

Trey:

The BGRWPG is scheduled to meet on August 19th in Waco at your BRA offices. Among the agenda items is a discussion and possible action regarding special requests to allow west Texas [Brazos basin] suppliers/providers to use 2 year safe yield rather than one year safe yield.

District staff and City of Abilene staff have visited and involved our engineering consultants to evaluate this circumstance and determine our interest in making a request to the Planning Group to allow our future plans to be based on the 2 year rather than the one year safe yield. With the understanding that Abilene is in the process of making this request on behalf of Lake Fort Phantom Hill, the District would also like similar consideration for Hubbard Creek Reservoir.

Justification for this request will need to be more fully developed as the possible approval process moves through Brazos G RWPG and potentially on to the Texas Water Development Board. Initially, my feeling is that climatic variability has demonstrated that historically estimated safe yield numbers have failed to adequately support the various west Texas suppliers withdrawals from our reservoirs and, rather than describe our historical actions as using 2-year safe yield, we have simply "re-rated" our supplies to reduced numbers. This is specifically the case in the matter of Ivie Reservoir where Abilene, the District and CRMWD are partners. So, basically, the reason I believe Hubbard should be "rated" in the Brazos G plan at a 2-year safe yield is because of future hydrologic uncertainty. Hopefully, we are seeing a growing state-wide/national trend to accept this circumstance even if the "cause" remains less certain as between human and natural causes.

In support of these opportunities [Brazos G agenda item re case by case use of 2 year safe yield], the District hereby requests a place on the BGRWPG's August 19th agenda to request the Planning Groups approval to include Hubbard Creek Reservoir in the next regional water plan with a 2-year safe yield. It is likely that e-HT Engineers, Mr. Scott Hibbs, will make a presentation on behalf of both Abilene and the District concerning these matters. Please let me know about any specific/formal requirements that should be addressed in order to acquire and adequately represent our interest at the upcoming meeting.

Thanks for your attention to this matter critical to long term water supply planning for west central Texas. Your responses will help map our progress to adequate water for the future.

Sincerely,

/s/ David

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