

Trey,

On behalf of the City of Waco, and in response to your email of September 4, please forward the following recommendations to the Water Policy Committee:

That the Committee recommend to the Brazos G RWPG that it affirmatively make legislative and policy recommendations to the TWDB and the Texas Legislature, pursuant to the provisions of TWDB regulations at 31 TAC 357.7.

That the Committee recommend to the Brazos G RWPG that it adopt policy recommendations related to integrating water quality and water supply considerations, and furthering watershed planning/source water protection measures, by local, state and federal agencies. The Brazos G Water Plan identifies water supplies necessary to meet projected demands in the region. These supplies, whether existing or proposed, are presumed to have a water quality that will enable them to be utilized to meet municipal, industrial, agricultural, and recreational demands. The 2006 State Water Plan identifies over \$1 Billion of capital costs to implement the recommended water management strategies included in the Brazos G Water Plan. The Brazos G RWPG should recommend to the TWDB and the Legislature that i) maintenance of surface and ground water quality be included as a "recommended water management strategy" for the Brazos G planning area, ii) all regulatory agencies having jurisdiction over water quality in the Brazos G planning area, including the TCEQ, make regulatory and permitting decisions that will ensure protection of surface and ground water quality, so that such resources may be utilized for beneficial purposes, and iii) such regulatory agencies will oppose any practice or action that could adversely affect surface or ground water quality, to the extent that such intended uses may be made of such supplies. These measures are critical if the water supplies currently available in the Region G planning area are to be protected. Further, as the State Water Plan identifies additional water management strategies having over \$1 Billion of capital costs in the Brazos G planning area to meet projected water demands over the 50-year planning period, preserving the ability to make beneficial use of existing supplies is even more critical.

That the Committee recommend to the Brazos G RWPG that it adopt a policy recommendation supporting a dedicated funding source/revenue stream for implementing recommended water management strategies included in the State Water Plan. Such source/stream should be utilized by the TWDB to issue long term debt that can be used by political subdivisions to fund recommended water management strategies in the Brazos G Regional Water Plan.

The City of Waco appreciates this opportunity to afford these recommendations. If you have questions or wish to discuss same, please call me at your earliest convenience. I apologize for not sending these recommendations Friday as you had requested.

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City of Waco