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**NOTICE: A STAKEHOLDER MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY AUGUST 26 HAS BEEN CANCELLED. A NEW MEETING HAS BEEN SET FOR SEPTEMBER 9 AT THE BRAZOS RIVER AUTHORITY CENTRAL OFFICE, 4600 COBBS DRIVE, WACO, TX 76714-7555 AT 10:00 AM. WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE THIS RE-SCHEDULING MAY CAUSE.**

## Agency Highlight: Texas Water Development Board

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), created in 1957 by the Texas Legislature, provides loans to local governments for projects related to:

- water supply, including planning and infrastructure
- water quality, including wastewater treatment
- municipal solid waste management
- nonpoint source pollution control
- flood control
- agricultural water conservation, and
- groundwater district creation expenses.

TWDB also provides grants and loans for the water and wastewater needs of the state's economically distressed areas. TWDB's mission is "to provide leadership, planning, financial assistance, information, and education for the conservation and responsible development of water for Texas."

### Involvement in North Bosque Watershed

Since 1972, TWDB has dedicated over \$21 million on 24 construction and planning projects in the North Bosque Watershed. Projects have been for water

supply and wastewater treatment as well as for environmental restoration. Most of the projects have been completed, while seven are still active. These include:

- *Water Supply Plan – Clifton and Meridian*

Regional water supply planning for the Cities of Clifton and Meridian.

- *New Wastewater System – Cranfills Gap*

A new wastewater treatment plant and collection system to provide first-time service to the city. Prior to this project, residents utilized on-site sanitary sewage systems, many of which were not working as designed.

- *Riparian Habitat Restoration Study*

A study in the Bosque River watershed to determine the feasibility of constructing hydrologic structures with various wetland configurations as a means to restore impaired riparian habitats to health.

- *Water Supply Plan – Bosque County*

Regional water supply facilities planning for Bosque County.

- *Water Line Improvements – City of Dublin*

Replace approximately

60,000 feet of the City's waterlines.

- *Phosphorus Removal Project – City of Stephenville*

The addition of a biological nutrient removal process within the City's existing extended aeration treatment facility to reduce phosphorus levels discharged to the Bosque River. The process includes placement of an anaerobic basin between the primary clarifiers and the aeration basins.

- *Phosphorus Removal Project – City of Clifton*

The addition of biological nutrient removal processes to remove phosphorus from the City's discharge to the Bosque River. The project would include adding aeration equipment, chemical feed equipment, and mixers to the batch reactors in the City's wastewater treatment plant.

As the lead agency for the development of the State's water resources, the TWDB has funded a variety of projects in the North Bosque Watershed. The agency's funding of wastewater treatment plant upgrades for Stephenville and Clifton will help meet the phosphorus reduction goals set forth in the North Bosque River TMDL plan.

## Water Policy Meeting Held in Waco

On August 4, the Senate Select Committee on Water Policy met in Waco at the Baylor Law School. The meeting was the sixth of eight hearings throughout the State of Texas to be conducted by the water policy committee. Members include Senators Ken Armbrister (Chairman), Kip Averitt, Bob Deuell, Robert Duncan, Troy Fraser, Jon Lindsay, Eddie Lucio, Jr., Frank Madla, Eliot Shapleigh, Todd Staples, and Tommy Williams. The committee was assembled to “study all issues related to ground and surface water law, policy, and management.”

A number of officials spoke at the hearing. Mae Jackson, Mayor of the City of Waco, gave welcoming remarks, while testimony was invited from Larry Soward (Commissioner-Texas Commission on Environmental Quality), Phil Ford (General Manager/CEO-Brazos River Authority), Kevin Ward (Executive Administrator-Texas Water Development Board), John Foster (Natural Resource Specialist-Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board), Ned Meister (Commodity & Regulatory Programs-Texas Farm Bureau), Leon Smith

(Mayor-City of Clifton), and Dick Collins (President-Acton Municipal Utility District). A panel was also assembled to discuss groundwater issues.

The North Bosque River was among topics discussed by many of the presenters addressing the committee. Several of the presentations discussed the role that the speaker’s respective agency has in resolving issues pertaining to water quality in the watershed.

A report on water policy is to be submitted by the committee no later than December 1, 2004.

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