

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – April 17, 2009

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**BRAZOS G REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP (REGION G)
SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR NEW VOTING MEMBERS**

The Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group (Brazos G) is soliciting nominations for three (3) voting members representing various interests in the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Area. Nominations will be accepted until **5:00 pm, Friday, June 19, 2009**. In selecting a voting member for each vacancy, the Brazos G Group will consider a number of factors, including the nominee's qualifications to represent the interest category, willingness to devote the time necessary to participate in the Regional Water Planning process, and willingness to abide by the [Bylaws](#). The Brazos G voting members will strive to achieve geographic, ethnic, and gender diversity. Nominees are invited to visit the Brazos G website at www.brazosgwater.org for additional information including this press release, the [new member application form](#) and a [current member hometown map](#).

The three (3) voting member vacancies are defined as follows:

- Two (2) voting member vacancy representing '**Municipalities**' defined by the Texas Water Code, §16.053 (c) "as governments of cities created or organized under the general, home-rule, or special laws of the state"
- One (1) voting member vacancy representing the interest of '**Water Districts**' defined by the Texas Water Code, §16.053 (c) as "any districts or authorities, created under authority of either Texas Constitution, Article III, §52(b)(1) and (2), or Article XVI, §59 including districts having the authority to regulate the spacing of or production from water wells, but not including river authorities"

Terms: The new voting members shall be filling terms that expire at the last meeting of calendar year 2009; and thereafter, shall be eligible to serve a maximum of five (5) consecutive two-year terms.

Meetings: In order to provide a smooth transition into the Brazos G Group, the newly elected voting members will be required to attend all Brazos G meetings, including orientation session(s), prior to their official appointment date which will begin with the last meeting of calendar year 2009.

Travel Expenses: Brazos G members are not compensated for their services by the State of Texas. If eligible, travel expenses for voting members may be reimbursed in accordance with rules adopted by the [Texas Water Development Board](#) as funds are available.

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Nominee packets shall include the following:

- New Member Application Form
- Resume
- Support Letters – maximum of six (6) recommended

Nomination packets should be mailed to the following address and will be accepted until **5:00 pm, Friday, June 19, 2009.**

Brazos G RWPG Executive Committee
c/o Trey Buzbee
Brazos River Authority
P.O. Box 7555
Waco, Texas 76714-7555

The Executive Committee will have thirty (30) days to review the packets received and will schedule a meeting shortly thereafter to discuss and recommend nominees to the Brazos G Group at their next regularly scheduled meeting. Nominees will be asked to attend these meetings to answer any questions and to meet the Brazos G members.

What is Brazos G?:

In accordance with Senate Bill 1 passed during the 75th Texas Legislative Session, the [Texas Water Development Board](#) (TWDB) in Austin was authorized to divide the state into [16 regional water planning areas](#). The Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group (Brazos G) is one of the regional planning groups established by the TWDB to develop a regional water plan. Brazos G has been working since 1998 to develop a comprehensive regional water plan for its [37-County planning area](#), which extends generally along the Brazos River from Kent, Stonewall and Knox Counties in the Northwest to Washington and Lee Counties in the Southeast.

The regional water plans provide for the orderly development, management, and conservation of water resources, and include drought preparation and response. The goal of the planning process is to assure that sufficient water will be available at a reasonable cost to ensure public health, safety and welfare, further economic development and protect agricultural and natural resources.

The first regional water plans were submitted to the State in [January 2001](#) and were compiled to form the State Water Plan in January 2002. The water plans identify current water supplies and future estimates of water demands. In cases where future demands are greater than existing supply sources, strategies are evaluated and recommended to meet the identified needs. State law requires that the regional water plans be updated every 5 years. The Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group just completed the development of its [2006 Brazos G Regional Water Plan](#). The 2006 Plan built upon the 2001 Plan to reflect new or changed conditions. Brazos G has submitted a [2011 grant application](#) to the TWDB for the third round of regional water planning.

The Brazos G Regional Water Planning Area has 37 counties which include Bell, Bosque, Brazos, Burleson, Callahan, Comanche, Coryell, Eastland, Erath, Falls, Fisher, Grimes, Hamilton, Haskell, Hill, Hood, Johnson, Jones, Kent, Knox, Lampasas, Lee, Limestone, McLennan, Milam, Nolan, Palo Pinto, Robertson, Shackelford, Somervell, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, Throckmorton, Washington, Williamson and Young.