



### ***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 directed to divide the state into 16 regional water planning areas for which long-range water plans would be developed every five years. Each planning area is led by a regional water planning group to develop the regional plan. The **Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group (Brazos G)** is one of these groups, and its membership is comprised of representatives from a variety of interest groups, including cities, counties, water districts, industry, agriculture, the environment, and the public. The goal of the planning process is to assure that sufficient water will be available in the planning area at a reasonable cost to ensure public health, safety and welfare, further economic development and protect agricultural and natural resources.

The first Brazos G Regional Water Plan (Brazos G Plan) was submitted to the state in January 2001 and became part of the 2002 State Water Plan. The 2006 Brazos G Plan was accepted and became part of the 2007 State Water Plan. Brazos G is currently working to complete the 2011 Brazos G Plan, which will become part of the 2012 State Water Plan.

The current (2006) Brazos G Regional Water Plan can be viewed at the Brazos G website at the following link:

<http://www.brazosgwater.org/229.html>

The Brazos G Regional Water Planning Area includes **Water User Groups (WUGs)**<sup>i</sup> and **Wholesale Water Providers (WWPs)**<sup>ii</sup> from the following 37 counties: 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.

### ***Who coordinates regional water planning activities for Brazos G?***

Brazos G selected the Brazos River Authority (BRA) as the political subdivision charged with day-to-day administration of Brazos G. The BRA is also a stakeholder in the regional water planning process. HDR Engineering, Inc. was selected by Brazos G as its lead consulting firm.

### ***What is the purpose of the sub-regional meetings?***

- Present draft plans for WUGs and WWPs that will be included in the 2011 Initially Prepared Brazos G Regional Water Plan (2011 Initially Prepared Plan)

- Obtain public comments on the draft plans for the WUGs and WWPs to be included in the 2011 Initially Prepared Plan
- Provide a greater opportunity for public involvement in the water planning process
- Discuss the path forward toward approval of the 2011 Initially Prepared Plan

***What is the timeline for final development of the 2011 Brazos G Plan?***

- **Present draft plans at Brazos G Sub-regional meetings:**
  - January 12, 2010 – Abilene, Texas
  - January 13, 2010 – Waco, Texas
  - January 14, 2010 – College Station, Texas
- **February 3, 2010**
  - Brazos G to address comments from sub-regional meetings
  - Brazos G to approve the 2011 Initially Prepared Plan for submission to TWDB
- **March 1, 2010** – deadline for submission of the 2011 Initially Prepared Plan to TWDB
- **March 2010** – publish 30 day legal notice for public hearing on 2011 Initially Prepared Plan
- **April 2010** – Public hearing on 2011 Initially Prepared Plan followed by 60 day public comment period
- **July/August 2010** – Brazos G Group reviews all comments received on 2011 Initially Prepared Plan; each comment will be addressed in the final plan submitted to the TWDB
- **September 1, 2010** – Submit final 2011 Brazos G Regional Water Plan to the TWDB

***Questions on Brazos G***

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<sup>i</sup> **Water User Groups (WUGs)** – Retail water utilities serving populations of 500 persons or greater, as well as non-municipal water demands (irrigation, manufacturing, livestock, steam-electric, mining) aggregated on a county-wide basis.

<sup>ii</sup> **Wholesale Water Providers (WWPs)** – Any person or entity, including river authorities and irrigation districts, that has contracts to sell more than 1000 acre-feet of water wholesale in any one year during the five years immediately preceding the adoption of the last regional water plan. The regional water planning groups shall include as wholesale water providers other persons and entities that enter or that the regional water planning group expects or recommends to enter contracts to sell more than 1000 acre-feet of water wholesale during the period covered by the plan.