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Dear Scott:

Your committee worked hard to manage the diverse ideas and issues resulting from BGRWPG's call for input to develop your "round 3" scope of work. Many communities and projects will benefit from whatever work is recommended and funded (by TWDB). It is likely to be a synergistic benefit for the various study proposals to be completed by the BGRWPG's current consultant and within the overall umbrella of the state water planning process.

As your meeting was concluding (last week) with consideration of item 4.4, the total estimated study cost appeared to be (based on HDR's estimates of cost) fully fundable by TWDB. Many of the ideas received significant support from various interested parties within the Brazos G Region. It is my strong suggestion that BGRWPG formally solicit some percentage of matching support from entities identified by staff/consultant as benefiting from the proposed studies. Hopefully such a solicitation could have reasonable success and would provide (state cost reduction and) additional incentive for TWDB funding of all our requests.

David Dunn's emphasis on the dual nature of item 11, i.e. consideration of both fast and slow growth issues, during the discussion of agenda item 4.4 is greatly appreciated. This is especially true in the context of the Committee's decision to eliminate public (non-committee) input on this item. As emphasized in my letter to you prior to your first committee meeting, the risk to the economic future of West Central Texas is very high under current TWDB regional water planning guidance because we cannot fully plan for increased growth rate and cannot anchor our economic future with critical new water supplies. It MUST be realized that if new supplies are not soon secured, future events are very likely to preclude future water supply development or, at a minimum, allow only second rate supplies at very high (future) cost. With that background, the slow growth issues within item 11 (see Consolidated Scope Items for July 23, 2006 Scope of Work meeting) remain the number 1 "need" of our West Central Texas area. My concern, following your second meeting, is that this need is not sufficiently emphasized and/or funded.

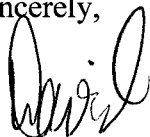
Additionally, I would disagree with the Committee that the Sweetwater groundwater study (item 2) is a low priority. This type of effort is exactly in line with my previous comments. Every effort needs to be made to provide for the economic viability of West Central Texas and the potential to identify previously unrecognized needs within the 50-year planning horizon should

not be ignored. This is not an idea propounded by the District, but the folks in Nolan County will benefit from having this item moved forward at the earliest time possible.

Finally, item 4 regarding studies of indirect reuse of existing wastewater was rated overall low in the committee's priorities. Indirect reuse has significant potential to impact Hubbard Creek Reservoir. Development of a testing protocol to protect Hubbard water quality should not be delayed. As stated earlier in this letter, asking local sponsors to contribute to critical studies is reasonable. If TWDB funds all of our region G initiatives, "priority" is not a critical issue. WCTMWD urges Region G to take all practical steps to fund at least the necessary scientific protocol to protect Hubbard water quality and determine the viability of reuse water for potable consumption.

The job of the Scope of Work Committee is difficult. Thanks for your hard work. Please do not hesitate to ask the District for any reasonable support.

Sincerely,



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