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## **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announce public meetings for Onion Creek and Wharton flood damage reduction and release of draft project reports**

*FORT WORTH, Texas* – The Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is currently accepting comments on the draft Lower Colorado River Basin Phase I, Texas Project Report, which is proposing to implement a project addressing proposed activities to provide flood damage reduction, ecosystem improvement, and recreation in the Onion and Williamson Creek Watersheds in and around Austin, Texas (Volume II), and the city of Wharton, Texas (Volume III) within the Lower Colorado River Basin, Colorado River, Texas. The Corps is also requesting water quality certification from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) for both components of the project.

**Public Meetings:** Public Meetings have been scheduled for the project areas. The Williamson Creek areas of interest meetings are schedule for August 31, 2006 at 7 p.m. for Bayton Loop, September 5, 2006 at 7 p.m. for Broken Bow and September 7, 2006 at 7 p.m. for Radam and Heartwood. The Williamson Creek meetings will be held at Woodlawn Baptist Church, 4600 Manchaca Road, Austin, Texas 78745. The meeting for the Onion Creek Forest/Yarrabee Bend area of interest is scheduled for September 13, 2006 at 7 p.m. at Mendez Middle School, 5106 Village Square, Austin, Texas 78744. The meeting for the Timber Creek area of interest is scheduled for September 14, 2006 at 7 p.m. at Dell Valle Junior High, 5500 Ross Road, Dell Valle, Texas, 78617. The meeting for the Wharton component is scheduled for September 14, 2006 7 p.m. at the Wharton Civic Center, 1924 N Fulton St, Wharton Texas, 77488.

**Draft Copies:** Copies of the draft Lower Colorado River Basin Phase I, Texas Interim Feasibility Report and Integrated Environmental Assessment Volumes I, II, and III are available for review at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 17300, 819 Taylor Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102-0300. Copies have also been distributed to the Pleasant Hill Library at 211 East William Cannon Drive Austin, Texas 78745 and the Wharton

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County Library at 1920 North Fulton Wharton, Texas 77488. The documents are also available for review on the Fort Worth District Internet Home Page at <http://www.swf.usace.army.mil/> and the project website at <http://www.fdep.org>.

**Water Quality Certification:** Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) certification is required. Concurrent with the processing of this Department of the Army project, the TCEQ is reviewing this project under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, and Title 30, Texas Administrative Code Section 279.1-13 to determine if the work would comply with State water quality standards. **Any comments concerning this request for water quality certification may be submitted to TCEQ, 401 Coordinator, MSC-150, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.** The public comment period for the water quality certification request extends until September 18, 2006. A copy of the public notice with a description of the work is made available for review in the TCEQ's Austin office. The complete project information may be reviewed in the USACE's office. The TCEQ may conduct a public hearing to consider all comments concerning water quality if requested in writing. A request for a public hearing must contain the following information: the name, mailing address, application number, or other recognizable reference to the application; a brief description of the interest of the requestor, or of persons represented by the requestor; and a brief description of how the application, if granted, would adversely affect such interest.

The draft reports will be available for public review and comment until September 18, 2006. Comments or other inquiries should be addressed to: Mr. Elston Eckhardt, Project Manager, at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Attention: CESWF-PER-P, P.O. Box 17300, Fort Worth, Texas 76102-0300, telephone (817) 886-1681.

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