

LCRA, Texas Parks & Wildlife, Texas Historical Commission

E-mail Guidelines, September 21, 2025

This document provides guidelines for e-mails sent to LCRA, TPWD and THC. See the following sections:

-- LCRA, TPWD, THC E-mail Addresses

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Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) E-mails

LCRA is a nonprofit public utility and government agency created by the Texas Legislature in 1934. Please tell LCRA your concerns about the three proposed routes for their 765kV transmission line along and across the San Saba River in Texas' Flash Flood Alley. **Tell LCRA their transmission line should be constructed along existing or planned highway rights-of-way or along existing easements.** Please send your LCRA e-mails to:

Name	Title	E-mail Address
Tom Oney	Chief People Officer and Executive VP of External Affairs	tom.oney@lcra.org
Emily Jolly	Sr. VP, External Affairs and Chief Regulatory and Compliance Officer	emily.jolly@lcra.org

Texas Parks & Wildlife (TPWD) E-mails

TPWD provides recommendations and comments to the Texas Public Utility Commission (TPUC) on environmental and wildlife impacts of new transmission lines. TPUC is required to respond to recommendations from TPWD. **Tell TPWD your concerns about the three proposed routes on wildlife, fish and endangered freshwater mussels.** Please send your TPWD e-mails to:

Concerns about fish or freshwater mussels in the San Saba River or any inland waterway should be e-mailed to **Tim Birdsong, Director of Inland Fisheries, at timothy.birdsong@tpwd.texas.gov**

Concerns about wildlife (i.e. deer or wild turkey) should be e-mailed to **Alan Cain, Director of Wildlife, at alan.cain@tpwd.texas.gov**

Texas Historical Commission (THC) E-mails

THC is legally required to participate in TPUC cases for new transmission lines by reviewing proposed projects for potential impacts on historical properties and archaeological sites. **E-mail THC if you have historical artifacts on your property that would be impacted by any of the three proposed routes.**

Your e-mail to THC needs to **identify the historical artifacts on your property, and identify the County and approximate location of your property.**

Send your THC e-mail to: Ryann Ramirez in the Archeology Division of THC at ryann.ramirez@thc.texas.gov.

Ryann will forward your e-mail to the THC archeology reviewer responsible for your County. The reviewer should contact you and arrange to meet with you to inspect the historical artifacts on your property.

Please do not e-mail THC if you do not have any historical artifacts on your property that would be impacted by any of the three proposed routes.

Writing an E-mail

(1) E-mails should be 3 to 5 paragraphs

(2) Include the following information in your e-mail:

(a) Briefly introduce yourself: My name is...and I own property on the San Saba River in McCulloch County.

(b) State your Concern: I believe the three proposed routes for the Oncor and LCRA 765kV high voltage transmission line will have an adverse impact on the deer and wild turkey population on my property near the San Saba River.

(c) State your Request: Please review this issue and raise your concerns with your colleagues at TPWD. Please ask TPWD to object to the location of the three proposed routes for this 765kV transmission line to the Texas Public Utility Commission.

(d) Please include the following point in all e-mails you send: The Oncor & LCRA 765kV high voltage power line should be constructed along existing or planned highway rights-of-way or along existing easements. This transmission line should not be constructed across landowners' private property or near the San Saba River where it will adversely impact fish, endangered freshwater mussels and wildlife.

(e) Support your argument with 3 of the "Talking Points" listed below or with your own points.

(f) Thank the state agency officials for their support. Provide your contact information (name, e-mail address, and phone number)

Talking Points

Following are “talking points” that explain why we want the Oncor/LCRA 765kV transmission line moved away from the San Saba River. Suggest you include 3 of these talking points or your own points in your e-mail.

(1) A 765kV high voltage line requires a 200-foot, clear cut, right of way that will create a highway for accelerated run off into the San Saba River located in Texas’ Flash Flood Alley that will negatively impact the water supply for fish, wildlife and landowners who rely on the San Saba River for residential and livestock use.

(2) A 765kV high voltage line will increase the risk of flash flooding during a high rain event such as the recent July 4th flash flood that resulted in 30 feet of flood waters on the San Saba River in Texas’ Flash Flood Alley.

(3) Any landowner facing a condemnation claim from Oncor and LCRA for a 200-foot right of way to build 140-foot-tall steel lattice towers carrying 765,000 volts of electricity, will have the value and use of their land destroyed.

(4) The San Saba River has a unique history and beauty and is one of Texas’ only Hill Country Pristine Streams that remains largely undeveloped and is unburdened by impoundments.

(5) Wildlife biologists know that riparian areas hold the greatest density of wildlife. Construction of a 765kV high voltage transmission line across or along the San Saba River will have an adverse impact on natural habitat, vegetation and wildlife.

(6) The proposed transmission line will damage important turkey roosting populations. 80% of our turkey populations roosts on river trees. Their nests are often on the ground, close to the river.

(7) A 200-foot easement and lack of cover will affect deer populations and destroy quail nesting habitat.

(8) Freshwater mussels in the San Saba River listed as endangered or threatened by the US Fish and Wildlife Service will be adversely impacted and possibly destroyed by the 765kV high voltage transmission line where it crosses over or adjoins the San Saba River.

(9) The powerful force of floodwater will erode riverbanks, wash away support structures and could cause transmission towers to collapse leading to downed high voltage 765kV power lines, widespread power outages and possible blackouts of the Texas Power Grid.

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