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McLean County DAWN to host public meetings for community input

The McLean County DAWN (Driving Area Water Needs) board will host three upcoming public informational meetings to explain the formation of the McLean County Regional Water Commission, to educate local citizens about the initiative, and to obtain public comment. Meetings will be held on the following dates:

- Tuesday, January 31st @ 6:30 p.m.
Beech Grove Water Association
445 KY Highway 56, Beech Grove
(for west McLean County residents)
- Tuesday, February 7th @ 6:30 p.m.
Calhoun City Hall
325 West 2nd Street, Calhoun
(for Calhoun and Sacramento residents)
- Friday, February 10th @ 6:30 p.m.
Livermore City Hall
105 West 3rd Street, Livermore
(for Livermore and Island residents)



A formal public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 21st at 9 a.m. at the McLean County Fiscal Courtroom (210 Main Street, Calhoun). All meetings are open to the general public.

Begun in 2009, DAWN is a collaboration between McLean County Fiscal Court, Beech Grove Water Association and North McLean Water District, as well as the cities of Calhoun, Island, Livermore and Sacramento to prepare for the county's future water needs.

In particular, the goal is to regionalize water operations for the county, rather than addressing the issue piecemeal. At present, Livermore and Calhoun obtain their own water, while Island, Sacramento, Beech Grove, and North McLean each buy water from different sources.

DAWN board members are currently working to formally rename the initiative the McLean County Regional Water Commission, in hopes of presenting a clearer, more direct message as they seek funding in Frankfort and Washington.

"It's very encouraging to see our communities rally together for the common goal of providing safe, affordable drinking water to all county citizens," said Calhoun mayor Tommy Fulkerson. "The regional approach is definitely the best way for us to secure funding for this worthy project."

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The Green River Area Development District (GRADD) is a regional planning agency serving the communities of Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Union, and Webster counties. GRADD offers assistance in the fields of aging, health, and social services; community and economic development; transportation planning; and workforce development. Our mission is to afford local governments and citizens a regional forum to identify issues and opportunities, and to provide leadership in planning and implementing programs to improve the quality of life in our district.
