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**BRAZOS G REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP
SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR NEW VOTING MEMBER**

May 27, 2016 Waco, TX -- The Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group (Brazos G) is soliciting nominations for one (1) voting member representing Municipalities Interest in the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Area. Nominations will be accepted until July 29, 2016. In selecting a voting member for the vacancy, the Brazos G Group will consider a number of factors, including the nominee's qualifications to represent the interest category, willingness to devote the time necessary to participate in the Regional Water Planning process, and willingness to abide by the Bylaws.

The Brazos G voting members will strive to achieve geographic, ethnic, and gender diversity. Potential nominees are invited to visit the Brazos G website at www.brazosgwater.org for additional information including this press release, the new member application form and a current member hometown map.

The voting member vacancies are defined as follows:

One (1) voting member vacancy representing **Municipalities** – defined as governments of cities created or organized under the general, home-rule, or special laws of the state.

Travel Expenses: Brazos G members are not compensated for their services by the State of Texas. If eligible, travel expenses for voting members may be reimbursed in accordance with rules adopted by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) as funds are available.

Nominee packets shall include the following:

- New Member Application Form
- Resume
- Support Letters – maximum of six (6) recommended
- No current Brazos G RWPG Voting Member shall issue a support letter on behalf of the nominee

Nomination packets should be mailed to the following address and will be accepted July 29, 2016.

Brazos G RWPG Executive Committee
c/o Trey Buzbee
Brazos River Authority
P.O. Box 7555
Waco, Texas 76714-7555

The Executive Committee will review the packets as received and will schedule a meeting to discuss and recommend nominees as needed to the Brazos G Group at their next regularly scheduled meeting. Nominees will be asked to attend these meetings to answer any questions and to meet the Brazos G members.

What is Brazos G?

In accordance with Senate Bill 1 passed during the 75th Texas Legislative Session, the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) in Austin was authorized to divide the state into 16 regional water planning areas. The Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group (Brazos G) is one of the regional planning groups established by the TWDB to develop a regional water plan. Brazos G has been working since 1998 to develop a comprehensive regional water plan for its 37-county planning area, which extends generally along the Brazos River from Kent, Stonewall and Knox Counties in the northwest to Washington and Lee Counties in the southeast.

The regional water plans provide for the orderly development, management, and conservation of water resources, and include drought preparation and response. The goal of the planning process is to assure that sufficient water will be available at a reasonable cost to ensure public health, safety and welfare, further economic development and protect agricultural and natural resources.

The first regional water plans were submitted to the state in January 2001 and were compiled to form the State Water Plan in January 2002. The water plans identify current water supplies and future estimates of water demands. In cases where future demands are greater than existing supply sources, strategies are evaluated and recommended to meet the identified needs. State law requires that the regional water plans be updated every 5 years. The Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group just completed development of its 2011 Brazos G Regional Water Plan (Plan). It was accepted by the TWDB and became part of the 2012 State Water Plan. Work on the 2016 Brazos G Plan began in 2011 and is ongoing.

The Brazos G Regional Water Planning Area has 37 counties including Bell, Bosque, Brazos, Burleson, Callahan, Comanche, Coryell, Eastland, Erath, Falls, Fisher, Grimes, Hamilton, Haskell, Hill, Hood, Johnson, Jones, Kent, Knox, Lampasas, Lee, Limestone, McLennan, Milam, Nolan, Palo Pinto, Robertson, Shackelford, Somervell, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, Throckmorton, Washington, Williamson and Young.