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Dr. Scott Mack, Chairman
Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group
108 N. Cranbrook Court
Ingram, Texas 78025

RE: Request by Palo Pinto County Municipal Water District No. 1 to Amend 2006
Brazos G Regional Water Plan

Dear Dr. Mack,

During the past two decades, the Palo Pinto County Municipal Water District No.1 (District) has been evaluating alternatives to restore the capacity of Lake Palo Pinto. A newly completed (2007) volumetric survey of Lake Palo Pinto performed by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) indicates the reservoir contains only 60 percent of its permitted capacity. Our District has spent considerable funds on environmental studies and geotechnical investigations evaluating two projects. These include the Turkey Peak project and the Lake Palo Pinto Off-Channel Reservoir project (also know as the Wilson Hollow project). In the 2006 Brazos G Regional Water Plan (2006 Plan), the planning group included the Wilson Hollow project as a **Recommended Water Management Strategy** and included Turkey Peak as an **Alternative Strategy**.

Recently the District has re-evaluated the two projects and has decided to pursue the Turkey Peak project instead of the Wilson Hollow project. This decision was based on two environmental studies and two geotechnical investigations. These investigations indicate that the Wilson Hollow Project will impact an endangered species (i.e. Golden-cheeked Warbler) and that Turkey Peak will not. Additionally these studies have resulted in the cost of the Wilson Hollow project increasing due to geologic conditions at the site.

The District is moving forward with financing of the project and recently met with TWDB staff to discuss project financing alternatives. In order for the District to obtain financing from the TWDB, we will need to include the Turkey Peak project in the Brazos G Regional Water Plan as a **Recommended Water Management Strategy**.

Therefore, the District respectfully requests the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group, at the earliest possible date, to amend the 2006 Brazos G Regional Water Plan to include the District's Turkey Peak project as a **Recommended Water Management Strategy** and to include the Wilson Hollow project as an **Alternative Strategy**.

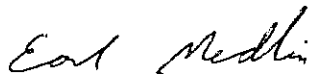
This would be done in accordance with the General Guidelines for Regional Water Plan Development (2007 – 2012) prepared by the TWDB. The Turkey Peak project was previously included in the 2001 Brazos G Regional Water Plan and 2002 State Water Plan as a **Recommended Water Management Strategy**. The evaluation was updated during development of the 2006 Brazos G Regional Water Plan and, as such, has been fully vetted in the Regional planning process.

We would be pleased to meet with your group to support this action, if you believe it would be helpful to the process.

Also, since TWDB rules governing the amendment process for Regional Water Plans have recently been revised, we have copied key TWDB staff on this letter to ensure we are in compliance with TWDB rules and to expedite the process.

We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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President

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