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BRAZOS G RWPG
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While the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group recognizes that the Rule of Capture has a history of over 100 years in Texas, the Group also recognizes the advances in science and changes in water marketing that now face us.

Without modification the state groundwater supply is being threatened and landowners risk loss due to depletion by unlimited pumping by their neighbors.

Local control through checks and balances can most effectively and fairly regulate usage. Underground water control districts are the appropriate mechanisms to provide local control of groundwater. The State should continue to develop policy and legislation to fairly protect both historic use and future sustainability.