriation of State Water.
 - 3. Request to amend water right to extend a term.
 - 4. Request to amend water right to change a place of use. *does not apply to a request to expand irrigation acreage to adjacent tracts.
 - 5. Request to amend water right to change the purpose of use. *applicant need only address new uses.
 - 6. Request for bed and banks under TWC § 11.042(c), when the source water is State Water.

b. If Applicant is requesting any authorization in section (1)(a) above, indicate each use for

*including return flows, contract water, or other State Water.

which Applicant is submitting a Water Conservation Plan as an attachment:

1Municipal Use. See 30 TAC § 288.2. **
2Industrial or Mining Use. See 30 TAC § 288.3.
3. <u>×</u> Agricultural Use, including irrigation. See 30 TAC § 288.4.
4Wholesale Water Suppliers. See 30 TAC § 288.5. **
**If Applicant is a water supplier, Applicant must also submit documentation of adoption of the plan. Documentation may include an ordinance, resolution, or tariff, etc. See 30 TAC §§ 288.2(a)(1)(J)(i) and 288.5(1)(H). Applicant has submitted such documentation with each water conservation plan? Y / N

c. Water conservation plans submitted with an application must also include data and information which: supports applicant's proposed use with consideration of the plan's water conservation goals; evaluates conservation as an alternative to the proposed

2. Drought Contingency Plans
a. A drought contingency plan is also required for the following entities if Applicant is requesting any of the authorizations in section (1) (a) above - indicate each that applies:

Municipal Uses by public water suppliers. See 30 TAC § 288.20.
Irrigation Use/ Irrigation water suppliers. See 30 TAC § 288.21.
Wholesale Water Suppliers. See 30 TAC § 288.22.

b. If Applicant must submit a plan under section 2(a) above, Applicant has also submitted documentation of adoption of drought contingency plan (ordinance, resolution, or tariff, etc. See 30 TAC § 288.30) Y / N__

appropriation; and evaluates any other feasible alternative to new water development.

Applicant has included this information in each applicable plan? Y / N

See 30 TAC § 288.7.

WORKSHEET 7.0 ACCOUNTING PLAN INFORMATION WORKSHEET

The following information provides guidance on when an Accounting Plan may be required for certain applications and if so, what information should be provided. An accounting plan can either be very simple such as keeping records of gage flows, discharges, and diversions; or, more complex depending on the requests in the application. Contact the Surface Water Availability Team at 512-239-4600 for information about accounting plan requirements, if any, for your application. **Instructions, Page 34.**

1. Is Accounting Plan Required

Accounting Plans are generally required:

- For applications that request authorization to divert large amounts of water from a single point where multiple diversion rates, priority dates, and water rights can also divert from that point;
- For applications for new major water supply reservoirs;
- For applications that amend a water right where an accounting plan is already required, if the amendment would require changes to the accounting plan;
- For applications with complex environmental flow requirements;
- For applications with an alternate source of water where the water is conveyed and diverted; and
- For reuse applications.

2. Accounting Plan Requirements

a. A **text file** that includes:

- 1. an introduction explaining the water rights and what they authorize;
- 2. an explanation of the fields in the accounting plan spreadsheet including how they are calculated and the source of the data;
- 3. for accounting plans that include multiple priority dates and authorizations, a section that discusses how water is accounted for by priority date and which water is subject to a priority call by whom; and
- 4. Should provide a summary of all sources of water.

b. A **spreadsheet** that includes:

- 1. Basic daily data such as diversions, deliveries, compliance with any instream flow requirements, return flows discharged and diverted and reservoir content;
- 2. Method for accounting for inflows if needed;
- 3. Reporting of all water use from all authorizations, both existing and proposed;
- 4. An accounting for all sources of water:
- 5. An accounting of water by priority date;
- 6. For bed and banks applications, the accounting plan must track the discharged water from the point of delivery to the final point of diversion;
- 7. Accounting for conveyance losses:
- 8. Evaporation losses if the water will be stored in or transported through a reservoir. Include changes in evaporation losses and a method for measuring reservoir content resulting from the discharge of additional water into the reservoir;
- 9. An accounting for spills of other water added to the reservoir; and
- 10. Calculation of the amount of drawdown resulting from diversion by junior rights or diversions of other water discharged into and then stored in the reservoir.

WORKSHEET 8.0 CALCULATION OF FEES

This worksheet is for calculating required application fees. Applications are not Administratively Complete until all required fees are received. **Instructions, Page. 34**

1. NEW APPROPRIATION

	Description	Amount (\$)
	Circle fee correlating to the total amount of water* requested for any new appropriation and/or impoundment. Amount should match total on Worksheet 1, Section 1. Enter corresponding fee under Amount (\$).	
	<u>In Acre-Feet</u>	
Filing Fee	a. Less than 100 \$100.00	
_	b. 100 - 5,000 \$250.00	
	c. 5,001 - 10,000 \$500.00	
	d. 10,001 - 250,000 \$1,000.00	
	e. More than 250,000 \$2,000.00	
Recording Fee		\$25.00
Agriculture Use Fee	Only for those with an Irrigation Use. Multiply 50¢ xNumber of acres that will be irrigated with State Water. **	
	Required for all Use Types, excluding Irrigation Use.	
Use Fee	Multiply \$1.00 xMaximum annual diversion of State Water in acrefeet. **	
Degraptional Staroga	Only for those with Recreational Storage.	
Recreational Storage Fee	Multiply \$1.00 xacre-feet of in-place Recreational Use State Water to be stored at normal max operating level.	
	Only for those with Storage, excluding Recreational Storage.	
Storage Fee	Multiply $50 \ x$ acre-feet of State Water to be stored at normal max operating level.	
Mailed Notice	Cost of mailed notice to all water rights in the basin. Contact Staff to determine the amount (512) 239-4600.	
	TOTAL	\$

2. AMENDMENT *OR* SEVER AND COMBINE

	Description	Amount (\$)
Filing Foo	Amendment: \$100	\$100
Filing Fee	OR Sever and Combine: \$100 x of water rights to combine	
Recording Fee		\$12.50
Mailed Notice	Additional notice fee to be determined once application is submitted.	
	TOTAL INCLUDED	\$ 112.50

3. BED AND BANKS

	Description	Amount (\$)
Filing Fee		\$100.00
Recording Fee		\$12.50
Mailed Notice	Additional notice fee to be determined once application is submitted.	
	TOTAL INCLUDED	\$

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

SYSTEM INVENTORY AND WATER CONSERVATION PLAN

FOR INDIVIDUALLY-OPERATED IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

This form is provided to assist entities in conservation plan development for individually-operated irrigation systems. If you need assistance in completing this form or in developing your plan, please contact the conservation staff of the Resource Protection Team in the Water Supply Division at (512) 239-4691.

Name:		onn B. Knitten and K					1118 111001	
Address: Telephone Number: Form Completed By: Signature:		170 E. FM 2092						
		(325)396-2245 Fax: Katherine L. Kniffen Title		:() N/A		—	
				e: Trustee		—		
		Date: 05-03-202				-03-202	3	
Annual diversion	requested o	r appropriated (in acr	e-feet):					
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		Total :	of acr	es:			71.2	
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explanation of why the requirement is not applicable.

•	Describe soil type (include permeability characteristics, if available): Loam, highly permeable, nearly level
5	Describe the existing irrigation system, including plans, designs, and/or sketches of the system layout, pump location, slope of the land to be irrigated, and specifics about the delivery method: Pipelines laid from the pump in a north-south direction along the rows of trees, with an outlet for watering at each individual tree.
	Describe the methods and/or device within an accuracy of plus or minus 5% that will be used to measure and account for the amount of water diverted for irrigation: The hours of irrigation will be recorded on each date that irrigation takes place. Gpm will be estimated from pump capacity. Trees are watered at the base of each tree; no water is wasted or irrigation of space between the trees. Yes, we confirm the device has an accuracy of 5%.
,	Describe the specific and eventified five year and tan year tangets for water seving including
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VII.	Describe any water conserving equipment, application system or method in the irrigation system: Application of water through pipelines only at the base of each tree
VIII.	Describe any methods that will be used for water loss control and leak detection and repair: Pipelines to the trees are checked for leaks each time irrigation takes place.
IX.	Describe any water-saving scheduling or measurement practices to be used in the application of water; (for example, irrigation only early in the morning, late evening or night hours, and when the wind is calm and temperatures lower) and the utilization of soil-moisture monitoring: Irrigation will be scheduled for early morning and late-evening/night hours from
mid-	June through the end of August
X.	Describe any water-saving land improvements that the applicant plans to incorporate into the irrigation practices, such as conservation tillage, knifing, furrow diking, weed control, etc.: N/A
XI.	Describe any recovery and reuse of tail water runoff: N/A
XII.	Describe, where applicable, any xeriscape practices to be used (usually associated with landscaping): N/A

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XIII. Indicate (in gallons-per-minute or cubic-feet-per-second) the rate that water is diverted from the source: maximum of 150 gpm

Best Management Practices Guide

On November 2004, the Texas Water Development Board=s (TWDB) Report 362 was completed by the Water Conservation Implementation Task Force. Report 362 is the Water Conservation Best Management Practices (BMP) Guide. The BMP Guide is a voluntary list of management practices that water users may implement in addition to the required components of Title 30, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 288. The BMP Guide is available on the TWDB's website at the link below or by calling (512) 463-7847.

http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/assistance/conservation/TaskForceDocs/WCITFBMPGuide.pdf

If you have any questions on how to fill out this form or about the Water Conservation program, please contact us at 512/239-4691.

Individuals are entitled to request and review their personal information that the agency gathers on its forms. They may also have any errors in their information corrected. To review such information, contact us at 512-239-3282.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF MENARD

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That whereas, WE. JOHN KNIFFEN and wife, KATHERINE KNIFFEN and NOVICE C. KNIFFEN and wife, ELIZABETH ANN KNIFFEN have and hold in common the lands hereinafter mentioned, and are desirous of making partition of the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and to effect such partition, it is hereby covenanted, granted, concluded and agreed by and between said parties, and each of them covenant, grants, concludes and agrees, for himself, themselves, his and their heirs and assigns, that a partition of said lands be made as follows; viz:

lst. The said JOHN KNIFFEN and wife, KATHERINE KNIFFEN shall from henceforth have, hold, possess and enjoy, in severalty, by themselves and to them and their heirs and assigns for their part, share and proportion of the said lands and premises, free from any and all claims of the other parties hereto, all that tract of land situated in Menard County, Texas, approximately three (3) miles East from the county seat, and the Eastern portion of that subdivision of 40.0 acres out of and being the East part of a 134.41 acre subdivision of Survey No. 193, Abstract No. 478. Certificate No. 168, Original Grantee Johann Knetsch, being a part of the tract formerly known as the "Wilensky Farm", and the portion of said land hereby partitioned to JOHN KNIFFEN and wife, KATHERINE KNIFFEN being described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a fence corner on the North side of the Menard-Mason Road, the Southeast corner of said Wilensky tract, for the Southeast corner of this subdivision;

THENCE North 89° 45' West with fence, 142 yaras;

THENCE North 0.8.17" East 827.948 varas to the South bank of the San Saba River;

THENCE down the river South 68° East 151 varas to a stake;

THENCE South 772 varas to the PLACE OF BEGINNING; together with an easement along the current pasture road in, on and over the western portion of said lands and being that portion of said lands and partitioned herein to NOVICE C. KNIFFEN and wife, ELIZABETH ANN KNIFFEN for purposes of ingress and egress to that portion herein partitioned to JOHN KNIFFEN and wife, KATHERINE KNIFFEN; and the other parties hereto do grant, release and confirm unto the said JOHN KNIFFEN and wife, KATHERINE KNIFFEN the premises above described; to have and to hold in severalty the above described premises, with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the said JOHN KNIFFEN and wife, KATHERINE KNIFFEN, their heirs and assigns forever. NOVICE C. KNIFFEN and wife, ELIZABETH ANN KNIFFEN hereby bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators and successors to WARRANT and FOREVER DEFEND all and singular the above described property and easement to JOHN KNIFFEN and wife, KATHERINE KNIFFEN their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns against every person whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof.

2nd. The said NOVICE C. KNIFFEN and wife, ELIZABETH ANN KNIFFEN shall from henceforth have, hold, possess and enjoy, in severalty, by themselves and to them and their heirs and assigns for their part, share and proportion of the said lands and premises, free from any and all claims of the other parties hereto all that tract of land situated in Menard County, Texas, approximately 2.5 miles East from the county seat, and the Western





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BEGINNING at a stake on the South bank of the San Saba River the Northwest corner of this tract and the Northwest corner of land described in a Warranty Deed from George H. Ledbetter, et to JOHN KNIFFEN, at ux, et all; BEGINNING

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hands this hereunto have 1992. WITNESS whereof, day 47

KATHERINE KNIFFEN



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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF MENARD

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was acknowledged before me on the '9' and day.
by the said JOHN KNIPTEN and wife, KATHERINE of This instrument KNIFFEN.

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Of This Anstrument was of September, 1992 by the ELYZABETH ANN KNIFFEN.

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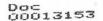
John and Katherine Kniffen HCR 85, Box 11B Menard, Texas 76859

PREPARED IN THE LAW OFFICE OF:

76849 Lawrence F. Harrison P. O. Box 385 Junction, Texas 768

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SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED

3RU THIS INDENTURE, made as of , 2011 , between JOHN B. KNIFFEN and his wife, KATHERINE L. KNIFFEN, having an address at 3170 E. FM 2092, Menard, Texas, 76859, (collectively referred to as "Grantors"), and THE JOHN B. KNIFFEN AND KATHERINE L. KNIFFEN REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST, having an address at 3170 E. FM 2092, Menard, Texas, 76859, ("Grantee").

WITNESSETH, that Grantors, in consideration of Ten Dollars and other valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, so hereby transfer unto Grantee and its heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns forever.

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Menard, and the State of Texas, being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

SEE "EXHIBIT A" ATTACHED

RESERVATIONS FROM AND EXCEPTIONS TO CONVEYANCE AND WARRANTY:

This conveyance is made and accepted subject to the following matters, to the extent same are in effect at this time. Any and all restrictions, covenants, conditions, rights-ofway, mineral reservations, mineral leases and easements, if any, relating to the hereinabove described property, but only to the extent they are still in effect shown of record in the hereinabove mentioned County and State, and to all zoning laws, regulations and ordinances of municipal and/or other governmental authorities, if any, but only to the extent that they are still in effect, relating to the hereinabove described property.

GRANTOR, FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND SUBJECT TO THE RESERVATIONS FROM AND EXCEPTIONS TO CONVEYANCE AND WARRANTY, GRANTS, SELLS, AND CONVEYS TO GRANTEE THE PROPERTY, TOGETHER WITH ALL AND SINGULAR THE RIGHTS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO IN ANY WISE BELONGING, TO HAVE AND HOLD IT TO GRANTEE, GRANTEE'S HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, SUCCESSORS, OR ASSIGNS FOREVER. GRANTOR BINDS GRANTOR AND GRANTOR'S HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, AND SUCCESSORS TO WARRANT AND FOREVER DEFEND ALL AND SINGULAR THE PROPERTY TO GRANTEE AND GRANTEE'S HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, SUCCESSORS, AND ASSIGNS AGAINST EVERY PERSON WHOMSOEVER LAWFULLY CLAIMING OR TO CLAIM THE SAME OR ANY PART THEREOF, BY, THROUGH OR UNDER GRANTOR, BUT NOT OTHERWISE. LIFE ESTATE IS HEREBY RESERVED FOR GRANTORS.

NOTICE OF CONFIDENTIALITY RIGHTS: IF YOU ARE A NATIONAL PERSON, YOU MAY REMOVE OR STRIKE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM THIS INSTRUMENT BEFORE IT IS FILED FOR RECORD IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS: YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER.

SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantors have duly executed this deed on the date first above written.

OHN B. KNIFFEN

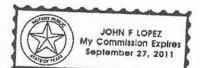
KATHERINE L. KNIFFEN

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF MENARD

Before me, a notary public, on this day personally appeared JOHN B. KNIFFEN and KATHERINE L. KNIFFEN, who acknowledged that they did sign the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the uses and purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and official seal this 3Rd day of May



Notary Public, State of Texas

After recording return to: Mr. & Mrs. John B. Kniffen 3170 E. FM 2092 Menard, Texas 76859

SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED

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"EXHIBIT A"

All of Grantor'(s') interest in the following:

Being 31.2 acres, more or less, out of Survey No. 193, Abstract No. 478, Johann Knetsch Original Grantee, Menard County, Texas, more fully described by metes and bounds in Warranty Deed dated March 16, 1998 from George Ledbetter and wife, Jackie N. Ledbetter, to John Kniffen and wife, Katherine Kniffen and recorded on March 23, 1998 in Volume 161, Page 454 of the records of Menard County, Texas.

SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED

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NOTARIZED SUMMARY OF TRUST THE JOHN B. KNIFFEN AND KATHERINE L. KNIFFEN REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST AGREEMENT

The undersigned hereby certify that they created a Revocable Living Trust. This Trust is known as: THE JOHN B. KNIFFEN AND KATHERINE L. KNIFFEN REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST, dated the day of many day of m

IT IS AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES HERETO AS FOLLOWS:

Description of Trust

The parties hereto desire to confirm the establishment of a Revocable Trust on this date, for the benefit of the Trustors (as husband and wife) and containing herein the following provisions:

- 1. The Trustors are designated as the Trustees to serve until both of their deaths or incompetence.
- 2. Upon the end of the terms of the original Trustees, BARRY M. KNIFFEN and KELLY S. JOHNSON are designated as Joint Successor Trustees.
- 3. Upon the death of either Trustor, the surviving spouse retains the right to the use of the Trust assets.
- 4. Any Trustee/Trustor has the power and authority to manage and control, buy, sell, and transfer the trust property, in such manner as the Trustee may deem advisable, and shall have, enjoy and exercise all powers and rights over and concerning said property and the proceeds thereof as fully and amply as though said Trustee were the absolute and qualified owner of same, including the power to grant, bargain, sell and convey, encumber and hypothecate, real and personal property, and the power to invest in corporate obligations of every kind, stocks, preferred or common, and to buy stocks, bonds and similar investments on margin or other leveraged accounts, except to the extent that such management would cause includability of an irrevocable trust in the Estate of a Trustee.
- 5. Following the death of both husband and wife, the Trust continues or is distributed in whole or in part for the benefit of other named Beneficiaries according to the terms of the Trust.
- 6. While both Trustors are living and competent, except when there shall be a Corporate Trustee, either Trustee may add money to or withdraw money from any bank or savings and loan or checking account owned by the Trust without the approval of the other Trustee or other

Trustor, provided, however, that the ownership of funds received and deposited, whether community property or non-community property shall remain the same and the Trustor removing or adding funds shall gain no additional ownership interest therein than was present prior to the withdrawal from or addition to the Trust Account.

- 7. All property transferred into the Trust which had an original source as community property shall remain community property unless other provisions shall have been made therefor.
- 8. All separate property transferred into the Trust remains separate property unless other provisions have been made therefore.
- 9. Unless otherwise indicated to a prospective transferee, the Trustee has full power to transfer assets held in the name of the Trust and subsequent transferees are entitled to rely upon such transfers provided the chain of title is not otherwise deficient.
- 10. The Trust Agreement also states that any bank, corporation, brokerage firm or other entity or any individual may conclusively presume that the Trustee has full power and authority and such person or institution shall be held harmless and shall incur no liability by reason of so presuming.
- 11. The situs of the Trust is the State of Texas.
- 12. The use of this Summary of Trust is for convenience only and the Trust is solely controlled as to provisions and interpretations, and any conflict between this abstract and the Trust shall be decided in favor of the Trust.
- 13. With regard to any real property transferred into the Trust designated as the Trustors' homestead, the Trustors shall have the exclusive right to occupy said property as a permanent resident, rent free, except for taxes and other expenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereto executed this Summary of Trust this date.

TRUSTORS\TRUSTEES;

OHN B. KNIFFEN

KATHERINE L. KNIFFEN

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF MENARD

On this the Red day of May, 2011, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared JOHN B. KNIFFEN AND KATHERINE L. KNIFFEN, personally known to me to be the persons whose name are subscribed to this instrument, and acknowledged that they executed it for the purposes herein expressed.

JOHN F LOPEZ
My Commission Expires
September 27, 2011

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AGREEMENT RELATING TO WATER RIGHT

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into this d C. Kniffen and Elizabeth Ann Kniffen and The Revocable Living Trust, all residents of Menard Co	lay of February, 2023, by and between Novice John B. Kniffen and Katherine L. Kniffer bunty, Texas.
WITNESS	ETH:
WHEREAS, the parties hereto are partners in and o K & K Pecans; and	perate their separate tracts of land together as,
WHEREAS, the parties hereto confirm that the tra- estate planning purposes but are operated together b	acts of land have been partitioned for family by the parties as K & K Pecans; and
WHEREAS, The John B. Kniffen and Katherine L. of ten acre-feet of WR-14-1798;	Kniffen Revocable Living Trust is the owner
NOW THEREFORE, it is agreed between the partie shall be used to irrigate all tracts of land operated by Kniffen, and upon the death of Novice C. Kniffen the	ov K &K Pecans until the death of Novice C
IT IS FURTHER AGREED THAT the parties hereto John B. Kniffen and Katherine L. Kniffen Reva appurtenant to the land owned by Novice C. Kniffer	ocable Living Trust, and will not become
Novice C. Kniffen	The John B. Kniffen and Katherine L. Kniffen Revocable Living Trust By: John B. Kniffen and Katherine L. Kniffen, Trustee
ACKNOWLED STATE OF TEXAS	GMENT
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This instrument was acknowledged before me, the undersigned authority, on this _____ th day of February, 2023, by NOVICE C. KNIFFEN personally known to me (or proved to me on the

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF MENARD)))
February, 2023, by JOHN B.	edged before me, the undersigned authority, on this th day of KNIFFEN personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis see the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing
Montana Nicole Marx My Commission Expires 7/5/2026 Notary ID 133842038	Montana Marx Printed Name of Notary
My Commission Expires:	
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STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF MENARD)))
February, 2023, by KATHER	edged before me, the undersigned authority, on thisth day of RINE L. KNIFFEN personally known to me (or proved to me on the) to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing
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basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument.

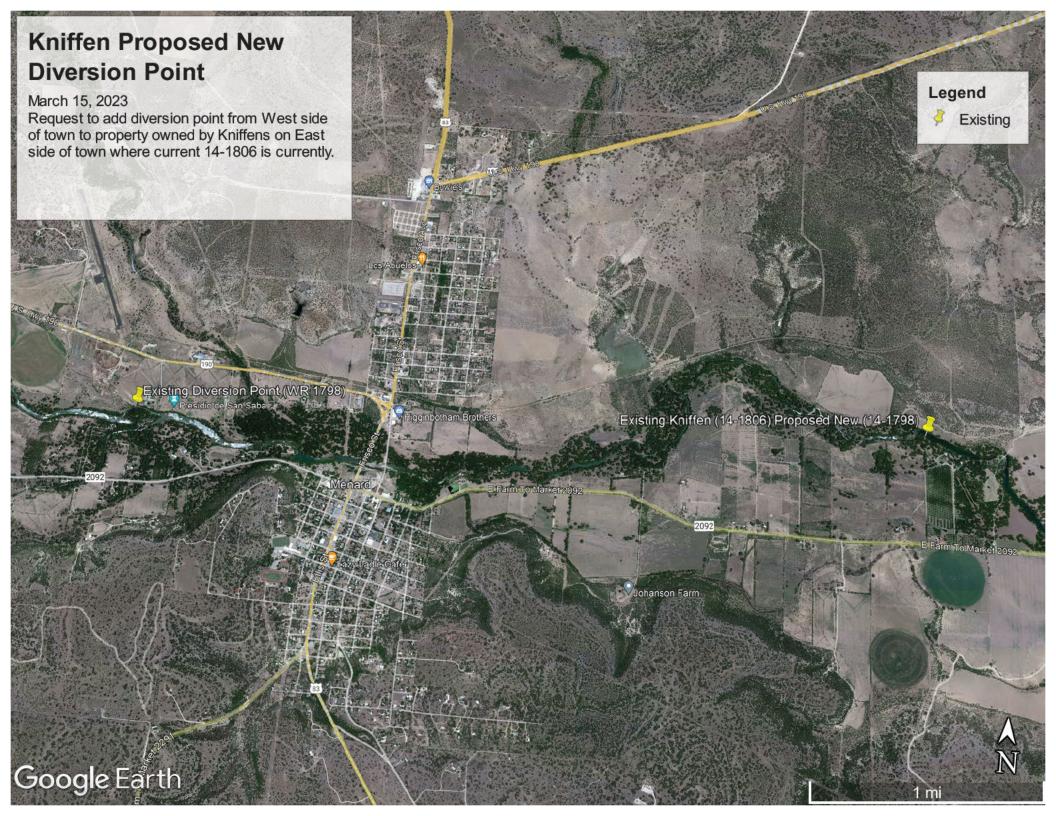
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Notary Public, State of Texas

Montana Mary
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires:

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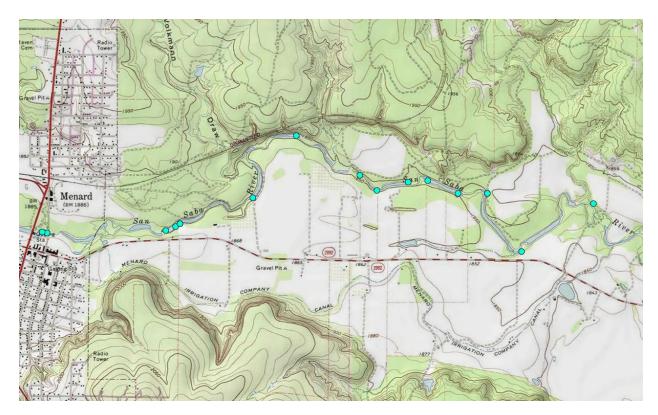


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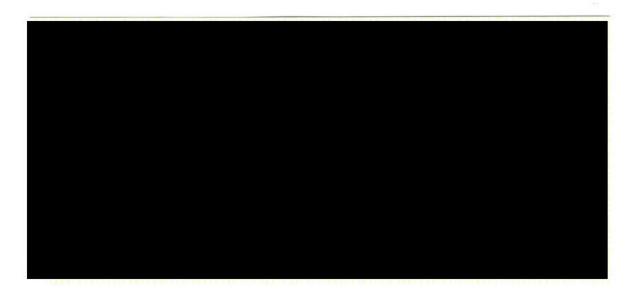
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Figure 3 Looking upstream from div. point



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