

April 16, 2008

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**Re: Brazos G Scope of Work for Phase II of the 3rd Round of Regional Water Planning
(2011 Planning Cycle)**

Dear Mr. Buzbee,

I appreciate the invitation and the opportunity to submit comments to your Brazos G Scope of Work Committee relating to the scope of work for Phase II of the 3rd Round of the Regional Water Planning, 2011 Planning Cycle. I will not be able to attend the meeting due to other commitments, but am offering this letter and would be happy to discuss any matters relating to my comments at a later time with the Committee if such is deemed necessary and/or appropriate.

First, I would like to thank the Committee, and the Group, for the work they have done in the past and that they are continuing to do. In my opinion, no planning efforts are more significant than water. I appreciate the time, energy, and expertise each member of the Group brings to the efforts.

With regard to comments on the proposed scope of work, I would offer the following:

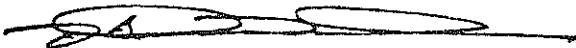
1. Updating of the current population and water demand. I think that the Group will find the numbers for Bell County entities, including the City of Temple, will have changed. Bell County continues to grow and updating population and water demand numbers should be considered in the scope of work. I would insure that this scope of work element included the recent advent of energy and power plant activity that is underway up and down the basin.
2. With regard to updating the current population and water demand projections, I would urge the Committee and the Group to consider an earlier and more integrated approach with water users that have developed reliable, credible data and methodology for both current population estimates and water demand projections. In the past planning efforts significant amounts of resources were expended by some water users in an effort that was, at least perceived by some, to 'counter' the data and methodology utilized by the Region G Group. I would hope that the scope of work and the approach utilized in this round of planning

would actively involve, at the very earliest of stages, water users who can demonstrate reliable, credible approaches to the population estimates and water demand projections that form the basis of the Plan.

3. Updating of water rights and related contractual changes. I would urge the Committee to consider including a survey of water user groups and others who have water rights to identify changed conditions.
4. Updating water supply projections. I note that taskings in Phase I included multiple deliverables relating to looking at water supply. I would urge the group to continue the efforts to better identify and quantify available water and projected available water. Related areas of conservation, reservoir sedimentation, augmentation by tributaries and/or other sources should be reviewed in concert with this deliverable.
5. Inclusion of other water planning efforts and capital improvement program efforts. Many entities, to include municipalities, have substantial planning and capital improvement efforts underway. These plans and activities should be taken into account in the Group's process.

As I mentioned in my opening comments, I appreciate the opportunity to submit comments and look forward to working with the Committee and the Group on Phase II.

Sincerely,



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