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Four Water Plan Update Public Meetings Remaining, Comments due October 24th

Three public meetings have been conducted in Stuttgart, Jonesboro, and Russellville by the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission (ANRC) to receive comments regarding the Arkansas Water Plan Update Draft Executive Summary. Four more meetings will soon be held at Smackover, Texarkana, Little Rock, and Fayetteville. The information regarding these upcoming meetings is in the blue box in the right column. The Executive Summary is on the Water Plan Update website www.arwaterplan.arkansas.gov.

After Oct. 24, the deadline for public comments, a Final Executive Summary will be prepared and submitted to the ANRC Commission in November. The Commission will then consider rule-making for implementing the recommendations in the Plan.

Statewide water planning has a long history in Arkansas. The Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission (the current ANRC) started handling the Plan in 1969. In 1985, the legislature directed the Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission to update the original plan and this update was completed in 1990.

It has been over 20 years since we completed our last comprehensive update of the Water Plan. In 2011, we embarked on our current update. The cooperation and support of all of our citizens, our various water use sectors, and our political and business leaders have been vital to make this a successful process.

Now, we need the public's continued involvement to make this process even better as we near its completion.

Remaining Water Plan Public Meetings

Sept. 15, Smackover, 1 p.m., Arkansas Museum of Natural Resources, 3853 Smackover Highway

Sept. 16, Texarkana, AR, 10 a.m., Southwest Arkansas Electric Coop, 2904 East Ninth St., (must park in designated areas, car pooling encouraged)

Sept. 17, Little Rock, 2 p.m. Central Arkansas Main Branch Library, 100 Rock St., Darragh Center Auditorium

Sept. 19, Fayetteville, 10 a.m., U of A Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center, Room 109, 1335 West Knapp

Comments from the public can be made verbally or in writing during the meetings, emailed to arkansaswater@cdmsmith.com, or mailed to the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, Attention Water Plan, 101 East Capitol Avenue, Suite 350, Little Rock, AR 72201. The deadline for receiving public comments is Oct. 24, 2014.

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