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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED REVISIONS TO 30 TAC CHAPTER 293

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (commission) will conduct a public hearing receive testimony regarding proposed revisions to 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 293, Water Districts, §293.23, under the requirements of Texas Water Code, §36.3011; and Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001, Subchapter B.

The proposed rulemaking would implement House Bill (HB) 2080 from the 89th Legislature, 2025, Regular Session. The proposed rulemaking would clarify that a review panel is an advisory board and not a governmental body. It would also require that the recording secretary be a TCEQ employee and to specify that records maintained by the recording secretary must be provided to the executive director and are public documents. The proposed rulemaking would include notice requirements for meetings or hearings held by the review panel. The proposal would also require the commission to reimburse review panel members for actual expenses incurred while engaging in activities on behalf of the panel. The proposed rulemaking would extend the timeframe to process the petition if the panel seeks technical assistance from the Texas Water Development Board and would specify that the review panel may request legal assistance from the commission's Office of Public Interest Counsel. Lastly, the proposed rulemaking would clarify that the review panel is not prohibited from seeking technical assistance or legal advice from entities other than TWDB and OPIC.

The commission will hold a hybrid virtual and in-person public hearing on this proposal in Austin on February 24, 2026, at 2:00 p.m in building E, room 201S at the commission's central office located at 12100 Park 35 Circle. The hearing is structured for the receipt of oral or written comments by interested persons. Individuals may present oral statements when called upon in order of registration. Open discussion will not be permitted during the hearing; however, commission staff members will be available to discuss the proposal 30 minutes prior to the hearing at 1:30 p.m.

Individuals who plan to attend the hearing virtually and want to provide oral comments and/or want their attendance on record must register by Friday, February 20, 2026. To register for the hearing, please email Rules@tceq.texas.gov and provide the following information: your name, your affiliation, your email address, your phone number, and whether or not you plan to provide oral comments during the hearing. Instructions for participating in the hearing will be sent on Monday, February 23, 2026, to those who register for the hearing.

For the public who do not wish to provide oral comments but would like to view the hearing may do so at no cost at:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/9ca36b32-14f2-4295-b5f6-94987017d629@871a83a4-a1ce-4b7a-8156-3bcd93a08fba>

Persons who have special communication or other accommodation needs who are planning to attend the hearing should contact Sandy Wong, Office of Legal Services at (512) 239-1802 or 1-800-RELAY-TX (TDD). Requests should be made as far in advance as possible.

If you need translation services, please contact TCEQ at 800-687-4040.
Si desea información general en español, puede llamar al 800-687-4040.

Written comments may be submitted to Vanessa Onyskow-Lang, MC 205, Office of Legal Services, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or faxed to fax4808@tceq.texas.gov. Electronic comments may be submitted at: <https://tceq.commentinput.com/>. File size restrictions may apply to comments being submitted via the TCEQ Public Comment system. All comments should reference Rule Project Number 2026-001-293-OW. The comment period closes March 3, 2026. Copies of the proposed rulemaking can be obtained from the commission's website at https://www.tceq.texas.gov/rules/propose_adopt.html. For further information, please contact Cindy Hooper, Rule Project Manager, Water Availability Division, (512) 239-4271.