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Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group (Region K) Meeting and Public Meetings Scheduled

BASTROP – The Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group (Region K) will hold a meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 27, at Aqua Water Supply, 415 Old Austin Highway, in Bastrop, Texas. The public is invited to attend and provide input on elements of a future regional water plan that will map out how to conserve water supplies, meet future water needs and respond to future droughts in the Lower Colorado River Basin.

Agenda items include discussion and action on revisions to Draft Chapter 3 to include supply from the Lower Trinity Aquifer, discussion and action on revised Draft Chapter 4 – Identification, Evaluation and Selection of Water Management Strategies based on need, discussion and action on revised Draft Chapter 5 – Impacts of Water Management Strategies, discussion and action on revised Draft Chapter 7 – Regional Plan Consistency with State’s Long-Term Resource Protection Goals, discussion and action on revised Draft Chapter 10 – Public Involvement Activities, and discussion and action on the Executive Summary. The agenda also includes adoption of the Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group’s (Region K) Initially Prepared Plan (IPP).

The public is also invited to participate in a public meeting for the Region K Draft Water Plan that will be held at 6 pm on August 23rd at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Columbus, TX and at 6 pm on August 30th at the Burnet Civic Center in Burnet. A public hearing for the Draft Water Plan will also be held at 6 pm on September 7th at the One Texas Center in Austin, TX. The purpose of the public meetings and hearing is to inform the public regarding the Draft Water Plan for Region K and solicit public feedback and comment. Written and oral comments may be submitted at both meetings and hearing. However, to become part of the official record, comments must be submitted at the public hearing or in writing by November 6, 2005.

Region K Planning Group efforts respond to comprehensive water legislation passed by the 75th Texas Legislature designed to address Texas' vulnerability to drought and to the limits of existing water supplies in order to meet the Lone Star State's increasing demands for water. Region K consists of all or portions of the following counties: Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Colorado, Fayette, Gillespie, Hays, Llano, Matagorda, Mills, San Saba, Travis, Wharton and Williamson.

Additional information on the project can be obtained at www.regionk.org