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PUBLIC MEETINGS PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO HELP SHAPE REGIONAL WATER PLAN IN SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS

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San Antonio - Citizens who want their suggestions and recommendations to be considered in the development of a regional water plan for the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Area, will have three opportunities to make their voices heard at public meetings scheduled for the following dates and locations:

June 2, 1998 - 7:00 p.m.	Sgt. Willie DeLeon Civic Center 300 E. Main, Uvalde
June 3, 1998 , 7:00 p.m.	Victoria Community Center Annex 2905 E. North Street, Victoria
June 8, 1998, 7:00 p.m.	University of the Incarnate Word International Conference Center 847 E. Hildebrand Avenue, San Antonio

In 1997, the Texas Legislature passed a comprehensive water bill known as Senate Bill 1. This legislation mandates the establishment of a water planning process that includes opportunities for the public to express their concerns about the technical and public participation aspects of the process at local and regional levels.

As part of SB1, the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) created 16 regional water planning areas and appointed members to serve on the initial coordinating groups. Each group will gather public input about issues or provisions that people want included in their region's water plan, which must then be written and submitted to the TWDB by September 1, 2000 [SB 1 Rules section 357.6(1)].

These regional plans will become the foundation for the next State Water Plan that must be completed by the TWDB no later than September 1, 2001.

The South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (Region L) is located in one of the fastest-growing areas of Texas which is experiencing tremendous demands on current and future water supplies and systems.

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The South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Area includes Atascosa, Bexar, Caldwell, Calhoun, Comal, DeWitt, Dimmit, Frio, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, La Salle, Medina, Refugio, Uvalde, Victoria, Wilson, Zavala and part of Hays Counties.

The 21 members of the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group include representatives from eleven different stakeholder groups including small business, municipalities, river authorities, water districts, water utilities, agriculture, electric generating utilities, industries, counties, environmental groups and the public.

Funding for the regional water planning process comes from a state grant, as well as funds provided from the program participants including water agencies, cities, counties and river authorities.

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