

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Far West Texas Water Planning Group (Region E) will conduct two public hearings to receive comments on the initially prepared regional water plan for Region E. Region E includes the counties of Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Jeff Davis, Hudspeth, Presidio and Terrell.

Copies of the initially prepared regional water plan will be available by June 6, 2005 in each of the County Clerk's offices of the counties listed above and in the following public libraries: Alpine Public Library, 203 N. 7th Street; Van Horn City-County Library, 410 Crockett Street; El Paso Public Library, Cielo Vista Branch, 8929 Viscount; Horizon Public Library/Horizon High School, 14651 Horizon Blvd.; Grace Grebing Public/School Library, 110 N. Main, Dell City; Fort Hancock/Hudspeth County Public Library, 100 School Drive; Jeff Davis County Library, 3 Woodward, Fort Davis; Marfa Public Library, 115 E. Oak; City of Presidio Library, O'Reilly Street; Terrell County Public Library, Courthouse Square, Sanderson; and in the US Post Office, Terlingua. The plan is also available online at the Far West Texas Water Planning Group's website: <http://www.riocog.org/EnvSvcs/FWTWPG/publishe.htm>.

Public hearings will be held at the Texas A&M University, El Paso Research Center, 1380 A&M Circle, El Paso, Texas, on Thursday, July 14, 2005, at 11:00 a.m. (MDT); and at the Sul Ross State University, Pete P. Gallego Center, Room 129, East Highway 90, Alpine, Texas on Thursday, July 21, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. (CDT). Written and oral comments will be accepted at these hearings on the information contained within the initially prepared regional water plan. Written comments will also be accepted until noon (MDT) on Friday, September 23, 2005 at the Rio Grande Council of Governments offices. Written comments are to be directed to the following:

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