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## BEXAR METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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### **BEXAR METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO MEET IN PUBLIC HEARING**

(AUSTIN) - The Bexar Metropolitan Water District Oversight Committee will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, October 2, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. at San Antonio City Hall in the City Council Chamber, Municipal Plaza Building, 103 S. Main Plaza, San Antonio, Texas 78205. The committee will take both invited and public testimony during this organizational meeting.

The Bexar Metropolitan Water District Oversight Committee was created pursuant to the enactment of H.B. 1565 during the 80th Legislative Session. The bill was authored by Representative Robert R. Puente in the House of Representatives and sponsored by Senator Carlos I. Uresti in the Senate.

The committee has five members, with Sen. Uresti and Rep. Puente as co-chairs. The other members include Bexar County Commissioner Sergio "Chico" Rodriguez; Joe Aceves, executive director of Bexar County Infrastructure Services Department; and Don Durden, president of Civil Engineering Consultants in San Antonio. The committee is charged with monitoring the progress of the Bexar Metropolitan Water District (Bexar Met) in providing safe and efficient water service to its customers. H.B. 1565 requires Bexar Met, over a certain period, to produce reports on various aspects of its utility operations. At the hearing, the committee is expected to take testimony regarding implementation of the bill and current audit information. The committee will also take testimony from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regarding the agency's on-site evaluation of Bexar Met required by H.B. 1565.

"The Bexar Met Oversight Committee represents a continuation of legislative efforts to address the concerns expressed by both Bexar Met rate-payers and the general public in Bexar County," Rep. Puente said. "I look forward to our oversight efforts and the development of a final report and recommendations to the 81st Legislature."

Sen. Uresti succinctly stated his intentions, "I reiterate my primary goal in developing the final language of H.B. 1565, which is to ensure that the customers of Bexar Met, most of whom reside in my senatorial district, are provided with better service, lower rates, and a more sustainable supply. The implementation of H.B. 1565 is moving forward timely and all entities involved are actively engaged in advancing the process as directed by the bill. I again emphasize, to Bexar Met and to my constituents served by Bexar Met, my total commitment to ensuring that the critical goals of H.B. 1565 are achieved."

For more information, please contact Dr. J.A. Lazarus in the office of Sen. Uresti at (512) 463-0119 or Hope Wells in the office of Rep. Puente at (512) 463-0452.

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