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**Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group (Region K) and South Central Regional Water
Planning Group (Region L) Hold Joint Meeting**

Public Meeting Scheduled for July 20, 2004

SAN MARCOS – The public is invited to provide their 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. The meeting is at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 20, at the San Marcos Activity Center, 501 E. Hopkins, San Marcos, Texas. The public is encouraged to attend, as time will be allocated for questions and comments.

Items for discussion include presentations of the Lower Colorado River Authority-San Antonio Water System Water Project and its handling in the Region K plan. Other presentations and discussion topics include the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and its impact on the LCRA-SAWS water sharing plan, the Alcoa-SAWS Carrizo project, the Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District and comments concerning planned groundwater exports, and the Guadalupe Blanco River Authority pipeline to the City of Blanco, Buda and Kyle. Planning Group members will also discuss and hear presentations on the City of Kyle ground water exported from the Barton Springs-Edwards Aquifer Conservation District, LCRA's 290 Pipeline Project, environmental issues, and fresh water inflows.

After the joint meeting, the Region K Planning Group will conduct a short meeting to hear updates on the determination of areas currently and preliminarily identified with water supply shortages over the 50-year water planning period, House Bill 1437 relating to the powers of the LCRA to provide water services in Williamson County, and consultant status. Questions and comments will also be taken from the public.

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 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