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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

*Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution*

August 29, 2023

Dr. Griffith Thomas  
[griffthomasmd@gmail.com](mailto:griffthomasmd@gmail.com)

Re: Priority Call in the San Saba Watershed of the Colorado Basin

Dear Dr. Thomas:

On August 23, 2023, you submitted a priority call based on your superior domestic and livestock use in the San Saba watershed, Colorado River Basin to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). TCEQ conducted an evaluation of the priority call and is not suspending water rights in response to this priority call because there is water at the priority call location.

The evaluation of this priority call included field assessments, which TCEQ conducted on August 23, 2023 at your location and one location along the San Saba River upstream of your property. Flow measurements and photographs were taken at the time of the assessments and investigators found no measurable flow at the Farm-to-Market Road 311 crossing on the San Saba River upstream from your property. Large pools of water were observed on your property. Therefore, the TCEQ has concluded that there is sufficient water available at your location for beneficial use.

If the river conditions change on your property and you believe a new priority call is warranted, please contact Cain Cline with TCEQ's San Angelo Regional Office at 325-659-6705 or [cain.cline@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:cain.cline@tceq.texas.gov) for assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K Keel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "K" and "Keel" written in a more fluid, connected script.

Kelly Keel  
Interim Executive Director