

PUBLIC NOTICE

LLANO ESTACADO REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP - REGION O

On February 19, 2020, the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group (LERWPG) approved the 2021 Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) for the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Area, also referred to as Region O. The LERWPG submitted the IPP to the Texas Water Development Board for review and comment on March 3, 2020.

Notice is hereby given that the LERWPG will conduct a public hearing **at 5:30 p.m. on May 14, 2020** to receive comments on the Region O IPP related to the development of the 2021 Regional Water Plan. The comments will be used to develop an approved Regional Water Plan for Region O. On March 13, 2020, the Governor of Texas issued a Proclamation certifying that the COVID-19 pandemic poses an imminent threat of disaster and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas. Thereafter pursuant to such Proclamation and in accordance with the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the Governor of Texas temporarily suspended various provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, regarding the conduct of meetings of governmental entities effective as of March 16, 2020. Pursuant to such Proclamation and temporary suspension, the public hearing will be conducted by toll-free telephone conference call. All members of the public may participate by calling (408) 418-9388, access code 267-044-456.

SPAG is the designated political subdivision approved by the LERWPG and encompasses the following counties: Bailey, Briscoe, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Parmer, Swisher, Terry, and Yoakum.

The LERWPG will be accepting written and oral comments at the public hearing. Oral comments at the public hearing are limited to 3 minutes per speaker. The public can submit written comments to Kelly Davila, Director of Regional Services, South Plains Association of Governments, P.O. Box 3730, Lubbock, Texas 79452 until July 13, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. The LERWPG will consider all comments received prior to taking any action.

A digital copy of the IPP is available for public viewing on <https://www.llanoplan.org/view-plan/>. A paper or digital copy of the IPP will be available for viewing on April 14, 2020, at the County Clerk's Office in the following counties: Bailey County, Briscoe County, Castro County, Cochran County, Crosby County, Dawson County, Deaf Smith County, Dickens County, Floyd County, Gaines County, Garza County, Hale County, Hockley County, Lamb County, Lubbock County, Lynn County, Motley County, Parmer County, Swisher County, Terry County, and Yoakum County.

A paper or digital copy will also be available for viewing at the following libraries: Muleshoe Public Library, Silverton Public Library, Rhoads Memorial Library (Dimmitt, TX), Cochran County Library (Morton, TX), Crosby County Library (Crosbyton, TX), Dawson County Public Library (Lamesa, TX), Deaf Smith County Library (Hereford, TX), Dickens Co-Spur Public Library (Spur, TX), Floyd County Library (Floydada, TX), Gaines County Library (Seminole, TX), Post Public Library, Unger Memorial Library (Plainview, TX), Hockley County Memorial Library (Levelland, TX), Lamb County Library (Littlefield, TX), George & Helen Mahon Public Library (Lubbock, TX), Tahoka City County Library, Motley County Library (Matador, TX), Friona Public Library, Swisher County Library (Tulia, TX), Kendrick Memorial Library (Brownfield, TX), Yoakum County Library (Plains, TX).

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