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Teresa Clark, Administrative Agent
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RE: TWDB Grant Application for Financial Assistance

Dear Ms. Clark:

Groundwater Management Area 8 (GMA 8) would like to request the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group (Region G) apply for funding from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to facilitate coordination between Region G and the GMA members in the development of Desired Future Conditions (DFC) for the major and minor aquifers. This request could be part of your Scope of Work Proposal being prepared for the next round of regional planning. As you are aware, recent legislation has tasked groundwater conservation Districts (GCD) with this unfunded mandate. The DFCs will be provided to the TWDB for their determination of the Managed Available Groundwater (MAG) for each aquifer which will then be included in the Regional and State Water Plans.

GMA 8 consists of all or part of 45 counties extending from northern Travis County to the Texas/Oklahoma border and includes two major aquifers and seven minor aquifers. Portions of six Regional Water Planning Groups are included in this area with the majority of the counties lying within Region G. Within GMA 8 there are six GCDs that are in varying stages of development and financial ability. These GCDs cover a total of seven counties, leaving 38 counties without GCD representation.

To fulfill the mandated task, GMA 8 proposes to maximize the use of existing data, including data from the latest Regional Plan. However, it will be necessary to minimize any inconsistencies between the existing Regional data and data from the GCDs, a process that will require coordination between all parties involved. As a result, we feel it would be beneficial for the Region to obtain funding to help facilitate this process. The Region G Plan is an important water planning document which will have a substantial impact on decisions in our area for many years, so it is important to ensure that accurate and reasonable data is included in the plan.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Maxwell, AICP
Administrative Manager