



DROUGHT PLANNING WORKSHOP FEATURES TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD CHAIR BILLY BRADFORD

AUSTIN – (June 8, 2012) – Staff from the Texas Water Development Board will be participating in a drought workshop in Brownsville on June 14 sponsored by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to give water system operators, board members and local government officials information and planning tools to help them avoid water outages due to drought.

Representative Eddie Lucio III and the Chairman of the Texas Water Development Board, Billy R. Bradford Jr., both of Brownsville, as well as Commissioner Carlos Rubenstein of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and others will be providing introductory remarks at the workshop.

This is one of a series of workshops that are being conducted around the state. Attendees will receive a status report on drought conditions and an overview of the emergency process. In addition, they'll learn how to create and maintain an emergency water plan, with a focus on interconnections, drilling emergency wells and possible sources of assistance.

Staff from the the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Texas Department of Emergency Management and the Texas Department of Agriculture will also be attending the workshop to answer questions and explain their role in the emergency process.

The workshop will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Brownsville Events Center, 1 Events Center Blvd., Brownsville, Texas. Although the event is free, seating is limited and registration at www.TexasEnviroHelp.org is suggested.