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**TO:** Board Members  
**THROUGH:** Kenneth L. Petersen  
**FROM:** Ingrid K. Hansen  
**DATE:** November 17, 2008  
**SUBJECT:** Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to State Water Plan

## **ACTION REQUESTED**

Conduct a public hearing on proposed amendments to the 2007 State Water Plan.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Board is required to conduct a public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed amendments to the State Water Plan. TEX. WATER CODE § 16.053(r) requires the Board to adopt a rule allowing timely amendment of a regional water plan, the board's approval of the amended regional water plan and the amendment of the State Water Plan.

Pursuant to 31 TAC § 358.3, the Board shall not less than thirty (30) days before amendment of the State Water Plan, publish notice in the *Texas Register* of its intent to amend the State Water Plan. The Board shall hold a hearing, after which it may adopt amendments to the State Water Plan. The Board published a notice in the *Texas Register* on September 23, 2008. See Attachment.

The proposed amendments are:

Region G: adopting a new water management strategy to meet increased steam-electric water demands in Somervell County; and

Region I adopting new groundwater availability estimates and an associated water management strategy for the City of Diboll.

This agenda item satisfies the requirement that the Board shall hold a hearing on the amendments to the State Water Plan.

## **KEY ISSUES**

See Agenda Item No. 32 describing the amendments made to Region G and Region I which are now proposed for adoption into the State Water Plan.

Attachment(s): Copy of Notice published in the *Texas Register*

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## Notice of Public Hearing

The Texas Water Development Board (Board) will conduct a public hearing on November 24, 2008, in Room 170, Stephen F. Austin Building, 1700 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78701 to receive public comments on proposed amendments to the 2007 State Water Plan, Water for Texas - 2007, in accordance with Tex. Water Code §16.053(r) and 31 TAC §358.3(a). The hearing will be conducted during the Board's regular November 24, 2008 public meeting at 11:00 a.m., in Room 170, Stephen F. Austin Building, 1700 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78701.

After the public hearing, the Board will consider adopting the proposed amendments at its regular Board meeting on November 24, 2008.

The proposed amendments will incorporate into the State Water Plan two amendments to the 2006 Region G and 2006 Region I Regional Water Plans that have been adopted by the Brazos G (Region G) and East Texas (Region I) Regional Water Planning Groups and approved by the Board. The Region I amendment increases the groundwater availability from the Yegua-Jackson Aquifer in Angelina County to 6,472 acre-feet per year and recommends the water management strategy of installation of additional wells in the Yegua-Jackson Aquifer. The Region G amendment includes a surface water diversion of 76,270 acre-feet per year from Lake Granbury and pipeline as a recommended water management strategy to meet increased steam-electric generation needs for Somervell County.

Interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing and to present relevant and material comments concerning the proposed amendments. In addition, persons may provide written comments on or before November 17, 2008 to Temple McKinnon, Water Resource Planning and Information, Texas Water Development Board, P.O. Box 13231, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 or by email to [temple.mckinnon@twdb.state.tx.us](mailto:temple.mckinnon@twdb.state.tx.us). Copies of the proposed amendments are available for inspection in Room 439 of the Stephen F. Austin Building from the Water Resources Planning Division, Texas Water Development Board, 1700 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78701. If you want to view these documents, please call (512) 463-8043 for arrangements to view them. A copy of the proposed amendments will also be available on the Board's web site at <http://www.twdb.state.tx.us>.

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