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### **Aransas County Hosts Public Meeting to Unveil Stormwater Management Project Findings**

Aransas County officials will unveil the findings of their 18-month **Aransas County Stormwater Management Plan** (ACSMP) project at a Public Meeting and Open House to be held on Monday, March 21, 2011, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Paws and Taws Convention Center, 402 North Fulton Beach Road in Fulton. It will include a briefing on the project findings and recommendations, as well as interactive discussions, displays and presentations by The Naismith Engineering, Inc. (NEI) project team members and Aransas County representatives.

All members of the public and interested parties are invited to attend and participate in this important forum.

“Our wetlands, estuaries and bays are at risk from the damage that can be caused by stormwater pollution, and we needed to better understand how this was occurring and take action to protect them. Our new regulations are now in place and are improving the quality of stormwater discharges into these areas. Equally important, we are guiding developers, contractors, and property owners with the implementation of drainage, water quality and habitat protection controls for their development projects. I invite all our citizens to join us at the open house and learn more about this vital plan,” said Aransas County Judge, C.H. “Burt” Mills.

The ACSMP recommendations are critical to insuring adequate drainage to protect life, property and infrastructure and to protecting our valuable environmental resources across the County. It will serve as the framework in conjunction with a Stormwater Quality Plan and Ecological Resources Plan, to guide land development, improve drainage, improve water quality, and maintain ecological resources of the County. The Plan also includes long term Capital Improvement recommendations for 29 watersheds in the County. The ACSMP and the recommended Capital projects will satisfy the community goals of maintaining the excellent area quality of life and environment through stormwater management.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting either NEI (361-814-4401) or Aransas County (361-729-0000).

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