

To: Simonton Residents  
From: Simonton City Hall

November 18, 2011

## Re: Vulcan Permit Hearing at Simonton City Hall

Every three years, Vulcan Materials must ask the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife (TDPW) to re-authorize its permit to dredge in the Brazos River in the area along Simonton's Western Boundary.

Prior to re-authorizing this permit, TDPW formally seeks public comment in a public hearing.

This hearing is typically held in Austin, Texas. The official hearing was held in Austin on November 4, 2011.

The City of Simonton has requested and TDPW has agreed to hold a second hearing in Simonton so local residents and concerned citizens can present whatever information or input they may have.

This hearing is scheduled to be held November 30, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. at Simonton City Hall.

Hearings of this type are usually conducted by one or two representatives of TDPW and not the full board. These representatives will be on hand to provide an overview of the documents and information they have related to the permit application; however, the hearing is intended to be a one-way process of receiving public input.

Your input will be compiled for presentation to the full board of TDPW who will ultimately decide whether or not to re-authorize the permit at a later date. Please understand that this will not be a time for an open discussion or debate regarding the merits of the permit.

If you plan to attend, you will be able to speak or to present a written statement or provide other information as you may have related to the permit application. Please be prepared to bring copies of any and all written documentation you may want to present.

If you are unable to attend the hearing you may still provide your comments to TDPW by calling Tom Heger at 512-389-458 or via email at [tom.heger@tpwd.state.tx.us](mailto:tom.heger@tpwd.state.tx.us).