

Toledo Bend Project Recreation Management Information Workshop

TOLEDO BEND PROJECT JOINT OPERATION

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(Toledo Bend Reservoir) The Toledo Bend Project, FERC Project No. 2305 (Project) is located along the Sabine River in Panola, Shelby, Sabine, and Newton counties in Texas and DeSoto, Sabine, and Vernon parishes in Louisiana. The Project encompasses an area of approximately 204,090 acres and the reservoir covers approximately 185,000 acres at full pool elevation 172 feet. The Project's primary function is water supply, with hydroelectric operations and recreation as secondary purposes.

The Sabine River Authority of Texas (SRA-TX) and the Sabine River Authority, State of Louisiana (SRA-LA) (collectively, the Authorities) filed a Final License Application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to obtain a new license for the Project on September 30, 2011. FERC is reviewing the application at this time and is expected to issue a new license for continued operation of the Project by September 2013. Before issuing a new license, FERC requires that the Authorities describe the existing recreation measures or facilities to be continued or maintained and the new measures or facilities proposed for the purpose of creating, preserving, or enhancing recreational opportunities at the project and in its vicinity, and for the purpose of ensuring the safety of the public in its use of project lands and waters.

The Authorities conducted a recreation use and needs assessment in 2010 and reported the findings in the final license application. The results of the assessment were used as the basis for developing the Preliminary Draft Recreation Management Plan (RMP) for the Project. The purpose of the RMP is to identify the recreation facilities at the Project that will be owned, maintained, and operated by the Authorities over the term of the new license.

At this time, the Authorities are providing the Toledo Bend Project (FERC No. 2305) Preliminary Draft Recreation Management Plan for review and comment. The document is available on the Toledo Bend relicensing website at: www.tbpjo.org/PublicRelicensing with links available on the SRA-TX website at: www.sratx.org and SRA-LA website at: www.srala-toledo.com or by email from Mel Swoboda at mswoboda@sratx.org

To assist stakeholders in reviewing the Preliminary Draft Recreation Management Plan, the Authorities will hold two meetings to present and discuss the document and answer questions:

Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2012

Time: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Location: Sabine River Authority, State of Louisiana Headquarters
15091 Texas Highway Many, LA

Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2012

Time: 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Location: First Baptist Church (Family Life Center)
301 Hwy 87 South Hemphill, TX

The Authorities request that any comments be submitted in writing by February 6, 2012 to:
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The revised RMP, including all the comments received and the Authorities' responses to those comments, will be filed with FERC by March 5, 2012. The Authorities look forward to receiving your comments.

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