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Dear Members of the Scope of Work Subcommittee,

TPWD staff strongly supports the intent of task #6 in the July 2006 consolidated scope of work ("Effectiveness of Conservation Measures Recommended in 2006 Plan"). Additionally, TPWD staff concurs that this effort is likely to be more fruitful if postponed for a couple of years. However, TPWD staff believes that the currently proposed task of surveying Water User Groups (WUGs) and Wholesale Water Providers (WWPs) to "obtain current plans to meet future demands" (Task 4, slide 18, April 16, 2008 presentation) provides a convenient and low-cost opportunity to start collecting information on planned, if not implemented, conservation strategies. TPWD staff encourages the planning group to include in this survey questions regarding knowledge of the regional water plan, prospects for water conservation, and estimated implementation dates. Potential questions include:

1. Are you familiar with the 2006 Brazos G Regional Water Plan and/or the 2007 State Water Plan?
2. If yes to #1, do you know what level of water conservation has been recommended for your entity (utility, municipality, etc.)?
3. On a scale of 1 to 5, how would you characterize the recommended level of conservation for your entity (1 being very easy and/or inexpensive to implement, 5 being unrealistic and/or too expensive)?
4. What plans do you have, or are considering, to promote water conservation in the future?
5. Do you have an implementation schedule for water conservation initiatives?
6. At what time do you think your entity might be able to quantify the effectiveness of water conservation strategies?

TPWD staff believes that answers to these questions will be helpful to the planning group and will also allow the planning group to better schedule and execute task #6 in the future.

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Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 512-912-7034 (512-389-8734 after May 19) or dan.opdyke@tpwd.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Opdyke", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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