

To: Brazos G RWPG Members	
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**RE: March 22, 2005 Brazos G RWPG Meeting**

**Summary for Agenda Item 6.3 – Consider Approval of Publication of Notice for the 30-day Public Comment Period on the Potential Incorporation of the Brazos River Authority’s Proposed System Operation Permit into the 2001 Brazos G Regional Water Plan**

The Brazos River Authority (BRA) has filed an application with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an additional appropriation of water. This water right application, which is now administratively complete, requests authorization for the BRA to appropriate up to 421,449 acre-feet/year of water from the Brazos River Basin as a firm supply and up to 670,000 acre-feet/year of interruptible supply. In order for the BRA’s water right application to be approved by the TCEQ, the BRA’s proposed water right needs to be deemed consistent with the current (2001) Regional Water Plans in Region G and Region H.

On August 11, 2004 the BRA requested the Brazos G RWPG to consider amending the 2001 Brazos G Regional Water Plan to include the BRA’s System Operation and Drought Management Plan as a water management strategy to meet current and future water needs. In addition, the BRA requested that HDR’s scope of work for developing the 2006 Plan be amended to include analysis of the BRA System Plan.

On September 15, 2004 the Brazos G RWPG formally tabled the request from the BRA to amend the 2001 Brazos G Plan and approved the amendment to the scope of work for the 2006 Plan. The additions to the scope of work were funded entirely by the BRA.

Between September 2004 and February 2005, HDR performed additional technical analyses concerning the BRA System Plan. HDR presented results of these analyses through a series of presentations at ensuing Brazos G RWPG meetings. A summary of HDR’s findings was presented at the February 22, 2005 Brazos G RWPG meeting.

During this agenda item, the BRA will request that amendment of the 2001 Brazos G Regional Water Plan be considered by the Brazos G RWPG, and that the process for public comment on the proposed amendment be initiated. This entails notice of the proposed amendment being mailed to water right holders in the Brazos Basin and public water utilities in Region G, among others. Following publication of this notice, a public hearing will be held to allow the Brazos G RWPG to consider public comment on the proposed amendment. Following the close of the public comment period, the Brazos G RWPG can then formally approve or deny the proposed amendment to the 2001 Brazos G Regional Water Plan.

Potential action anticipated will be for the Brazos G RWPG to approve or deny publication of notice for the public comment period and public hearing.