

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Policy Papers for the 2007 State Water Plan

TOPIC:

RURAL WATER – EFFECTS OF THE FEDERAL SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT (SDWA) ON SMALL WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS

BRAZOS G RWPG POLICY RECOMMENDATION:

“Because of the difficulty in meeting the standards of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act for small water systems, we encourage the regionalization of these systems, and/or education and proactive planning. This approach would prevent systems from being a burden to the State because of noncompliance.”

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TOPIC:

SURFACE WATER – INTERBASIN TRANSFERS (IBT) OF SURFACE WATER

BRAZOS G RWPG POLICY RECOMMENDATION:

“Interbasin transfers have been a critical component of water management in Region G, as there are currently over 80 permitted IBTs statewide. The TWDB projects that the State’s population will double in the next 50 years. It is intuitive that IBTs will be a necessary component of the water management strategies. The real issue is how to accomplish future IBTs in fairness.”

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TOPIC:

OTHER ISSUES – INTER-REGIONAL COOPERATION / INTER-REGIONAL WATER SHARING

BRAZOS G RWPG POLICY RECOMMENDATION:

“Brazos G RWPG will be proactive in communication and interaction with neighboring RWPGs on water issues of mutual concern. Regional water planning areas are not intended to be barriers to prevent interaction between RWPGs.”

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TOPIC: (NOT ON TWDB WEBSITE)

INTERACTION OF STATE AGENCIES WITH REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUPS

BRAZOS G RWPG POLICY RECOMMENDATION:

“All State agencies, when planning and/or permitting significant new regional water projects, need to be consistent with the current statewide water plan, and to become involved with regional water planning groups with significant new regional water projects and/or permits.”