

Texas Water Development Board

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February 1, 2012

To: Petitioners and Respondent Groundwater Conservation Districts

From: Joe P. Reynolds, Attorney 

Re: Hearings on Appeal of Groundwater Management Area 12 Desired Future Conditions by End Op, L.P. and Environmental Stewardship

The hearing on the petition submitted by End Op, L.P. under 31 Tex. Admin. Code § 356.44 will be held on Wednesday, February 29, 2012, in the Milano Civic Center, 120 West Avenue East, Milano, Texas.

The hearing on the petition submitted by Environmental Stewardship will be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2012, in the Milano Civic Center, 120 West Avenue East, Milano, Texas.

Both hearings will begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. Both hearings will follow the schedule below, which may be adjusted as necessary:

10:00 to 12:00	Brief introduction and Petitioner's presentation
12:00 to 1:00	Lunch break
1:00 to 3:00	Respondent Districts' presentation
3:00	Concluding business and adjournment

Petitioners and Respondent Districts should plan how they wish to use their allotted time. The Petitioner may reserve a portion of time for rebuttal testimony, but the rebuttal testimony must be limited to issues raised or addressed by the Respondent Districts. There will be no cross-examination of those making presentations and no objections to the testimony or exhibits. Although helpful, a "question and answer" format is not required for testimony.

Testimony and evidence presented should address the claims asserted in the petitions. New evidence not addressed in the petitions must be provided to the Respondents and to the Texas Water Development Board at least 7 days before the hearing. The TWDB will not accept evidence that does not support one or more of the reasons for challenging the desired future condition previously stated in the petition.

The TWDB will provide a court reporter to record the proceedings. Copies of PowerPoint presentations and oversized exhibits must be provided to the court reporter and to the TWDB.

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Please also be prepared to provide the court reporter with a list of those who will be making presentations at the hearing.

Other interested persons will have 10 business days from the close of the hearing in which to submit written evidence (March 14 for the End Op petition, and March 19 for the Environmental Stewardship petition). No time will be allotted for public comment during the hearings.

If you have any questions about the procedures or schedule, you may contact me at 512.936.2414 or joe.reynolds@twdb.texas.gov.

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