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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

May 27, 2022

RE: Alert for Permitted State Surface Water Diversions

Dear County Judge:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is closely monitoring drought conditions and streamflow across Texas. Persistent drought conditions can result in low or reduced streamflow and can cause shortages that may impact senior and superior water rights. The TCEQ is responsible for protecting senior and superior water rights and ensuring water right holders divert and/or impound water only as authorized by their permit.

As a first response, the TCEQ is notifying water right holders throughout the state about potential impacts to water rights. On the reverse, you will find that notification letter for your reference.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Earl Lott, Director, Office of Water at (512) 239-2047.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Toby Baker".

Toby Baker
Executive Director