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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

May 7, 2024

Re: Stakeholder Meetings: Watermaster Evaluation for the Neches and Sabine River Basins

Dear Stakeholder:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is currently evaluating the above listed basins to determine whether there is a need to establish a watermaster. More information on the evaluation process and watermaster programs can be found on the TCEQ's website at: www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/watermaster. Stakeholder input is an important part of this process.

Stakeholder Meetings

TCEQ will hold four stakeholder meetings to provide information about the evaluation process, answer questions, and take public comment. Three of these stakeholder meetings will be held in-person and one will be held virtually in Microsoft Teams.

Monday, June 10, 2024 from 6-7 PM

Angelina County Extension
Conference Room
2201 S Medford Drive
Lufkin, TX 75901

Tuesday, June 11, 2024 from 6-7 PM

TCEQ Region 5 Office
2916 Teague Drive
Tyler, TX 75701

Wednesday, June 12, 2024 from 6-7 PM

TCEQ Region 10 Office
3870 Eastex Freeway
Beaumont, TX 77703

Thursday, June 13, 2024 from 7:00-8:00 PM

Teams Link: <https://bit.ly/3xtFOAc>

Instructions on how to join the virtual meetings can be found on the reverse. Please try to join the meeting 10 minutes before the start time.

Public Comment

You can also submit comments without attending the stakeholder meetings. The TCEQ will be taking public comment through July 1, 2024. Please email your comments to watermaster@tceq.texas.gov. You can also mail your comments to Iliana Spaeth, Watermasters Section Liaison, MC 160, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

Questions

If you have any questions about the process, stakeholder meetings, or submitting comments, please contact Iliana Spaeth at watermaster@tceq.texas.gov or (512) 239-4181.

Thank you for your participation in this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jose A. Davila".

Jose A. Davila, Manager
Watermasters Section
Water Availability Division

HOW TO JOIN A MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING

You can join a Microsoft Teams meeting from your desktop, laptop, tablet or smart phone. You can also use your phone to call into a Microsoft Teams meeting.

Desktop or Laptop (PC or Mac)

- Ensure that your device has a microphone, speakers, and a camera to fully participate (participating on camera is optional).
- The recommended Internet browser app for Microsoft Teams Meetings is either Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge (PC only).
- Open Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge and type the meeting link (see reverse) and hit “Enter.”
 - If you have Microsoft Teams on your desktop/laptop, select “Open Microsoft Teams” or “Open Teams” in the browser window so that the meeting will open in the app. Allow the app to use your microphone and camera.
 - If you do not have Microsoft Teams on your desktop/laptop, select “Continue on this browser” or “Join on the web instead” in the browser window so that the meeting will open in a browser tab. Enter your name to be displayed in the Participant list and allow the browser to use your microphone and camera.

Tablet or Smart Phone

- You will need to download the Microsoft Teams app. Make sure you set up your profile in Microsoft Teams after downloading the app. There is no cost to download the app or use it for these meetings.
- Open your internet browser and type in meeting link (see reverse) and hit “Enter.” You will be prompted with “Open this page in “Teams””. Click “Open.” The app on your tablet or phone will open. Click the blue, “Join Now” button.

Phone

An audio-only tollfree phone number is available for this meeting. Please see the call-in information below.

Thursday, June 13, 2024 from 7:00-8:00 PM

Phone Number: [+1 512-826-8070](tel:+15128268070)

Phone Conference ID: 160 098 315#

Although registration is not required, individuals interested in attending are requested to submit a registration form, which can be found on TCEQ’s website under the “Which Basins are Being Evaluated Now?” section: www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/watermaster