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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Brazos Region G Regional Water Planning Group  
**FROM:** Jennifer Douglass Nations, Water Resource Coordinator, College Station Utilities  
**DATE:** April 25, 2005  
**SUBJECT:** Public Comments on Agenda Item 7.7: DRAFT plans for Water User Groups and Wholesale Water Providers

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I would like to submit comments for the City of College Station regarding the projected water supply and water demand figures for College Station in the Draft 2006 Region G Water Plan.

First, I would like to thank the members of the Brazos Region G Regional Water Planning Group for the opportunity to submit public comments. I would also like to thank Mr. David Dunn and Mr. Sonny Kretzschmar with HDR Engineering for giving us the opportunity to update and separate supply and demand figures for College Station and Texas A&M University, and clarify that the University's water demands should not be included in demand figures for College Station.

That said, the draft 2006 Regional Plan, as it currently exists, misconstrues the reality of local water planning in Brazos County, which is for continued groundwater development. Supply numbers for College Station are shown to remain constant at 27,889 AF/year from 2010 – 2060, while demand is projected to increase from 17,110 AF/year in 2000 to 31,342 AF/year in 2060. These projections result in water supply deficits beginning in 2050.

However, the supply figures above do not reflect current or future water supply capacity for the City of College Station. They assume contractual water obligations to Wellborn Special Utility District through 2060, which is no longer true, and they assume no further groundwater development for College Station, which is not realistic. The Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District's Management Plan shows all Water User Groups in Brazos and Robertson counties relying on groundwater in 2060, and assumes continued development of groundwater resources.

Recommended water management strategies to address projected deficits for College Station include water conservation, water reuse, and reliance on one of three surface water alternatives. None of College Station's planning documents call for surface water use, and neither does the Brazos Valley GCD Management Plan. It is worth noting that the Brazos Valley GCD Management Plan has been made available to Region G, the Management Plan has been declared Administratively Complete by TWDB, and no conflicts were noted by TWDB. Finally, when supply and demand figures for College Station are updated to reflect actual capacity and demand projections, the water supply deficits no longer exist.

For these reasons, the City of College Station respectfully requests Region G to change the recommended Water Management Strategies for College Station from conservation, reuse, and surface water use to groundwater use, conservation, and reuse.

The City of College Station will submit revised water supply and demand figures and updated comments to Region G before the end of the public comment period for the Draft 2006 Regional Plan.