

Public Comments received at the April 28th, 2010 Public Hearing on the Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group - "Region K" - Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) – held at the Thompson Conference Center on the University of Texas at Austin campus.

Chairman John Burke asked if there were any public comments on the IPP.

Mr. Pat Dixon, City Council Liaison for the City of Lago Vista came to the microphone and stated his name and comment: Mr. Dixon had looked at a detailed study several months ago on methods to increase water availability and one of those methods was brush removal and it seemed to be a large contributor. However Mr. Dixon did not see any reference in the IPP to brush control and was curious as to whether he had missed it or if it was considered not beneficial.

Chairman Burke responded that brush control is controversial as to the amount of water it does save and difficult to quantify how much is actually saved. Chairman Burke mentioned having seen first hand the impressive results at the Bamberger Ranch but that it is hard to obtain funding for brush removal adding that some ranchers do it on their own and they may have access to some federal funding but it is hard to put an acre-foot amount to it. Chairman Burke said it is a viable option but that it is expensive.

There were no further public comments.