In accordance with La. R.S. 38:3097.3, the Commissioner of Conservation will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 12, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the LaBelle Room, 1st Floor of the LaSalle Building located at 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana to take testimony, receive evidence and hear public comments in order to determine if the water table under East Baton Rouge Parish is being lowered because of excessive pumping of groundwater, and whether the lowering of the water table is causing the acceleration of the intrusion of salt water in the “1500” and “2000” foot sands of the Southern Hills aquifer system from south of the Baton Rouge Fault into the fresh water north of the Baton Rouge Fault.

Relevant findings from this hearing will be considered by the Commissioner in determining what future actions may be necessary to address salt water encroachment and sustainability of the “1500” and “2000” foot sands of the Southern Hills aquifer system.

All interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to present data, views or arguments, orally or in writing, at said public hearing. Written comments should be directed to:

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Re: Docket No. ENV 2012-02

BY ORDER OF:

James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation