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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

February 16, 2012

CERTIFIED MAIL

Re: Priority Call Rescinded in the Little Sandy Creek Watershed of the Sabine River Basin

Dear Water Right Holder:

By a letter dated January 4, 2012, water right holders in the Little Sandy Creek Watershed of the Sabine River Basin were notified that certain diversions with priority dates of 1903 or later had been suspended due to a priority call on surface water from a senior water right holder.

The senior water right holder has now rescinded the priority call, and you may resume diversion and impoundment according to the terms and conditions of your water right.

The TCEQ continues to monitor the situation closely and strives to balance protection of senior and superior surface water rights while attempting to minimize the impact to junior water right holders, within TCEQ's authority. Please note that should another priority call be made or should drought conditions persist or worsen, suspensions of junior water rights may again be necessary.

In recognition of the severity of the drought, all water right holders should continue to take actions necessary to conserve water and require your customers, if any, to do the same.

You can find drought information, conservation tips, and other helpful information at the TCEQ drought page at: <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/drought>. You may also call the TCEQ Drought Hotline at 1-800-447-2827.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark R. Vickery".

Mark R. Vickery, P.G.
Executive Director