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Mr. Tony Jones, Chairman
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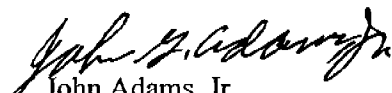
February 26, 2004

Dear Chairman Jones,

The Wes-Tex Groundwater District in Sweetwater, Texas would urge the Brazos Regional Water Planning Group to create a voting position on the group representing groundwater. With so much of the region dependent upon groundwater, especially in the western portion, it only makes sense to have groundwater represented with a voting membership. The eleven Chapter 36 groundwater conservation districts located within Region G have regulatory authority over a large percentage of the region's available groundwater. The strategies and management implications for this water can best be addressed with a groundwater representative serving on the group.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue. We look forward to the group's response and action. Please do not hesitate to contact our district office if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,


John Adams, Jr.
Chairman, Wes-Tex GCD

Randall Bankhead
Secretary-Treasurer


Archie Hunter
Vice-Chairman

Cc: Mr. Mike McGuire
District Manager, Rolling Plains GCD



Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group
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Attn: Ms. Teresa Clark

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February 23, 2004

Dear Chairman Jones,

As the general manager of the Wes-Tex Groundwater Conservation District and a former member of the Region E-Far West Texas RPG, I applaud the Brazos RPG for considering adding voting representation for groundwater districts. With several communities in the western portion of Region G completely dependent upon groundwater, it is imperative that groundwater regulators have a voice in the regional water planning process. There is no better way to accomplish this than having a voting place at the regional planning group table.

When Region E considered adding a voting membership for groundwater districts, there were several members hesitant to approve the new addition. It was felt the group would become too cumbersome with so many members. The expertise provided the group by the addition, however, prompted Region E to unanimously approve a second groundwater member less than a year later. With so much of the groundwater available to Region G being under the authority of the eleven GCDs, it will be advantageous to have their input and their perspective.

Thank you for your consideration of the issue. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katy G. Hoskins".

Katy G. Hoskins
General Manager

Cc: Mr. Mike McGuire
District Manager, Rolling Plains GCD



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March 9, 2004

Mr. Tony Jones, Chairman
Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group
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Waco, Texas 78714-7555

Dear Mr. Jones:

Of the counties included in RWPG Brazos G, approximately 86% have at least part of the county over a major or minor aquifer. These aquifers are a major source and in some cases the only source of potable water for these counties. Additionally, 43% of the counties in the Brazos G area are currently part of a groundwater conservation district.

With almost all of the surface water in the Brazos G region committed or allocated, groundwater in the aquifers under the region is the available source of additional potable water for use in the region. With the groundwater conservation districts having the responsibility to manage the available water in these aquifers, it is imperative that the districts have a voice in the regional planning process.

Currently the groundwater districts have default representation on the Brazos G Board. Two board members, one appointed to represent small business and one appointed to represent water supply interests, happen to also be board members of groundwater conservation districts. Relying on board members appointed to represent other interests to also represent the interests of the groundwater conservation districts, can result in conflicts between their primary interest and groundwater district interests or in the groundwater districts not having a voice and a vote on the Region G Board when representatives change.

With groundwater being the major source of new water for the immediate future, the Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District requests that the Region G Board make the necessary changes in their policy to ensure that one seat on the Board is always filled by a representative of the groundwater conservation districts and that the Region G Board take action as soon as possible to appoint a groundwater district representative to a full voting seat on the Region G Board.

Sincerely,

J. Jared Patout
President

**Rolling Plains Groundwater
Conservation District**

BRAZOS REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY

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March 15, 2004

**Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group
Attn: Ms. Teresa Clark
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Dear Ms. Clark:

As water issues continue to grow larger and more important in the State of Texas, it is becoming increasingly more important that all parties to the water planning process be involved and represented. This is especially important in the Regional Water Planning Groups. To this end, a voting position on the Board representing the eleven (11) groundwater conservation districts is an important part. While providing to the Board a unique and diversified input, a voting member representative would also lend credibility to the actions of the Board. Actions of the Board without representation of groundwater interests, considering the large quantity and potential of groundwater resources, do tend to bring into question the validity of the process. It is with these thoughts in mind that voting representation for groundwater conservation districts is strongly supported.

Sincerely,

Mike McGuire

Mike McGuire
General Manager
Rolling Plains GCD

**Post Oak Savannah Groundwater
Conservation District**

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**Ms. Teresa Clark
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Administrative Agent for Brazos G RWPG
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Waco TX 76710**

March 16, 2004

Dear Ms. Clark,

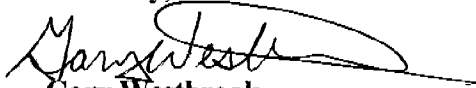
It has come to our attention that consideration for a voting position representing Groundwater Conservation Districts on the Brazos Region G Board is being considered. We are extremely pleased to learn of this possible action. In consideration of the increasing importance of, and reliance on, groundwater in our great state it is only appropriate that this permanent Region G Board position be established.

There have been, however, some comments from some members of the current Board that do cause concern. These comments stem from the fact that there are a few current Region G Board members that have ties to Groundwater Conservation Districts (GCDs), such as serving on the Board of Directors for a GCD, etc. Our concern is that because of these ties several Region G Board members have commented that the GCDs are already represented even though those members who have these ties were appointed to the Region G Board to actually represent another interest. In the event that these individuals are replaced for whatever reason their ties to the GCDs would likely be replaced also.

The only way to insure that GCDs are represented, as they should be, on such an important governing body as the Region G Board is to approve voting membership for them. There is no other way to guarantee representation of one of the most important interests of our Region. Therefore, please accept this letter from Post Oak Savannah GCD as a sincere request that a voting membership for GCDs be approved for inclusion on the Region G Board. Also, please distribute this letter to all current Region G Board members.

Should you or anyone who may read this have any questions please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,



**Gary Westbrook
General Manager
Post Oak Savannah GCD**



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**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING AND RECOMMENDING
MIKE MCGUIRE TO THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD
AND THE BRAZOS G REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors unanimously endorses and recommends to the Texas Water Development Board and the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group that Mike McGuire, Rolling Plains Groundwater Control District General Manager, whose personal, professional and civic achievements and accomplishments are set forth in the attached resume, and whose selfless commitment to community service and the betterment of the cities and citizens of West Central Texas is well known, be appointed as a groundwater district representative to the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group under Senate Bill One; if the Texas Water Development Board and Brazos G RWPG determine to add a 19th member to the Regional Water Planning Group whose place or position and duty are to represent groundwater districts in Brazos Region G.

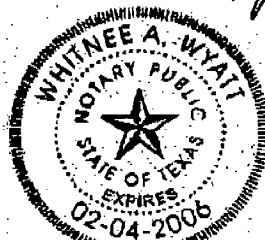
PRESENTED AND PASSED on this 17th day of March, 2004, at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the West Central Texas Municipal Water District, Texas.

Kathleen Webster

KATHLEEN WEBSTER, PRESIDENT

Ray Ferguson

RAY FERGUSON, SECRETARY



ATTEST: *Whitnee A. Wyatt Cleveland*

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Mike McGuire

Objective

Groundwater Representation on RWPG Brazos G

Experience

2000-Present Rolling Plains GCD Munday, TX

General Manager

- Writing of two TWDB approved management plans.
- Overseeing the draft and development of District rules, budgets
- Implementation of the above policies, along with development of a GIS well database, while expediting legislation through two sessions of the State Legislature successfully.
- Attending RWPG Brazos G meetings since August, 2001 and working with administrative staff to identify and facilitate work on water issues, both surface and groundwater, in RWPG Brazos G.
- Coordinating with The North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority in Munday, Texas for conjunctive use of surface water and groundwater in and around the District.
- Recently appointed to represent Rolling Plains GCD as a voting member of RWPG B.

1980-Present Mike McGuire, Inc. Haskell, TX

Farm Manager

- Oversight of a 2500 acre cotton, peanut and wheat diversified farming operation, including both irrigated and dry-land production.
- Rolling Plains Cotton Growers representative to Cotton Inc. State Support Committee overseeing \$800,000 annually in research funding statewide.

1977-1980 Mike McGuire Farms Munday, TX

Farm Operator

- Expanded farming operation from 100 to 800 acres.

1975-1977 Hughes Tool Co. Houston, TX

Value Engineering Analyst

- Expedite experimental prototypes from design to finished product.
- Expediter/Troubleshooter for production difficulties and cost overruns.

Education

1971-1975 Texas Tech University Lubbock, TX

- B.S., Engineering Technology, Mechanical Option.
- President - Society of Engineering Technology.