

## Parker County Judge Pat Deen

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Thank you for any guidance you may give in this matter.



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June 20, 2024

Gwen Rico, MC 205  
Office of Legal Services  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
P.O. Box 13087  
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

Re: Commissioners court waiver of groundwater availability certifications pursuant to  
Tex. Local Gov't Code §232.0032

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pat Deen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pat Deen  
Parker County Judge