



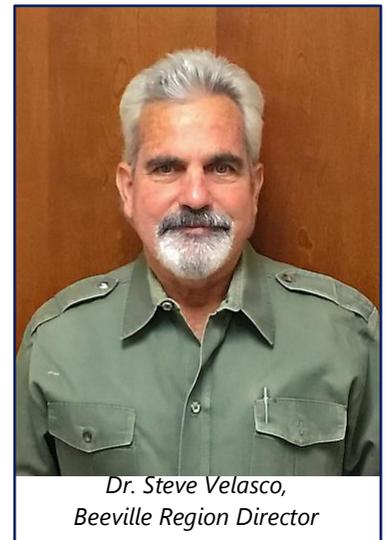
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TAHC Welcomes Dr. Velasco to the Beeville Region

AUSTIN, TX – The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) is pleased to announce that Dr. Ralph Steven "Steve" Velasco III was named the Beeville Region Director on February 3, 2020.

"We are excited to have Dr. Steve Velasco join our Beeville Region team," said Dr. Angela Daniels, TAHC Assistant Executive Director for Animal Health Programs. "We believe his varied work and educational experiences will be a great fit in our agency and serve the public well."

Dr. Velasco was born and raised in San Antonio, Texas where he grew up participating in 4-H horsemanship and competing in high school rodeo. Upon graduation, Dr. Velasco attended The University of Texas at San Antonio where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry followed by a Master of Business Administration from The University of Texas at Austin. He later attended Texas A&M University where he received a Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Science and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine with an emphasis in large animals.



Dr. Velasco spent the first six years of his career as a racetrack veterinarian in both Louisiana and Arkansas. In 2000, Dr. Velasco returned to South Texas where he spent the next 20 years at a large animal ambulatory practice while also working in the equine sports medicine and stocker cattle industries, supporting 4-H and FFA programs, and providing veterinary services for wildlife.

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