



## House Bill 30 draft reports are now posted

Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) staff has received draft reports for the four House Bill 30 aquifer studies. To provide stakeholders an opportunity to review the preliminary study findings and evaluation of potential production areas, the reports are posted at [www.twdb.texas.gov/innovativewater/bracs/HB30.asp](http://www.twdb.texas.gov/innovativewater/bracs/HB30.asp). Stakeholders may provide written comments to the TWDB until **August 31, 2016**.

The draft reports are also being reviewed by TWDB staff, and staff comments will be sent to the contractors on August 15, 2016. After considering the TWDB's comments, the contractors will issue a final report on August 31, 2016, which will also be posted on our website. Although time constraints will not allow contractors to change the final reports, TWDB staff will consider the stakeholder comments when developing recommendations to the Board.

In early September 2016, TWDB staff will begin reviewing the final reports and stakeholder comments and will make recommendations for the designation of brackish groundwater production zones. At that time, the TWDB will hold a general stakeholder meeting (email notification will be sent to stakeholders with details) to solicit comments on the results of the four studies and potentially the areas being considered by the TWDB executive administrator for recommendation to the Board. Final executive administrator recommendations for brackish groundwater production zones will be considered for designation at a TWDB Board meeting in October. Stakeholders will receive an email notification about the meeting in advance.

In late July, the TWDB discovered that only a portion of the stakeholders on our list received email notifications for stakeholder meetings held April through June 2016. We sincerely apologize for this lapse and have modified our internal procedures to ensure that this does not occur again in the future.

If you did not receive our stakeholder meeting notifications, the presentations and stakeholder comments for each meeting are posted at [www.twdb.texas.gov/innovativewater/bracs/HB30.asp](http://www.twdb.texas.gov/innovativewater/bracs/HB30.asp). Stakeholder participation continues to be critical to the success of the projects and we encourage everyone to participate.

If you have any questions or need more information, please do not hesitate to contact me or the TWDB staff listed below:

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We look forward to receiving your comments on the draft study reports by **August 31, 2016**.

Sincerely,

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