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ATTACHMENT A

Texas Water Development Board Comments

Texas Water Development Board

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August 6, 2015

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Re: Texas Water Development Board Comments on the Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group (Region K) Initially Prepared Plan, Contract No. 1148301322

Dear Mr. Burke and Ms. Bondy:

Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) staff completed a review of the Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) submitted by May 1, 2015 on behalf of the Region K Regional Water Planning Group. The attached comments follow this format:

- **Level 1:** Comments, questions, and online regional water planning database revisions that must be satisfactorily addressed in order to meet statutory, agency rule, and/or contract requirements; and,
- **Level 2:** Comments and suggestions for consideration that may improve the readability and overall understanding of the regional water plan.

The TWDB's statutory requirement for review of potential interregional conflicts under Title 31 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §357.62 will not be completed until submittal and review of adopted regional water plans. However, as previously requested by our Executive Administrator, please inform TWDB in advance of your final plan if your planning group believes that an interregional conflict exists. Additionally, subsequent review will be performed as the planning group completes its data entry into the regional water planning database (DB17). If issues arise during our ongoing data review, they will be communicated promptly to the planning group to resolve.

Our Mission	:	Board Members
To provide leadership, information, education, and support for planning, financial assistance, and outreach for the conservation and responsible development of water for Texas	:	Bech Bruun, Chairman Carlos Rubinstein, Member Kathleen Jackson, Member
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Title 31 TAC§357.50(d) requires the regional water planning group to consider timely agency and public comment. Section 357.50(e) requires the final adopted plan include summaries of all timely written and oral comments received, along with a response explaining any resulting revisions or why changes are not warranted. Copies of TWDB's Level 1 and 2 written comments and the region's responses must be included in the final, adopted regional water plan. While the comments included in this letter represent TWDB's review to date, please anticipate the need to respond to additional comments regarding data integrity, including any water source overallocations, in the regional water planning database (DB17) once data entry is completed by the region.

Standard to all planning groups is the need to include certain content in the final regional water plans that was not yet available at the time that IPPs were prepared and submitted. In your final regional water plan, however please be sure to also incorporate the following:

- a) Completed results from the regional planning group's infrastructure financing survey (IFR) for sponsors of recommended projects with capital costs [31 TAC §357.44];
- b) Completed results from the implementation survey [31 TAC §357.45(a)];
- c) The socioeconomic impact evaluation provided by TWDB at the request of the planning group [31 TAC §357.33(c)];
- d) Documentation that comments received on the IPP were considered in the development of the final plan [31 TAC §357.50(d)];
- e) Evidence, such as a certification, that the final, adopted regional water plan is complete and adopted by the planning group [31 TAC §357.50(j)(1)]; and,
- f) The required DB17 reports, as made available by TWDB, in the executive summary or elsewhere in the plan as specified in the Contract [31 TAC §357.50(e)(2)(B), *Contract Scope of Work Task 4D(p), Contract Exhibit 'C', Table 2*]. Please ensure that the numerical values presented in the tables throughout the final, adopted regional water plan are consistent with the data provided in DB17. For the purpose of development of the 2017 State Water Plan, water management strategy and other data entered by the regional water group in DB17 (and as presented in the regional plan) shall take precedence over any conflicting data presented in the final regional water plan [*Contract Exhibit 'C', Sections 12.1.3. and 12.2.2*].

The following items must accompany, separately, the submission of the final, adopted regional water plan:

- The prioritized list of all recommended projects in the regional water plan [*Texas Water Code 15.436(a), Contract Scope of Work Task 13*]; and,
- Any remaining hydrologic modeling files or GIS files that may not have been provided at the time of the submission of the IPP but that were used in developing the final plan. [31 TAC §357.50(e)(2)(C), *Contract Exhibit 'C', Section 12.2.1; Contract Scope of Work Task 3-III-13*]

Note that provision of certain content in an electronic-only form is permissible as follows: Internet links are permissible as a method for including model conservation and drought contingency plans within the final regional water plan; hydrologic modeling files may be submitted as electronic appendices, however

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all other regional water plan appendices should be incorporated in hard copy format within each plan [31 TAC §357.50(e)(2)(C), *Contract Scope of Work Task 5e, Contract Exhibit 'C', Section 12.2.1*].

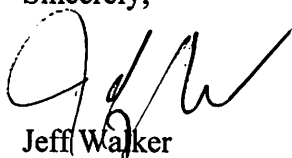
The following general requirements that apply to recommended water management strategies must be adhered to in all final regional water plans including:

- Regional water plans must not include any strategies or costs that are associated with simply maintaining existing water supplies or replacing existing infrastructure. Plans may include only infrastructure costs that are associated with volumetric increases of treated water supplies delivered to water user groups or that result in more efficient use of existing supplies [31 TAC §357.10(28), §357.34(d)(3)(A), *Contract Exhibit 'C', Section 5.1.2.2, Section 5.1.2.3*]; and,
- Regional water plans must not include any retail distribution-level infrastructure costs (other than those costs related to conservation strategies such as water loss reduction) [31 TAC §357.10(28), §357.34(d)(3)(A), *Contract Exhibit 'C', Section 5.1.2.3*].

To facilitate efficient and timely completion, and Board approval, of your final regional water plan, please provide your TWDB project manager with early drafts of your responses to these IPP comments for preliminary review and feedback.

If you have any questions regarding these comments or would like to discuss your approach to addressing any of these comments, please do not hesitate to contact Temple McKinnon at (512) 475-2057. TWDB staff will be available to assist you in any way possible to ensure successful completion of your final regional water plan.

Sincerely,



Jeff Walker
Deputy Executive Administrator
Water Supply and Infrastructure

Attachments

cc w/att: Ms. Jaime Burke, AECOM, Inc.

TWDB Comments on the Initially Prepared 2016 Lower Colorado (Region K) Regional Water Plan

Level 1: Comments and questions must be satisfactorily addressed in order to meet statutory, agency/rule, and/or contract requirements.

1. Please describe how publicly available plans of major agricultural, municipal, manufacturing and commercial water users were considered in the final, adopted regional water plan. *[31 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §357.22(a)(4)]*
2. Please provide a statement regarding any water availability requirements promulgated by a county commissioners court pursuant to Texas Water Code (TWC) §35.019, which in Region K applies to the Blanco, Gillespie, Hays, and Travis County Priority Groundwater Management Areas. *[31 TAC §357.22(a)(6)]*
3. Please indicate how the planning group considered the regionalization of water and wastewater services in the final, adopted regional water plan. *[31 TAC §357.22(a)(10)]*
4. Section 1.2.4: Chapter 1 includes a general discussion of agricultural and natural resources and notes that the water supply needs of agriculture and natural resources are directly influenced by the quantity and quality of water, but does not appear to specifically identify each threat, if any, to agriculture and natural resources. The plan also does not appear to include a discussion of how each threat will be addressed or affected by the water management strategies evaluated in the plan. Please include a discussion of each threat to agricultural and natural resources and a discussion of how that threat will be addressed or affected by the water management strategies evaluated in the final, adopted regional water plan. *[31 TAC §357.30(12)]*
5. Please clarify how the run-of-river availabilities were calculated for municipal water users to ensure that all monthly demands are fully met for the entire simulation of the unmodified Texas Commission on Environmental Quality WAM Run 3 in the final, adopted regional water plan. *[Contract Exhibit 'C', Section 3.4]*
6. The plan does not appear to state whether water supplies based upon contracted agreements were assumed to renew upon contract termination or if the contract contemplates renewal or extensions. Please present contractual supply assumptions regarding contract renewals, extensions and or terms as they relate to a source of supply in the final, adopted regional water plan. *[31 TAC §357.32(f)]*
7. Chapter 7: Please indicate how the planning group considered relevant recommendations from the Drought Preparedness Council (a letter was provided to planning groups with relevant recommendations in November 2014) in the final, adopted regional water plan. *[31 TAC §357.42(h)]*
8. Volume II, Section 5.2, beginning page 5-2: The plan references environmental analyses performed for the development of the 2011 Region K regional water plan but does not include the information in the 2016 plan. Additionally, in some instances, the plan does not appear to include a quantitative reporting of environmental factors. For example,

- strategy evaluations 5.2.2.4 (Irrigation Conservation), 5.2.3.1.10 (LCRA Off-Channel Reservoirs), and 5.2.5.2 (Construct Goldthwaite Channel Dam) do not appear to include quantified environmental factors. Additionally, Appendix 5A, Potentially Feasible Water Management Strategy Screening Table presents a qualitative numeric scale but it is unclear if the scale is based upon quantitative data. Please include quantitative reporting in the final, adopted regional water plan. *[31 TAC §357.34 (d)(3)(b)]*
9. Volume II, Section 5.2, beginning page 5-2: The plan in some instances, does not appear to include a quantitative reporting of impacts to agricultural resources. For example, strategy evaluations 5.2.5.2 (Construct Goldthwaite Channel Dam), 5.2.3.1.3 (LCRA Amendments to Run-of-River Rights), 5.2.3.1.10 (LCRA Off-Channel Reservoirs) do not appear to include quantified impacts to agricultural resources, even if there is no impact. Additionally, Table 5-2 presents a qualitative numeric scoring scale but it is unclear if the scale is based upon quantitative data. Please include quantitative reporting in the final, adopted regional water plan. *[31 TAC §357.34(d)(3)(C)]*
 10. Volume II, Strategies 5.2.4.5.1 (Recommended WMS) and 5.3.1.2 (Alternative WMS): The plan does not include discussion of the provisions in TWC §11.085(k)(1) for the "Buena Vista Regional Project" and "Import Return Flows from Williamson County" water management strategies, which appear to require interbasin transfer permits. Please include discussion of these provisions, including a summation of the water needs in the basin of origin and receiving basin, or explain if not applicable, in the final, adopted regional water plan. *[31 TAC §357.34(d)(6)]*
 11. Volume II, Strategies 5.2.4.5.1 (Recommended WMS) and 5.3.1.2 (Alternative WMS): The plan does not appear to include consideration given to the highest practicable level of water conservation achievable by water users as relates to interbasin transfer water management strategies. Please include this consideration and document in the final, adopted regional water plan. *[31 TAC §357.34(f)(2)(C)]*
 12. Volume II, Sections 5.2.4.8, 7.6.2, and 7.63: The plan does not include associated triggers to initiate each of the recommended and alternative drought management strategies. Please include triggers for the associated strategies in the final, adopted regional water plan. *[31 TAC §357.42(f)(1)(2)]*
 13. Volume II, Sections 5.3.1.3: The plan includes an alternative water management strategy entitled "Supplement Bay and Estuary Inflows with Brackish Groundwater" that is labeled as a drought management strategy but appears to produce a water volume instead of managing water demand. The alternative strategy is also not associated with a strategy providing water supply to, or demand management of, any water user group (WUGs) or wholesale water provider (WWPs) and does not appear to meet any WUG needs identified in the plan. Strategies and projects, considered and recommended, including any associated capital costs, must be for the purpose of providing water supply to WUGs and WWPs. Assuming these issues are not satisfactorily addressed and resolved, please remove this alternative strategy and the associated costs from the final, adopted regional water plan. *[31 TAC §357.10(9),(29), and (30); 31 TAC §357.31, §357.32, §357.33 (by reference); 31 TAC §357.34(a), (b), (d)(3)(A), (e); Contract Exhibit 'D', Section 5.3]*

14. Volume II, Section 5.3.1.3: It is unclear if this alternative water management strategy to supplement Bay and Estuary Inflows with Brackish Groundwater would rely on or mutually exclude another recommended strategy. If such relationships exist, please account for how the strategy interactions impact the estimated water availability and yield associated with each impacted water management strategy in the final, adopted regional water plan. [*Contract Exhibit 'C', Section 3.4.2*]
15. Volume II, Section 7.5: The plan does not identify the 'severe' and 'critical' conditions of triggers and stages in its recommended drought triggers and responses. Please associate 'severe' and 'critical' to the recommended triggers in the final, adopted regional water plan. [*Contract Exhibit 'C', Section 7.4*]
16. The technical evaluations of the water management strategies do not appear to estimate water losses from the associated strategies. Please include an estimate of water losses in the final, adopted regional water plan, for example as an estimated percent loss. [*31 TAC §357.34(d)(3)(A); Contract Exhibit 'C', Section 5.1.1*]

Level 2: Comments and suggestions for consideration that may improve the readability and overall understanding of the regional water plan.
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1. Appendix 5A: Please consider numbering tables in Appendices and throughout the report in the final, adopted regional water plan.
2. Volume II, Page 5-13: Reference is provided to “Table xx” and “Section 5.xx.” Please consider completing this reference in the final, adopted regional water plan.
3. Volume II, Page 8-19, Sections 8.2 and 8.3: The plan is unclear in stating that there are “no new” stream segments or potential reservoir sites recommended for unique designation. Please consider clarifying whether or not any stream segments or reservoir sites are recommended by the Region K planning group for designation in the final, adopted regional water plan.

ATTACHMENT B

Texas Parks and Wildlife Comments



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September 11, 2015

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Re: Review of Region K Lower Colorado Region Initially Prepared Water Plan

Dear Mr. Burke:

Thank you for seeking review and comment from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department ("TPWD") on the 2016 Initially Prepared Regional Water Plan (IPP) for the Region K Lower Colorado River Region K. As you know, water impacts every aspect of TPWD's mission to manage and conserve the natural and cultural resources of Texas. As the agency charged with primary responsibility for protecting the state's fish and wildlife resources, TPWD is positioned to provide technical assistance during the water planning process. Although TPWD has limited regulatory authority over the use of state waters, TPWD is committed to working with stakeholders and others to provide science-based information during the water planning process intended to avoid or minimize impacts to state fish and wildlife resources.

TPWD understands that regional water planning groups are guided by 31 TAC §357 when preparing regional water plans. These water planning rules spell out requirements related to natural resource and environmental protection. Accordingly, TPWD staff reviewed the IPP with a focus on the following questions:

- Does the IPP include a quantitative reporting of environmental factors including the effects on environmental water needs and habitat?
- Does the IPP include a description of natural resources and threats to natural resources due to water quantity or quality problems?
- Does the IPP discuss how these threats will be addressed?
- Does the IPP describe how it is consistent with long-term protection of natural resources?
- Does the IPP include water conservation as a water management strategy?
- Does the IPP include Drought Contingency Plans?
- Does the IPP recommend any stream segments be nominated as ecologically unique?
- If the IPP includes strategies identified in the 2010 regional water plan, does it address concerns raised by TPWD in connection with the 2010 Water Plan.

The population of the Region K Lower Colorado Water Planning Area (LCRWPA) is estimated to nearly double to over 3.2 million by 2070. Water needs are expected to increase by about 24 percent to 1.45 million acre-feet per year by 2070. Under current conditions, a total of approximately 1.25 million acre-feet of water is available annually to the LCRWPA under drought of record (DOR) conditions. Of this amount, approximately 74 percent is from surface water sources and 26 percent is from groundwater sources. Demands for municipal, manufacturing, and steam-electric generation are anticipated to increase due to population growth and economic activity while other water demand categories, including agriculture, are projected to decline.

The IPP includes a brief description of natural resources in the LCRWPA including vegetation areas and lists of species of special concern. In addition, information on environmental flows for the lower Colorado River as identified in the LCRA's Water Management Plan (WMP) and by the Colorado/Lavaca Basin and Bay Stakeholder Committee (BBASC) formed for the purpose of addressing environmental flow needs by Senate Bill 3 (2007) is discussed. The IPP includes limited information on characteristic fish and wildlife species, spring systems, and groundwater/surface water interactions in the region. Such information would be useful in understanding the impacts of selected water management strategies on fish and wildlife species, water quality, and water-based recreation in the region.

To meet the increasing demands, the Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group (LCRWPG) recommends a number of water management strategies that include reuse, new off-channel reservoirs, conservation, amendments to existing water rights and contracts, aquifer storage and recovery, drought management, and expanded use of groundwater. The identified strategies will have varying degrees of effect on fish and wildlife resources, environmental flows, and spring systems. The Lower Colorado Region IPP addresses quantitative reporting of environmental factors as required by 31 T.A.C. §357.7(a)(8)(A) by analyzing potential impacts from water management strategies to flow levels identified in the LCRA Water Management Plan and/or the newly adopted environmental flow standards for providing for environmental flow needs. However, the environmental analyses would benefit from more thorough explanation, quantification where appropriate, and interpretation to better explain potential flow impacts from the proposed strategies.

As pointed out in the IPP, many of the recommended water management strategies that will impact the Colorado River and Matagorda Bay utilize water under existing water rights, or utilize water such as wastewater effluent that was already assumed to be used 100 percent under the required surface water availability modeling guidelines, making it difficult to determine quantifiable impacts of those strategies on environmental flows. However, this difficulty should not be interpreted as meaning that there will be no impacts. Changing use patterns, increased and full use of existing water rights, and dependence on return flows as strategies will invariably affect hydrologic flow regimes, instream flows, and freshwater inflows into Matagorda Bay. Issues with use of Water Availability Model (WAM) Run3 in environmental analyses and water planning should be discussed during the next planning cycle.

Of the recommended water management strategies, use of return flows and additional off-channel reservoirs are likely to exert the largest influence on instream flows and bay and estuary inflows. While TPWD generally supports reuse of return flows as a water management strategy, these return flows do provide a consistent source of flow in the river. According to the IPP, "Return flows provide a positive impact to the instream flows as they travel downstream to a diversion point. A potential diversion point for LCRA for these downstream return flows is the proposed Mid-Basin Reservoir project diversion point. Environmental impacts beyond the diversion point would be minimal." Since these major strategies were identified late in the planning cycle, there was less time for full deliberation and assessment of potential environmental impacts. TPWD believes that the potential exists for environmental effects to Matagorda Bay from diminished flows in the river due to the exercise of individual and cumulative strategies. Though not always possible, sufficient time should be allocated in the future for consideration of major strategies.

On a positive note, some recommended strategies may aid in balancing peak demands for surface water and groundwater, allow for a more efficient use of water for all needs including environmental, and delay or eliminate the need for more environmentally damaging strategies. Aggressive water conservation strategies and goals are identified as a significant strategy for municipal, industrial, and agricultural users. TPWD agrees that conservation strategies must be a part of future water planning and are preferred alternatives to large-scale water development projects. It is noted that the RWPG is not following the state recommendation to reduce per capita consumption 1 percent per year until Texas Water Conservation Task Force goal of 140 gallons per capita per day (gpcd) is met as was done in the 2010 IPP. Instead the 2016 IPP recommends a 1 percent reduction per year for Water User Groups (WUGs) with over 200 gpcd and a 0.5 percent reduction per year for utilities with between 140 - 200 gpcd. TPWD supports retention of the 1 percent reduction for all WUGs with greater than 140 gpcd. TPWD commends the LCRWPG for including drought management as a strategy in the current IPP. Expansion of the use of drought contingency plans by all WUGs as a strategy in this plan is strongly supported by TPWD.

While a number of water supply strategies are evaluated for potential environmental impacts, several alternative strategies have been proposed for the region. For many of the alternative strategies sufficient detail is lacking to conduct a meaningful environmental assessment, even for planning purposes. TPWD recommends that more information be developed for the alternative strategies so that their true viability and environmental effects can be investigated. In addition, TPWD suggests that the LCRWPG have a rigorous discussion during the next planning cycle on the need and ramifications of 'over' planning to meet future water supply deficits. Deliberations during the current planning process were informative, but additional discussion is needed.

Although the IPP does not recommend nomination of any stream segments as ecologically unique, it does state that further study may be warranted in future Lower Colorado Regional Water Plans. If the LCRWPG decides to pursue designation of a stream segment as ecologically unique, TPWD would be willing to assist with the preparation of a recommendation packet as identified in T.A.C. §357.8.

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TPWD agrees with many of the policy recommendations included in the IPP. The recommendations consistently recognize the importance of instream flows and freshwater inflows in planning for the management of water resources in Texas. The policies are not only explicitly related to environmental flows, but also to groundwater/surface water interaction and modeling, groundwater and conjunctive use, interbasin transfers, reuse, and education.

TPWD commends the LCRWPG for producing such a thorough and comprehensive IPP. The work to balance competing demands, users, and availability in development of a usable regional water plan should be lauded. TPWD also greatly appreciates the group's providing the TPWD representative opportunities to participate and engage the group at planning group and subcommittee meetings. Thank you for your consideration of these comments. TPWD looks forward to continuing to work with the planning group to develop water supply strategies that not only meet the future water supply needs of the region but also preserve the ecological health of the region's aquatic resources. Please contact Cindy Loeffler at (512) 389-8715 if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



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cc: Robin Riechers, Division Director, Coastal Fisheries Division, TPWD
David Bradsby, Coastal Fisheries Division, TPWD

ATTACHMENT C

Comments from IPP Public Meeting in Burnet on June 25, 2015



LOWER COLORADO REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP

Public Meeting Registration Card

Name: TOM ANKENBAUER Date: 25 June 2015

Representing: SMITH RANCH ESTATES - COLORADO RIVER

Address: 209 LANDON DRIVE City, St., Zip: LAMARAS, TX 76550

Phone Number: (512) 564-1728 Fax Number: () _____

Do you wish to make a statement? Yes No

Are you an elected official? Yes No Describe: _____

Written Comments: Against the channel DAM on the Colorado R.

- LCRA Hydromet for Lake Buchanan currently sits AT 52% CAPACITY
- Region is still AT a drought level.
- Goldthwait has you to adequately address or fix their SUB-SURFACE well capacity - Need to drill wells
- Colorado River Levels Need to support down stream requirements.
- O.P. Leonard is already diverting recorded levels of water for irrigation of Pecan Groves
- No confirmation as to what size the DAM (channel) will be or how much water will be diverted for storage.

Region K Public Meeting

June 25, 2015

PERSONAL

- Our family owns a small recreational ranch on the Colorado River downstream of the proposed dam. The Colorado River is our only source of drinking water.
- The wildlife on our property consists mostly of our 17 grandchildren.

TWO ISSUES

- The need of the City of Goldthwaite to have a plentiful, safe water supply
- The desire of a farmer to build a dam to irrigate at least 365 acres of pecan trees
- Although these two issues are different, they tend to get connected and confused.

GOLDTHWAITE'S WATER SUPPLY NEEDS

- After the awful drought in 2011, Goldthwaite decided to get serious about taking action to meet its water needs:
 - City Manager Rob Lindsey announced a three-pronged strategy:
 - Drill new wells
 - Purchase and transport water from the City of San Saba
 - Build an in-channel dam--this idea had been around since 2007 when SB 675 listed the Goldthwaite Channel Dam as one of 19 feasible sites for new reservoirs in Texas
 - Goldthwaite did a great job accomplishing the first two goals. Under the direction of Manager Lindsey and Mayor Mike McMahan, Goldthwaite drilled several wells.
 - In an October 12, 2011 edition of the Goldthwaite Eagle, Lindsay reported that the new wells were producing about 170 gpm (or about 274 acre-feet annually).
 - Next, Goldthwaite negotiated an agreement with the City of San Saba to purchase 245-acre feet of water each year for a 25-year period.
 - Then, Goldthwaite received funding of \$1,480,000 from the Texas Water Development Board to help with pipeline costs. Goldthwaite also received "\$620,000 in debt forgiveness" according to an article in the 2015 Mills County Visitor's Guide
 - With the new wells and the San Saba Water, Goldthwaite has about 519 acre-feet of water annually. This is in addition to the water Goldthwaite has historically taken from their existing Colorado River Pump Station.
 - For those of you who prefer gallons as a unit of measure instead of acre-feet , 519 acre-feet per year translates into about 247 gallons per day for every man, woman and child in Goldthwaite. The average in the U. S. is about 150 gallons per day per person.

- So, is 519 acre-feet per year enough for Goldthwaite? The current draft of the Region K Water Plan states that Goldthwaite's demands are about 361 acre-feet in 2020, rising to 407 acre-feet in 2070----well below the 519 acre-feet currently available.
 - Based on this, it appears Goldthwaite's water needs are secured for a very long time and, in fact, the City acknowledged this in an article in its 2015 Visitors Guide.
- PECAN FARMER'S DESIRES
 - This issue is important because the farmer currently has an application pending at TCEQ, the City of Goldthwaite has stated an interest in collaborating with the farmer to build the dam and the farmer's project continues to be included in Region K draft plans.
 - The proposed in-channel dam will cost more than \$3 million and could receive public funding IF the project (in any form with any name) remains in the Region K Plan.
 - The dam would benefit the farmer and 11 nearby landowners. It would also serve as back-up source for Goldthwaite which, based on the numbers previously discussed, is NOT needed now or in the foreseeable future.
 - Pecan farmer has an opportunity to implement effective conservation projects (such as subsurface drip irrigation, etc.) to minimize his water needs. Until this is done and all the other issues around this building the dam are resolved, it seems wasteful and unwise to dedicate any more public or private resources to this project.

Others will speak tonight about the damage this in-channel dam will do to our precious river, to the wildlife, to the downstream landowners who rely on the river for livestock and domestic purposes and to those with water rights, some of which are senior to the farmer's.

One final thought. The regional planning groups have a tradition of including all projects requested by any municipality. This seems reasonable if a project is justified and doesn't have a detrimental effect on other downstream municipalities. In this case, however, Goldthwaite's needs appear to be more than adequately met. And, the proposed dam will reduce downstream flows for everyone, including the millions on people living downstream who rely on municipal water sources.

For all these reasons, I encourage the Planning Group to exclude this dam from its final plan.

Ann McElroy

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City of Goldthwaite Secures Plentiful, Safe Water Supply

The \$2.1 million water supply line project, stretching from Mill Creek near San Saba to Goldthwaite is now nearly complete, providing an ample backup water supply to Goldthwaite.

Whitney Underground Utilities, out of Valley Mills, installed about 68,000 linear feet of the 10-inch pipe that will bring raw (untreated) water into the City of Goldthwaite's water system, Lindsey said.

The project is part of a three-prong approach that City Council decided to move forward with in 2011, after water supply in the city got dangerously low following a record drought year.

"In 2011, Council started to pursue longer term solutions to meet the water supply needs of the City of Goldthwaite," Lindsey said.

At that time, Council also decided to drill two more groundwater wells, and start the ball rolling on an in-channel dam project. The wells have been completed and in operation for years; Lindsey said progress on the dam is moving slowly.

The water line project is made possible, in part, with a Texas Water Development Board loan. Lindsey said the loan agreement calls for \$620,000 in debt forgiveness, which means the city's final cost is \$1.48 million. The loan will be repaid with water revenues, he added.

The water line project involves a long-term contract with the City of San Saba, with the line starting at a pump station on Mill Creek. The City of Goldthwaite will own and operate the water line, which will tie into the Goldthwaite system at the Colorado River pump station.



Workers lay the line for the San Saba to Goldthwaite water supply line.

The City will be responsible for the maintenance and operation of the new line, he said. No new staff or headcount will be required.

When the river isn't flowing, this will provide an alternative water supply for city residents. The water supply contract provides for 245 acre feet per year if needed by the City of Goldthwaite.

The project has to be done by March of 2015 per the city's agreement with the TWDB, but Lindsey said it could be done as early as the end of this year.

Lindsey commended the Council for taking action as quickly as they did regarding the city's water supply. In other places where the governments have not acted as quickly, cities are finding themselves competing for water supplies.

Mayor Mike McMahan said that when Council set out to do something about the water supply in the city, the thought was to pursue projects that would ensure water supply for 50 to 100 years into the future. There is a tradition of these legacy projects in the city, McMahan said, with those who served on Council in years past providing for the needs for future generations, and the current Council wants to continue that history of improvement at a minimum burden to the city's residents.

McMahan also went on to thank Ken Jordan, Mayor of the City of San Saba, their City Council and the residents of San Saba for their cooperation and willingness in working with the City of Goldthwaite to help meet the water supply needs of its residents.

Subject: Goldthwaite Channel Dam: Original request by O.P. Leonard for 10 ft tall dam=485 acre ft.
New request by City of Goldthwaite for 20 ft tall dam=to impound 1100 acre ft.

Additional water sources available to City of Goldthwaite-Improved water wells, already access water from Colorado River to Water reservoirs, and, Most recently, have an agreement to access water direct from San Saba, via water line currently in place to Provide "live water" to the City of Goldthwaite.

I, my sister and our Mother, own property that has transcended down through my father's family dating back over 120 years, which has been recognized by the Texas Family Land Heritage and acknowledged by Rick Perry, as Commissioner of Agricultural for the State of Texas during the early 1990's. Our property is strategically located downstream from the proposed project, in a bend of the Colorado River, with approximately 1 mile of river frontage...which sounds wonderful, but in fact, a few years ago, due to the river bed being dry in so many places, we were forced with the heartbreaking decision, and financial decision, to have to construct fencing along the riverside, where there had Never-Ever been a fence before! Just to be able to maintain cattle on our side, to keep them from travelling to the property on the other side of the river. And, now there is quite a bit of property that cattle are kept from being able to graze, due to the fencing. This also limits the process in which cattle have access to drinking water.

O.P. Leonard properties are located several miles up the Colorado River. They have at least 3 huge pumps placed down in the river, which remove massive amounts of water to water all of their pecan trees, in which they profits millions of dollars each year. When the river water level goes down, they just drop their pumps further down! All while...We are lucky to have water trickling at the point at which our property is located, and that is no joke!!! Their pumping creates severe dry pockets, and then what water is in the river, is held up in little pools before it gets to us!

We have "riparian water rights" which gives us the right to reasonable use of the water in the Colorado River, as I'm sure many other property owners also have. It also gives the right to have the water in its natural course of flow, But do to the extreme pumping, this would be futile for us, as the water table has already been significantly lowered, therefore also causing us difficulty in having a decent water well. Riparian rights require that the use must be balanced with other riparian owners' reasonable uses,, without a focus on guaranteeing any specific volume to any riparian owner. The current flow of water is already constricted, so therefore, *if*, the projects mentioned before are approved, this will basically cut off all water supply to our property, and will create a hardship, as we would no longer be able to raise anything. This would also decrease the value of our property basically to zero, and make it unsellable to anyone-which selling is not what we would want either!!!

Properties below us also already significantly suffer from reduced water levels, due to O.P. Leonard-Leonard's Pecan Farm's over-pumping water from the Colorado River just for pecan trees! Which I feel should rate far less, than individuals actually farming, or raising livestock, and having water to live on! In the past, Leonard's Pecan Farms have received hundreds of thousands, of dollars, from Subsidy programs for any losses they have on their pecans and pecan trees, while others that own property on the Colorado River receive nothing from having to reduce their farming and ranching due to no viable way to provide water! I cannot believe that this massive water flooding of pecan trees is what would be considered "reasonable water usage"!

Any consideration of restricting the natural flow of the Colorado should include needs of other riparian owners, suitability and fairness of the use in relation to the cost the use will impose on other riparian owners downstream from the location of any deterrent, size, place, and method of diversion. With the past number of years of severe drought, and histories of long droughts, I propose that any additional diversion of water in the Colorado River at this time, is unnecessary, and will be a severe hardship, more so, than is already being experienced.

I am adamantly asking that the project requested by O.P. Leonard, and the City of Goldthwaite, being the in channel dam previously referred to, not be granted into your plan for Water Projects for the State of Texas.

Thank You for your consideration,
Dedra Reinert

RIPARIAN RIGHTS

by Ben Gutshall, ATG Law Clerk

What Does the Term "Riparian Rights" Mean?

The term "riparian rights" is neither simple to define nor clearly explained in any statutory provisions. The concept finds its origins in common law and has evolved over time to create a variety of implications for property owners whose property borders water and who want to make use of that water. As most commonly used, riparian rights refer to the rights associated with the use of the water for various purposes. These uses include water consumption by people or animals, irrigation of agricultural crops, and a multitude of industrial uses. Relatively recently, recreational use of water has also been included within the scope of riparian rights. If a property owner owns land that borders water, the concept of riparian rights will likely affect the owner's use of the water at some point. To clarify the sometimes murky ideas surrounding riparian rights, one first must determine which property owners have riparian rights.

Who Has Riparian Rights?

Generally, a property owner has riparian rights if the property borders a body of water or water flows through the property. For the most part, this includes property owners with property that either contains or borders a pond, lake, stream, or river. In most situations even artificial bodies of water, such as reservoirs and drainage canals, are included. Regardless of the nature of the water, it is critical that the property actually "touch" water. Owners of such property are commonly referred to as "riparian owners." If the property is in proximity to water, but doesn't actually come into contact with water, no riparian rights are associated with it. Usually, if a body of water borders a lot or property, the property rights extend up to the boundary of the water and sometimes into the middle of the body of water, especially in the cases of running water (e.g., streams, drainage canals, rivers, etc.).

For example, in Illinois, it is a rule that "a grant of land bounded on a stream will convey the land to the middle thread of the stream." *Rowland v Shoreline Boat & Ski Club*, 187 Ill App 3d 144, 544 NE2d 5 (3rd D 1989). Also, in Illinois, "riparian rights apply to all flowing streams whether navigable or non-navigable . . ." *Beidler v Sanitary District*, 211 Ill 628, 71 NE 1118 (1904). In Indiana, a riparian owner acquires riparian rights to the water from the fee title to the shore. *Brown v Heidersbach*, 172 Ind App 434, 360 NE2d 614 (1977). Indiana recognizes that riparian rights are traditionally associated with owners of land abutting a river or stream but also includes land bordering a lake or pond. *Hutner v Kellog*, Ind App 563, NE2d 1338 (Ind Ct App 1990).

An important distinction in Indiana is that while riparian owners still have rights conveyed "to the middle of the stream" in the instance of riparian rights bordering a river or stream, the same does not apply to riparian owners along a lake. Indiana has clearly denied protection of a riparian right to the middle of a lake. *Bath v Courts* 459 NE2d 72 (Ind Ct App 1984). In *Bath*, riparian owners had built a pier that encroached upon the riparian rights of neighboring owners. In response, the neighboring owners built a pier within two feet of the first pier and effectively limited its use. Each owner suggested that his or her respective riparian rights extended to the middle of the lake and allowed the construction of the piers. The court held that the riparian owners did not own rights into the middle of the lake and that each owner was entitled to extend their riparian right "only so far out as not to interfere with the use of the lake by others." Id at 76.

Similarly, in Wisconsin, riparian owners are those who have title to the ownership of land on the bank of a body of water. *Ellingsworth v Swiggum*, 195 Wis 2d 142, 536 NW2d 112 (Wis App Ct 1995). Also, a riparian owner is accorded certain rights based upon title to the ownership of shorefront property. *Sea View Estates Beach Club, Inc v Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources*, 223 Wis 2d 138, 588 NW2d 667 (1998). Wisconsin also provides that riparian rights include the right to use the shoreline, have access to the waters, the right to reasonable use of the waters for domestic, agricultural, and recreational purposes, the right to construct a pier or similar structure in aid of navigation, and exclusive possession to the extent necessary to reach navigable water. *Id.*

What Happens if the Body of Water Changes Shape or Recedes?

A common problem or controversy involving riparian rights arises in situations where the boundary of the body of water changes. For example, during dry years, a lake or pond may recede from its banks or a stream may diminish in size. Other changes can result from floods that increase the size of the body of water or forever alter its physical boundary. Generally, if a body of water recedes and reveals new land, then the original owner's riparian property rights extend to the new water line and the property owner gains title to the newly exposed land (often termed "rights of accretion").

A case from Illinois, *Linn Farms, Inc v Edlen*, 111 Ill App 2d 294, 250 NE2d 681 (4th D 1969), illustrates the concept of rights of accretion. In *Linn Farms, Inc*, two property owners owned land in a subdivision near Meredosia Lake, an Illinois River lake, and sought to settle a dispute over land exposed by a change in the lake's water level. Due to a series of lock constructions on the Illinois River, the lake receded and thus "created" new land. Relying on the theory of accretion, and the decision in the earlier case of *City of Peoria v Central National Bank*, 224 Ill 43, 79 NE 296 (1906), the court held that the riparian owner on whose property the new land was exposed gained title to the "new" land. The court also stated that the accretion doctrine applied to lakes and ponds, "regardless of how large or small they may be." Indiana also recognizes rights of accretion and has provided that, "the increase in land caused by earth, sand, or sediment deposits, generates a source of title which usually vests in the riparian owners of the land." *Longabaugh v Johnson*, 163 Ind App 108, 321 NE2d 865 (Ind Ct App 1975).

Some Wisconsin cases have also addressed the theory of accretion and provide an example of how the rights of accretion relate to the adherence of that state to the public trust doctrine. In one case, the court held that a coal company's riparian rights entitled it to a parcel of land that was created from accretion along the shores of Lake Michigan, even though the state held title to the beds of the lake under the public trust doctrine. *WH Pugh Coal Company v State of Wisconsin*, 157 Wis 2d 620, 460 NW2d 787 (1990).

What Do Riparian Rights Allow a Property Owner to Do?

Historically, riparian rights were determined by the *natural flow theory*. Under this theory, riparian owners had a right that ensured the water would continue in its natural course of flow or natural existence. The riparian owners were allowed use of the water, as long as it did not hinder other riparian owners' rights to maintain the water in its natural course of flow or natural existence. Essentially, each riparian owner was guaranteed the water would be maintained in its natural integrity or, in other words, would continue to remain as the owners had found it, specifically in the quantity of water present. The focus of this theory was that the riparian owners were guaranteed that the volume

of water available to them would remain the same.

Most jurisdictions have moved away from the natural flow theory, especially in the eastern half of the country, and have adopted the *reasonable use theory*. Under this theory, a riparian owner is guaranteed the reasonable use of the water. The focus of this theory is not the guarantee of water volume, but rather that the riparian owner is guaranteed the reasonable use of the water. A use is reasonable if it doesn't substantially interfere with the use of another riparian owner. Basically, each riparian owner's use must be balanced with the other riparian owners' reasonable uses, without a focus on guaranteeing any specific volume to any riparian owner. The basic premise and underlying goal of this theory is to encourage and promote the beneficial use and allocation of water resources. Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin have all adopted some form of the reasonable use theory, with various minor modifications.

(NOTE: Western states, because of the aridness of the region and the problems stemming from the struggle to secure adequate access to water, have adopted some form of the *prior appropriation theory*. This theory grants the first riparian owner to make a beneficial use of the water, a right superior to the riparian rights of subsequent users. This theory has very different implications for riparian owners, but is relevant only in the western half of the country.)

Ultimately, a riparian right allows riparian owner to make reasonable use of the water. A question still remains, however, and brings us to the next section.

What is a Reasonable Use of Water by a Riparian Owner?

As stated above, under the reasonable use theory, a use is reasonable if it doesn't interfere with the reasonable use by another riparian owner. Of course, that definition sheds no light on what exactly a reasonable use is. Unfortunately, there are very few, if any, concrete rules that dictate what constitutes a reasonable use. In most situations, the determination of reasonable use requires a careful analysis of the fact pattern to determine whether the use is reasonable in light of the circumstances.

Factors that are considered are many, and include custom, climate, the size of the water body, the season of the year, the size of the diversion, the place and method of diversion, the type of use and its importance to society, the needs of other riparian owners, the suitability of the use of the stream, and the fairness of the use in relation to the cost the use will impose on other riparian owners. The preceding list is by no means exhaustive and the factors considered vary in each jurisdiction and case.

Access to water is often a key concern of riparian owners. In Illinois, a riparian owner's right of access to the water attaches to the entire shoreline of the property. *Gibbons v Clarkson Grain Company*, 281 Ill App 3d 529, 667 NE2d 126 (4th D 1996). Illinois also allows each owner of riparian rights to a private non-navigable lake the right to the reasonable use and enjoyment of the surface water of the entire lake. *Beacham v Lake Zurich Property Owners Ass'n*, 123 Ill 2d 227, 526 NE2d 154 (1988).

Indiana places some limits on riparian owners of lakeshore when it limits riparian owners rights to

build a pier within the extension of his shore boundaries only so far out as not to interfere with the use of the lake by others. *Bath v Courts*, 459 NE2d 72 (Ind Ct App 1984). Illinois guarantees that the flow of water cannot be diverted, increased, diminished, or polluted against the owner's consent. *Leitch v Sanitary Dist of Chicago*, 17 NE2d 34 (Ill 1938).

Wisconsin provides that riparian rights in Wisconsin are subject to and limited by the public trust doctrine. *RW. Docks & Slips v State of Wisconsin and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources*, 244 Wis 2d 497, 628 NW2d 781 (2001). The public trust doctrine gives title of the beds of all lakes and ponds, and of rivers navigable in fact, within the state, up to the line of the ordinary high-water mark, to the state to hold in trust to preserve the rights of the people to enjoy the use of the water. *Id.* Essentially, the public trust doctrine gives title of the beds of the water to the state to ensure that the public is guaranteed "reasonable use" of the water, including recreational purposes such as boating, swimming, fishing, hunting, and to preserve scenic beauty. *State v Bleck*, 114 Wis 2d 454, 338 NW2d 492 (1983).

Recreational Use of Water

Currently, a common dispute involving riparian rights is associated with the recreational use of water. Due to the recent surge in outdoor recreation, many states have passed legislation aimed at encouraging riparian owners to allow the public access to water under their control for recreation purposes by eliminating the liability that riparian owners might face to recreational users of their water resources.

Illinois and Wisconsin have both passed statutes that address recreational use of water and the liability associated with it. In Illinois, The Recreational Use of Land and Water Areas Act, 745 ILCS 65/1 *et seq.*, is an example of legislation intended to encourage riparian owners to allow public access to the water they own riparian rights to. Wisconsin has a similar statutory provision, W.S.A. 895.52- Recreation activities; limitation of property owner's liability.

Are Riparian Rights Transferable?

Again, grounded mostly in common law doctrine, riparian rights can be granted, prescribed, and licensed to other owners, especially fellow riparian owners. However, in some jurisdictions, statutes limit the full transferability of riparian rights. The *ABKA Limited Partnership* (ABKA) case from Wisconsin illustrates one type of limit on transferability of riparian rights. In that case, ABKA had purchased a marina on Lake Geneva and planned to convert the marina into the condominium form of property ownership. ABKA intended to create 407 "units" or "dockominiums," each unit consisting of a four-by-five-by-six inch "lock box" to be located in an office with the configuration of the office similar to a set of small post-office boxes. When someone purchased one of these "units," the purchaser was entitled to "standard riparian rights of owners of waterfront real estate, under Wisconsin law . . ."

Essentially, the purchaser of one of the "lock box units" would be entitled to the same riparian rights to use Lake Geneva as a riparian owner who owned an actual land lot bordering the lake. The Supreme Court held that such a transfer of riparian rights violated Wis Stat § 30.133 that limits the conveyance of riparian rights for purposes other than the right to cross the land to have access to the navigable water. *ABKA Limited Partnership v Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources*, 255 Wis

2d 486, 648 NW 2d 854. (2002).

Another common illustration of transferring of riparian rights involves riparian owners forming contracts or agreements amongst themselves to build dams, levees, embankments, or flood gates to manage the water. Sometimes this also involves granting a riparian right in the form of an easement. Also, just as with other property rights, a riparian owner can divest all of his or her riparian rights, subject to whatever statutory limitations may apply, if the owner so desires.

What Is the Remedy for Violation of Riparian Rights?

In most situations, the favored remedy for violation of a riparian right is an injunction to halt the violating use. Usually, the injunction will restore the riparian right to the owner. In some situations, if the violation has severely diminished the value of the riparian right or completely eliminated it, as in the case of draining a lake, compensatory damages will be awarded.

So, What Is the Bottom Line?

Reasonableness. As evidenced in the discussion above, the topic of riparian rights is not one that can be summarized in an entirely clear fashion. The underlying emphasis of a riparian right is to allow reasonable use of water. In many situations, the most difficulty stems from the decision of which property owners have riparian rights. Generally, if the land or property borders water, the owner of that land is entitled to riparian rights. Next, the determination of what use qualifies as "reasonable" is also debatable, especially when dealing with multiple riparian owners or riparian owners with conflicting desires. In many instances, a court will base its decision on dated common law precedent or on a few of the statutes that directly address riparian rights concerns. Laws directly addressing riparian rights are increasing, however, as demand for water use increases, especially for recreational purposes. State legislatures are starting to pass statutes that encourage public use of water, always with the underlying goal that the use be reasonable.



LOWER COLORADO REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP

Public Meeting Registration Card

Name: Lamar Johanson Date: 6/25/15

Representing: Self

Address: P.O. Box 757 City, St., Zip: Goldthwaite 76844

Phone Number: (325) 938-5275 Fax Number: ()

Do you wish to make a statement? Yes No

Are you an elected official? Yes No Describe: _____

Written Comments: My Family has lived on Colorado River

since 1902 - Each year seems to be more pressure

on Colorado River H₂O

I understand that the last H₂O Plan - City of Goldthwaite was approved for a 10ft.

in-stream dam to impound approx. 500A/ft of H₂O

Now Asking for a 20ft in-stream dam to impound some

1100A/ft of H₂O, asking for over two times increase

what studies have been made, that merit doubling the

H₂O needs of Goldthwaite

Are there any data available to verify this doubling increase?

If data is available - where can these data be obtained?

Is Goldthwaite's Request the same as Leonard's Pecan Request?

Am concerned about the type of in-stream dam?

In order for H₂O to come down stream, does it have to spill over the 20ft dam? Or is there some type of H₂O gate to let H₂O out if someone down stream needs D&L H₂O. If one needs D&L H₂O what will be the procedure to get D&L H₂O?



**LOWER COLORADO REGIONAL
WATER PLANNING GROUP**

Public Meeting Registration Card

Name: Joe Petronis Date: 6/25/15

Representing: _____

Address: San Juan City, St., Zip: 76550

Phone Number: (512) 556-2102 email: _____

Do you wish to make a statement? Yes No

Are you an elected official? Yes No Describe: _____

Written Comments: _____

What is going on?

Against dam



**LOWER COLORADO REGIONAL
WATER PLANNING GROUP**

Public Meeting Registration Card

Name: ROGER WHATLEY Date: Jun 25

Representing: self.

Address: 1142 CR121 City, St., Zip: San Sabu, TX 76871

Phone Number: (512) 635-4468 Fax Number: ()

Do you wish to make a statement? Yes No (decided to speak)

Are you an elected official? Yes No Describe: _____

Written Comments: _____

Goldthwaite should no longer have
need of an in-channel dam
on the Colorado River on account of
the fact they are purchasing water
from city of San Sabu.

Leonard plan - feasibility?

List of Potential Comments to be Made at Region K Public Meetings/Hearing

CHAPTER 1

1. Need to recognize diversity of Regional Planning Area

- west to east, I-35, Balcones Escarpment climatology
- drying trend across state
- need to include discussion of AMOs and PDOs

2. Need to include thorough discussion of impacts of low reservoir levels on economy, public health and safety, and recreation uses. An appendix regarding the significance of the Highland Lakes should be added.

3. Need to include water loss auditing and reporting requirements for agricultural irrigation users. Water losses should be monitored and quantified for *all* water distribution systems.

4. Add statements regarding the universal need for conservation, across all user groups. Metrics are needed to monitor and measure the efficacy of conservation measures taken by all users.

- Op KARR TEDDER
1017 CR 130
Burnet TX
512-755-4805

Recreation =
Recreational Industry



**LOWER COLORADO REGIONAL
WATER PLANNING GROUP**

Public Meeting Registration Card

Name: KEVIN KUEN Date: 6/25

Representing: CTWC

Address: 10612 GALSWORTHY City, St., Zip: AUSTIN TX 78739

Phone Number: (512) 288-6703 Fax Number: ()

Do you wish to make a statement? Yes No

Are you an elected official? Yes No Describe: _____

Written Comments: _____

Conservation - rice farming

Chp 2 & 5 need to be
up dated

will email written comments



**LOWER COLORADO REGIONAL
WATER PLANNING GROUP**

Public Meeting Registration Card

Name: FRANK CLOSMER Date: 6-23-15

Representing: BONANZA BEACH POA

Address: 19722 ENCINO KNOLL City, St., Zip: SAN ANTONIO, TX 78259

Phone Number: (210) 497-3321 Fax Number: () _____

Do you wish to make a statement? Yes No

Are you an elected official? Yes No Describe: _____

Written Comments: _____

WATER SHOULD BE PRICED TO AGRICULTURE CUSTOMERS
TO ENCOURAGE CONSERVATION. ALL WATER SHOULD
HAVE A COST.

Chapter 5 -

Good Evening. My name is Frank Cooley. I am a resident of Lakeway, in Travis County and a member of the board of the Central Texas Water Coalition.

The Initially Prepared Region K Water Plan is an impressive and comprehensive review of issues regarding the region's water supplies. Water is critical to our future and the Plan justifiably raises numerous policy concerns that should be addressed. Unfortunately, there is a gaping hole in the Plan. There is virtually no mention of perhaps the most important and certainly the most cost-effective way to increase conservation of our most precious resource. The Plan utterly fails to deal with or make any substantive recommendations regarding the pricing of water by the entity that holds the vast majority of the surface water rights in the Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Area: the Lower Colorado River Authority. As a result, the most critical tool for addressing the efficient use of our water is missing from the Plan. The Region K Planning Group should take the opportunity to fill this gaping hole in the Plan before it is finalized.

Because water pricing influences water demands and thus the shortages the Regional Water Plan is intended to address, water pricing by the largest wholesale water provider in the Region must be included. Under the current pricing policies of the Lower Colorado River Authority, LCRA's firm customers pay high rates and bear nearly all of the cost of operating the LCRA system. This pricing policy creates a significant incentive for firm customers to conserve water, which they have done. On the other hand, LCRA's interruptible customers pay very low rates. But what is ironic and incomprehensible to me, is that the water conserved and unused by the

firm customers eventually ends up being available for interruptible customers to use. So we have a situation where firm customers pay lets say \$75 or \$100 per acre foot to conserve water that if purchased, would cost \$175 per acre foot of water diverted, plus \$87.50 per acre-foot of water reserved under their firm water contracts, but not diverted or used. Firm customers rationally invest in conservation because the price of conservation is less than the purchase price of their water. However, this water that is conserved and unused by firm customers is then sold by LCRA to interruptible customers, who pay only \$6.50 per acre foot, or, in the case of Garwood Irrigation Company, who pay NOTHING per acre foot. Not only is there very little if any incentive for interruptible customers to conserve water at those low rates, they are getting water that cost firm customers \$75 or \$100 to make it available for interruptible customers to use. In my view this situation is economic insanity.

I recommend the Initially Prepared Plan include water pricing in every relevant portion of the Plan, including a thorough discussion of water pricing as a water conservation recommendation and recommended water management strategy. Experience has shown that the price of water has a significant impact on water conservation. Water for all users should be priced in a fair and reasonable manner, and water pricing should be recognized in the Region K Plan as a water management strategy to encourage conservation. In my view, proper pricing of our region's water will lead to better and more rational outcomes for all water users. We should not sweep this major issue under the rug for another five years.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Region K Administrative Agent
Chris Hoelter
P.O. Box 220
Austin, TX 78767

Burnet, TX Meeting
June 25, 2015

Dear Chris,

I am against creating a new reservoir on the Colorado River near Goldthwaite, Texas. As I understand the facts, the reservoir is not needed for flood control and the City of Goldthwaite has made arrangements for acquiring water during times of emergency. So it seems that the main purpose of the reservoir then would be to satisfy agricultural water requirements. I understand how hard the landowners were hit during the drought the past 5 years because my family owns a pecan orchard in San Saba County and we lost many pecan trees. However, irrigation from the river is not the answer. The predominant irrigation method involves flooding whole river bottoms which is very wasteful. Much of the water doesn't even reach the trees. If the proposal is truly based on agricultural needs, then this proposal seems to be in conflict with the Region K Water Plan's statements about Agricultural Water Conservation.

So my question to you is whether the Region K Water Planning board has researched the true reasons for the proposal of the new reservoir on the Colorado River near Goldthwaite, Texas? If not, then will the planning board do additional research prior to including the proposal? Also, if the proposal is included in the plan and eventually gets approval for construction, who will monitor how much water is taken out of the reservoir for City or agricultural use?

Thank you for allowing public comments and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Nena Hoover
4815 CR 340, Burnet, TX 78611
nhoover@hamiltonvalley.com



LOWER COLORADO REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP

Public Meeting Registration Card

Name: W. T. CAMPBELL Date: 6/25/2015

Representing: CAMPBELL RANCHES

Address: 1557 P.O. BOX City, St., Zip: LAMPASAS, TEXAS

Phone Number: (214) 437-5829 Fax Number: () n/a

Do you wish to make a statement? Yes No

Are you an elected official? Yes No Describe: n/a

Written Comments: I am attending in opposition to
the proposed ~~dam~~ ^{dam} along the Colorado
River along near Hobbswait.

We have experienced No surface water on
our ~ 2 mile stretch of the Colorado River
every summer since 2010.



**LOWER COLORADO REGIONAL
WATER PLANNING GROUP**

Public Meeting Registration Card

Name: Dennis Scroggins Date: 6-25-2015

Representing: Myself & Bend Community

Address: P.O. Box 101 Bend City, St., Zip: TX 76824

Phone Number: (512) 626-5702 Fax Number: ()

Do you wish to make a statement? Yes No

Are you an elected official? Yes No Describe: Pres. & Voting Chair

Written Comments: Take the Goldthwaite plan off the TX plan.

Multiple horizontal lines for additional written comments.

Public Meeting of the Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group

Sign In

June 25, 2015

Burnet Community Center

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June 25, 2015 Region K Public Meeting: Initially Prepared Plan
Burnet Community Center, Burnet, TX

Speakers:

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| 8 | Ann | McElroy |
| 9 | Kathy | Ankenbauer |
| 10 | Harry | Ransier |
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| 14 | Joe | Petronis |
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| 22 | Frank | Cooley |
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Burke, Jaime

From: John Burke <johnburke41@gmail.com>
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FYI

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To: chris.hoelter@lcra.org
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I respectfully request that the Water Demand projections in the Plan utilize

full-cost-recovery water rates for each type of customer. The LCRA should be required to post the estimated rates that are developed by allocating their costs on water usage by customer.

At the May Board meeting, the LCRA approved Run of River water rates and canal Water Delivery rates for customers in the Gulf Coast and Lakeside Irrigation Divisions that appeared to be far less than full cost recovery.

If true, firm customers continue to subsidize purchases by other customers which should be prohibited.

When the new WMP is approved, all parties should know what water volumes are available. A full-cost recovery rate, calculated as described, provides the final tool customers need to estimate water costs and plan and track their conservation efforts.

A plot of Water Rates vs. Consumption over time for the FIRM and Interruptible customers will demonstrate why this is so critical to managing this important resource.

Comments of Kevin Klein
Austin, Texas
Presented at Public Meeting of Region K in Burnet, Texas
Thursday, June 25, 2015

Good evening, I am Kevin Klein, and I have property in Travis and Llano Counties. Our regional water supply is important to me as a water customer of the City of Austin and of the LCRA.

I realize that Region K is charged with tremendous responsibilities to develop and approve the best Regional Water Plan that we can develop, and that there are huge volumes of information and data to review in that effort. I would like to focus my comments on a key issue with region-wide implications for the Lower Colorado Region: **conservation**.

The municipalities of Central Texas have made and continue to make excellent progress in water conservation.

In order to realize meaningful conservation targets it is necessary to apply the same sorts of conservation targets to the major users, specifically rice farming. In the absence of real conservation savings by the largest Region K water users the conservation efforts of the municipalities are futile and we will likely never have enough water even if we build additional new reservoirs.

Chapters 2 and 5 of the Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) need to be updated with appropriate conservation measures and corresponding forecasted demands.

For example, in Chapter 5 specific targets are put in place for municipal per capita water conservation. And cities have conserved, Austin has reduced its per capita use by 30% over the past decade.

Similar conservation targets must be put in place for per acre usage for rice farming. Many rice farmers have made excellent progress, however some still use in excess of the 5.25 af per acre which TCEQ considers a waste of water. Between 2007 and 2011 an average of 7.1% of the total water used by customers in the Lakeside and Gulf Coast irrigation districts was in excess of the 5.25 af maximum. The current baseline numbers need to be immediately adjusted downward to compensate for this overuse of water.

In the 1989 TWC order approving LCRA's Water Management Plan, it was expected that on-farm water usage would be reduced by 25-30% as time went by. And yet 25 years later, despite millions of dollars being spent on conservation programs, no progress has been made. According to LCRA records, the average usage per acre, including canal losses, actually increased from 5.3 af/acre to 5.5 af/acre from 1990 to 2011. Meaningful actual reductions in per acre water usage, similar to the per capita reductions applied to municipalities, need to be included in the demand forecasts going forward. In addition, the canal distribution systems used to provide water to the rice farmers are inefficient. Typical

losses of 15-30% are seen between the diversion point and the farm. This is also an opportunity to achieve significant conservation.

Historically a great deal of water has been ordered from the Highland Lakes and sent downstream to the rice farmer customers, only to not be used. Between 2008 and 2011 an average of 90,000 af of water was ordered and not used. This is a waste of water and should not be included in the forecast baseline.

Finally, for decades there has been a historic trend towards decreasing acreage being planted with rice in Texas. From 2001 to 2011 there was an 18% decrease in acreage planted. Other parts of the country and world are more efficient producers of rice and have ready access to abundant water supplies, so there is no reason, short of increased government subsidies, not to expect that this trend will continue. Water demand forecasts going forward need to include an appropriate forecast for decreasing acreage.

To provide a more realistic water demand forecast and to drive conservation in the small number of major agricultural users in line with that expected from the millions of municipal customers, the following changes should be made to forecasted usage (demand) in the IPP:

- The baseline should be reduced by 7.1% to compensate for the historical usage exceeding 5.25 acre-feet/acre for growing rice that was used as a basis for calculating the demand in the 3 rice-producing counties near the Texas coast.
- The average of 90,000 af/year of water sent downstream and not used should be deducted from the baseline.
- A per acre reduction of 10% per decade should be implemented to enable agricultural users to at least start to catch up to the decades of progress in conservation made by municipal users.
- Canal losses should be forecasted to decrease by 10% per decade as well.
- The forecasted total acreage planted with rice should be reduced by 18% per decade.

In my view, these adjustments to water demand numbers for this water user group are reasonable, achievable, and long overdue. Implementing these changes alone to the Plan for the 3 major rice producing counties in Region K will reduce the forecasted 2070 irrigation demand by **400,000 af**. That's a significant amount of water.

Recent comments from the Texas agriculture commissioner indicate that Texas agriculture is using on average 1.5 af/acre at a 98% efficiency level. Using this as a target the irrigators of Region K have a massive opportunity to improve their conservation record. The suggestions above are only a small step towards catching up with the rest of Texas agriculture.

Thank you for your time and attention to these important issues. If I can be of assistance in your efforts, please let me know.

Good Evening. My name is Frank Cooley. I am a resident of Lakeway, in Travis County and a member of the board of the Central Texas Water Coalition.

The Initially Prepared Region K Water Plan is an impressive and comprehensive review of issues regarding the region's water supplies. Water is critical to our future and the Plan justifiably raises numerous policy concerns that should be addressed. Unfortunately, there is a gaping hole in the Plan. There is virtually no mention of perhaps the most important and certainly the most cost-effective way to increase conservation of our most precious resource. The Plan utterly fails to deal with or make any substantive recommendations regarding the pricing of water by the entity that holds the vast majority of the surface water rights in the Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Area: the Lower Colorado River Authority. As a result, the most critical tool for addressing the efficient use of our water is missing from the Plan. The Region K Planning Group should take the opportunity to fill this gaping hole in the Plan before it is finalized.

Because water pricing influences water demands and thus the shortages the Regional Water Plan is intended to address, water pricing by the largest wholesale water provider in the Region must be included. Under the current pricing policies of the Lower Colorado River Authority, LCRA's firm customers pay high rates and bear nearly all of the cost of operating the LCRA system. This pricing policy creates a significant incentive for firm customers to conserve water, which they have done. On the other hand, LCRA's interruptible customers pay very low rates. But what is ironic and incomprehensible to me, is that the water conserved and unused by the

firm customers eventually ends up being available for interruptible customers to use. So we have a situation where firm customers pay lets say \$75 or \$100 per acre foot to conserve water that if purchased, would cost \$175 per acre foot of water diverted, plus \$87.50 per acre-foot of water reserved under their firm water contracts, but not diverted or used. Firm customers rationally invest in conservation because the price of conservation is less than the purchase price of their water. However, this water that is conserved and unused by firm customers is then sold by LCRA to interruptible customers, who pay only \$6.50 per acre foot, or, in the case of Garwood Irrigation Company, who pay NOTHING per acre foot. Not only is there very little if any incentive for interruptible customers to conserve water at those low rates, they are getting water that cost firm customers \$75 or \$100 to make it available for interruptible customers to use. In my view this situation is economic insanity.

I recommend the Initially Prepared Plan include water pricing in every relevant portion of the Plan, including a thorough discussion of water pricing as a water conservation recommendation and recommended water management strategy. Experience has shown that the price of water has a significant impact on water conservation. Water for all users should be priced in a fair and reasonable manner, and water pricing should be recognized in the Region K Plan as a water management strategy to encourage conservation. In my view, proper pricing of our region's water will lead to better and more rational outcomes for all water users. We should not sweep this major issue under the rug for another five years.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

ATTACHMENT D

Comments from IPP Public Hearing in Austin on July 8, 2015

Placeholder for Oral Public Comments at Public Hearing 7/8/15



**LOWER COLORADO REGIONAL
WATER PLANNING GROUP**

Public Hearing Registration Card

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Do you wish to make a statement? Yes No

Are you an elected official? Yes No Describe: _____

Written Comments: _____

Regular Agenda



**LOWER COLORADO REGIONAL
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Public Hearing Registration Card

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Do you wish to make a statement? Yes No

Are you an elected official? Yes No Describe: _____

Written Comments: _____

Please route NO water pipelines through central and western Hays County. We do not need them, do not want them, and do not want our taxes used to pay for them!

Thank you! Sincerely, Barbara Hopson



**LOWER COLORADO REGIONAL
WATER PLANNING GROUP**

Public Hearing Registration Card

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Do you wish to make a statement? Yes No

Are you an elected official? Yes No Describe: _____

Written Comments: ^{see} attached comments in support of hydrology studies of watershed, as recommended in revised ^{proposed} Section 8.1.10 of Draft 2016 Water Plan for Region K

Public Comment on Region K IPP

David Lindsay; July 8, 2015

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My comments today are offered in strong support for the recommendations presented in the revised Chapter 8, Section 8.1.10, on Inflows into the Highland Lakes. This new section recommends the funding and performance of comprehensive hydrologic studies on Inflows into the Highland Lakes. This work is needed to identify and evaluate the key factors that are driving the observed extended low inflows into the lakes to help ensure accurate regional water modeling and planning.

Even though we have recently experienced heavy rainfall in the State and region, Lake Buchanan and Lake Ivie above it, have remained at low levels, and the proposed hydrologic studies will help better understand, and potentially help address, the nature of the changes and issues with inflows that are contributing to this adverse water supply situation.

I ask you to support the addition of this important proposed section in Chapter 8 into the Region K 2016 Water Plan.

Thank you.

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**LOWER COLORADO REGIONAL
WATER PLANNING GROUP**

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Do you wish to make a statement? Yes No

Are you an elected official? Yes No Describe: _____

Written Comments: _____

There is not one drop of extra water in the Colorado River most of the time. The flow has greatly diminished. Any time any amount has been taken away, it has never come back. That which is allowed to come down now must be protected for those of us who have lived on the river and depended on it to water livestock and support our wells.



**LOWER COLORADO REGIONAL
WATER PLANNING GROUP**

Public Hearing Registration Card

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Do you wish to make a statement? Yes No

Are you an elected official? Yes No Describe: LLANO COUNTY JUDGE

Written Comments: support of Lake Travis Chamber of
Commerce position & observation on political
landscape

Multiple horizontal lines for additional written comments.



LOWER COLORADO REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP

Public Hearing Registration Card

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Do you wish to make a statement? Yes No

Are you an elected official? Yes No Describe: _____

Written Comments: _____

- oppose channel dam - Goldthwaite / Leonard

Multiple horizontal lines for additional written comments.



**LOWER COLORADO REGIONAL
WATER PLANNING GROUP**

Public Hearing Registration Card

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Do you wish to make a statement? Yes No

Are you an elected official? Yes No Describe: _____

Written Comments: A CHANNEL DAM WOULD ALLOW FOR MORE WATER TO BE PUMPED FROM THE COLORADO RIVER.

THIS WOULD BE A DETRIMENT TO EVERYONE BELOW THE PROPOSED DAM. WE ARE EXPOSED TO THIS DAM.

John J. Oliver

Bettie L. Oliver



**LOWER COLORADO REGIONAL
WATER PLANNING GROUP**

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Do you wish to make a statement? Yes No

Are you an elected official? Yes No Describe: _____

Written Comments: _____

- Oppose Leonard/Goldthwaite Dam

- Demand estimates low for livestock & domestic water right holders.



**LOWER COLORADO REGIONAL
WATER PLANNING GROUP**

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Are you an elected official? Yes No Describe: _____

Written Comments: _____

channel Dam

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In the last water plan, the City of Goldthwaite was approved for a ten (10) foot in-channel dam to impound less than five hundred (500) A/ft. of water. Now, the City of Goldthwaite is asking for a twenty (20) foot in-channel dam that will impound over one thousand (1,000) A/ft. of water. This more than doubles their previous request. What data exists to support this huge increase? Was a study done that will substantiate the need for this huge increase?

In the Burnet meeting, definitive data was presented which showed that the City of Goldthwaite presently has much more water available than it presently uses. These data also suggest that the City of Goldthwaite has enough available water to meet its needs for many years in the future.

This leads to a rhetorical question. If the City of Goldthwaite's request is approved, how will the in-channel dam be funded? Obviously the in-channel dam will be funded through state and federal grants or other public monies. Thus, a huge private lake will be created that the City of Goldthwaite can pump water from that data shows that it does not presently need. Also, an enormous private agriculture operation will also be pumping water from the same private lake. The rhetorical question; does this mean that public monies will used to impound water that will be used for agricultural purposes and profit for private individuals? JUST A THOUGHT.

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**LOWER COLORADO REGIONAL
WATER PLANNING GROUP**

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Do you wish to make a statement? Yes No

Are you an elected official? Yes No Describe: _____

Written Comments: _____

Channel Dam against

Regular agenda



LOWER COLORADO REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP

Public Hearing Registration Card

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Representing: self - retired

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Do you wish to make a statement? Yes No

Are you an elected official? Yes No Describe: retired

Written Comments: attached

Multiple horizontal lines for additional written comments.

Public Comment on Region K IPP - July 8, 2015

My name is Richard Golladay, and I'm a retired engineer living near Marble Falls. In reviewing Chapter 1 of the Region K plan, one notices that no mention is made of bringing state-of-the-art Climatology into the decision-making process for TWDB planning purposes.

A lot has been learned by our Climatologists regarding drought cycles in the last few years, the most noteworthy of which is the influence of long term cycles such as the Pacific Decadal Oscillation (or PDO), the Atlantic Multi-decadal Oscillation (or AMO), and the relationship between these multi-decadal cyclical patterns, probability of strong or weak El-Ninos, and probability of periods of extreme drought - which negatively affect inflows into the Highland Lakes.

We all know how difficult it is to predict the weather. However, climate modeling is getting more sophisticated all the time - and a visit some of us made a few months ago with our State Climatologist, Dr. Nielsen-Gammon and Dr. Andrew Dessler (both over at Texas A&M), communicated several things:

1) We learned that these major oscillations (some patterns of which create extreme drought) are not broken by the presence of an El-Nino.

El-Ninos don't necessarily end droughts.

2) We learned that the current science of Climate modeling has accurately reproduced some aspects of past climate change and temperature profiles going back many decades.

3) We learned that Climate modeling is becoming more sophisticated all the time.

Given this, I would like to encourage Region K to reach out to experts like LCRA's Bob Rose to prepare a a brief summary, for inclusion in Chapter 1, of these key climatology factors and their influence on long-term drought cycles and water availability in Region K. It is also suggested that Region K and the TWDB forge a working relationship with our State Climatologists office with the goal of incorporating climatology into a more forward-looking water planning and modeling process. This is very important given the projections of water shortages and needs in this draft Water Plan for Region K.

Thanks

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June 30, 2015

Mr. John Burke, Chairman
Region K Planning Group
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Re: Application by Tol. S. Higginbotham IV to Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District for permit to pump and sell water from Edwards Aquifer

Dear Mr. Burke:

This letter is to notify you as Chairman of Region K that Mr. Higginbotham has applied to the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District (the District) for a permit to pump and sell Edwards Aquifer water. Mr. Higginbotham does not yet have a contract to sell any water, however; several entities have expressed interest in purchasing water once the well is permitted. These entities include Creedmoor-Maha WSC and Aqua Texas.

The application requests approval to sell up to 270 MGY. The well is located on Mr. Higginbotham's property at 720 RR 967, Buda, Texas.

For your convenience, I am attaching a copy of Mr. Higginbotham's draft User Conservation Plan for your review. We are happy to consider any comments that you might have. Please contact me with any questions.

Very truly yours,

Andrew N. Barrett

User Conservation Plan for Tol. S. Higginbotham IV

1. Wholesaler's Service Area

The applicant ("wholesale provider"), Taliaferro S. Higginbotham IV, is currently negotiating a wholesale water contract with the Creedmoor Maha Water Supply Corporation and has initiated discussions with the City of Buda for consideration as an additional customer. Once specific wholesale contracts have been executed, the wholesale provider will prepare appropriate maps delineating the extent of the respective wholesale service areas.

2. Water Metering

Metering equipment and related facilities including a meter loop, a meter house or pit, and standard-type devices required for properly measuring the quantity of water derived from the permitted well will be installed at or near the well head. The specific location will depend on the final design of the initial pumping/delivery facilities at the well head site.

It is envisioned that groundwater will be pumped from the well directly into a ground storage reservoir for minimal treatment or water quality adjustment prior to delivery to wholesale customers via a pump station and transmission facilities. The metering loop will be located either at the well head upstream of the ground storage reservoir or immediately downstream of the delivery pump discharge head.

The wholesale provider will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the metering equipment and related facilities and will conduct a calibration test on the meter loop at least once annually and immediately upon suspicion of inaccurate water flow rate measurements. The meter will be assumed to read accurately if the meter registers not more than two percent above or below the test result.

In addition, metering will be provided at the delivery point. The two readings will be compared on a monthly basis to determine any loss.

3. Monitoring and Record Management

Metering equipment and related facilities including a meter loop, a meter house or pit, and standard-type devices required for measuring the quantity of water delivered will be installed at or near the well head and at each point of delivery of wholesale water. The wholesale supplier at the purchaser's expense, will provide and install the meter and related facilities at the point of delivery. The wholesale provider, at its expense, will operate and maintain the metering equipment and related facilities, and will conduct a

calibration test of the meter loop at least once annually and immediately upon suspicion of inaccurate water flow rate measurements.

All wholesale master meters will be read and recorded for billing purposes on a monthly basis. The well head or groundwater diversion meter will also be read and recorded on a monthly basis. All field meters will be read and recorded at essentially the same time, or within a four hour period, to allow for an immediate assessment of a potential water loss or inaccurate meter readings. A deviation in excess of four percent of total water sold versus total water diverted from the well site will constitute either a water loss or metering accuracy concern.

Monthly meter readings and records will be maintained by the wholesale provider to monitor historical water sales versus water diversion deviations. This monthly data will be used to develop seasonal trends and observations to assist in assessing water loss or meter accuracy concerns and scheduling remedial actions.

4. Operational Efficiency Goals

Unaccounted for water in excess of five percent for the wholesale provider will be considered excessive primarily for economic or business reasons and will be sufficient incentive to initiate an investigation of possible water loss or metering equipment inaccuracies. In the absence of catastrophic facilities failure water losses in water pumping and transmission are anticipated to be relatively small. For retail water suppliers the State of Texas typically expects water loss of eight to ten percent. Unaccounted for water up to 15 percent can be tolerated but this level suggests the implementation of an investigation with remedial action for both health and safety and economic concerns.

The wholesale provider will continually monitor operational efficiency to minimize water loss or metering inaccuracies. The wholesale provider considers persistent unaccounted for water in excess of five percent justification for initiating investigation and possible remedial action.

5. Leak Detention Program

The periodic and monthly meter readings of the wholesale customer meters on the water well diversion meter will be used to assess and determine the extent of unaccounted for water. Persistently unaccounted for water over three months in excess of five percent will initiate an investigation for water accountability. In the absence of visible observance of water leaks, a meter calibration program will first be completed to ensure meter accuracy. If the various meters are determined to be relatively accurate, i.e. within two percent of the test result, a water loss program will be scheduled.

The water loss investigation program may include several progressive steps. First, the water storage tank may be isolated to determine if it consistently holds water. Second, the transmission main can be pressure tested quickly and any water loss calculated.

Finally, a field leak detection program can be initiated to specifically locate any leak. This program utilizes strategically placed data loggers along the transmission main and measures “noise levels” of fugitive flows generally over extended periods of low or no flow. With known pipe sizes and types of pipe material, the location of pipe leaks can be accurately located generally within a few feet.

6. Wholesale Contract Requirements

Any wholesale contract executed will require provisions that the wholesale customer develop and implement a water conservation plan or water conservation measures. The wholesale customer will also be required to adopt the wholesale supplier’s water conservation plan as submitted and approved by the Texas Water Development Board and/or the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. In addition, the wholesale customer will be required to impose the accepted water conservation plan or water conservation measures on any subsequent sub-customer upon the resale of water.

7. Contractual Adoption and Enforcement of Water Conservation Plan

The water purchase contract between the wholesale supplier and the wholesale customer will include provisions requiring that the wholesale customer adopt a water conservation plan with water conservation measures as prepared, submitted, and adopted by the wholesale supplier. Failure of the wholesale customer to comply with the provisions of the water conservation plan could result in termination or suspension of water delivery until such time that compliance is confirmed and/or restored.

8. Coordination with Regional Water Planning Groups K and L

The Taliaferro S. Higginbotham IV well is situated in the Region K water planning area and is proposed to serve the Creedmoor Maha Water Supply Corporation (“CMWSC”) water service area. The CMWSC water service area is situated in both the Region K and Region L water planning areas. Based on discussions with representatives of both Planning Regions, it was concluded that relatively small internal water suppliers are not specifically addressed in the Regional Plans and this proposed application is considered neither consistent nor inconsistent with the approved regional water plans. It was suggested that coordination with the Regional Water Planning Group be documented with the submittal of this application to the Chairs of both Regional Water Planning Group K and L. Copies of the transmittal letters are attached.



LOWER COLORADO REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP

Public Hearing Registration Card

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Do you wish to make a statement? Yes No

Are you an elected official? Yes No Describe: _____

Written Comments: Numbers for H₂O Demand are not accurate
Numbers for livestock H₂O needs are terribly low
There are NO numbers for domestic use, for people on River
Five (5) neighbors including me, totally depend on
River H₂O for Domestic Use.

Numbers for Dth H₂O Needs - Must be ~~readdressed~~ ^{readdressed for}
people ~~on the~~ that depend
on River H₂O

Will H₂nd In Typed Remarks at presentation
(Channel DAM Comments)

Pub. Comment's given by Frank Cooley in

11 Good morning. My name is Frank Cooley. I am a resident of Lakeway, in Travis County and a member of the board of the Central Texas Water Coalition. As you may recall, I made comments at the recent public meeting on the draft IPP regarding water pricing. I appreciated Chairman Burke's comments regarding the relationship of water pricing to regional planning. Using that feedback, I reconsidered my comments and hope to clarify today how my concerns align with the draft IPP under consideration.

My concern is that the draft IPP contains no consideration whatsoever of water pricing. Perhaps more than any other factor, the price paid for water influences people's choices to either consume or conserve. One of the main charges of a Regional Water Planning Group is to "consider water conservation practices, including potentially applicable best management practices, for each identified water need." (31 Texas Administrative Code Section 357.34(f)). Water conservation measures include "practices, techniques, and technologies that will reduce the consumption of water, reduce the loss or waste of water, or improve the efficiency in the use of water." (31 Texas Administrative Code Section 357.10(26)).

Appropriate water pricing incentivizes attainment of all three of these goals.

While the Region K Water Planning Group has no authority to require LCRA or any other water provider to set water rates, it does have the authority and, in fact, the duty to recommend strategies for water conservation. Because it is a proven, efficient method to modify behavior and leads to significant water savings,

water pricing should be included in the IPP as a recommended water conservation measure for all water suppliers and all types of water uses.

If water suppliers follow the fundamental pricing principle that no customer pays less than the highest cost to either conserve water or obtain new water supplies, water conservation will be a matter of simple economics. And, by adopting conservation water pricing, water suppliers will collect the additional capital necessary to fund the much more expensive conservation measures currently included in the IPP, but without a sufficient funding source.

Several other Regional Water Plans, including those for Regions C, M, and N, currently include consideration of water pricing as a conservation measure. Why not Region K's Plan one might ask?

I believe and strongly recommend that the Plan affirmatively state that water pricing is an extremely important conservation tool. Pricing policies that encourage water conservation should be adopted by all water providers in Region K and encouraged by this Regional Water Planning Group.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to clarify and focus my concerns and thank you again for your consideration of these comments.

Public Comment on Region K IPP

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Thank you.

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**LOWER COLORADO REGIONAL
WATER PLANNING GROUP**

Public Hearing Registration Card

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Are you an elected official? Yes No Describe: _____

Written Comments: SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION & POSITION STMT

Multiple horizontal lines for additional written comments.

CITIZENS ALLIANCE FOR RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT

A RESOLUTION

OPPOSING CERTAIN PIPELINES IN THE REGION L AND K IPP'S

AND RECOMMENDING CHANGES

WHEREAS, TWDB Region L and K planning groups have released their Initially Prepared Plans for 2016, and;

WHEREAS, comments are invited from the public that will be considered before final adoption of the 2016 plans, and:

WHEREAS, the Citizens Alliance for Responsible Development (CARD) is a citizen group actively involved in community affairs and planning in Hays County, and;

WHEREAS, CARD has adopted and recommended a *Growth Corridors Plan* that calls for higher density development along major regional highway corridors and lower rural density development within Central and Western Hays County where the recharge zone of the Trinity Aquifer is located, and;

WHEREAS, the Region L and K IPP's recommend pipelines that would be routed through the low density rural development areas of Hays County where pipelines would encourage and stimulate intense development, and;

WHEREAS, an alternate pipeline routing within Northern Hays County would be consistent with the recommended *Growth Corridors Plan*, and;

WHEREAS, CARD has prepared a Position Statement on the Region L and K IPP's that is attached as a supplement to this Resolution;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Pipelines proposed to extend from San Marcos into Wimberley/Woodcreek and from Wimberley/Woodcreek into Dripping Springs be removed from the Region L and K IPP's.
2. To satisfy the growth needs of the US 290 corridor a pipeline be recommended to extend along a route in Northern Hays County to Dripping Springs.
3. The Region L and K planning groups recognize and utilize the *Growth Corridors Plan* in all current and future planning for Hays County infrastructure.

ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF JULY 2015

Steering Committee of the Citizens Alliance for Responsible Development

Louis Parks, Chair

Citizens Alliance for Responsible Development

POSITION STATEMENT ON PROPOSED REGION L AND REGION K PIPELINE PLANS

Following the approval of the SWIFT water fund proposition in 2012, the Texas Water Development Board undertook an extensive regional planning process that will integrate into the state water plan and provide funding for highly rated projects identified in the planning process. These comments relate to a small segment of the overall plan, but these elements are extremely critical to our area – Central and Western Hays County.

BACKGROUND

Citizens Alliance for Responsible Development (CARD) is a citizen group active in Hays County organized as a non-partisan political action committee. CARD works with issues related to transportation, water/wastewater, development, and community outreach. Our website is: www.hayscard.org. We periodically send out an issue oriented e-newsletter – *CARDtalk* – to subscribers. We communicate regularly with citizens and with elected officials at city, county, state, and special district levels.

In 2012 CARD adopted a development plan for Hays County described as the “*Growth Corridors Plan*.” Recognizing that growth will impact Hays County, it recommends that infrastructure be oriented to certain growth corridors that can logically accommodate the population increases expected over the next few decades. Those corridors are US 290, IH 35, the 130 Toll Road, FM 46, and US 281 with the corridors including all land approximately five miles either side of these arterial highways.

Additionally, CARD has recommended that the interior of Central and Western Hays County and northern Comal County remain at rural density that would not require the introduction of major roadways or water/sewer infrastructure. This area of Hays County/Comal County is the recharge zone of the Trinity Aquifer that is the lifeline and economic engine for thousands of property owners and businesses in Hays and Comal counties. The Trinity Aquifer is also the source of the many springs that feed the area creeks and rivers and support the local tourist economy and property values.

CURRENT ADOPTED INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

In 2011 Hays County adopted a comprehensive Water and Wastewater Plan for Western Hays County prepared by HDR Engineering Inc., using state grant funds. This plan calls for supplemental water supply pipelines extending into Wimberley /Woodcreek from Comal County and from San Marcos. These facilities are:

- 1) A 12” pipeline from Comal County served by Texas Water Alliance until 2030;
- 2) A 16” pipeline from San Marcos after 2030;
- 3) The US 290 corridor is to be served by extending the former LCRA (now West Travis County PUA) pipeline and connecting a 20” pipeline along Hamilton Pool Road;

4) The plan also encourages the use of rainwater collection to reduce the drain on the limited groundwater resource – the Trinity Aquifer.

PROPOSED REGION L AND REGION K PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

The planning process for Regions L and K ^{is} driven by these population estimates that are unrealistic for Central and Western Hays County. These population estimates create perceived water needs to serve that population. We believe that population growth should be located where roadway and utility infrastructure can be accommodated. It is highly undesirable to plan for growth to be stimulated in areas of Central and Western Hays/Comal counties, where rural-style development is the desired pattern.

The proposed plans for Region K and L call for a 36" pipeline to extend from San Marcos into Wimberley/Woodcreek along RR 12 or an alternate alignment. Then that pipeline would be upsized to serve needs in Dripping Springs and routed from Wimberley/Woodcreek along RR 12 into Dripping Springs. These pipelines would move about 13 million gallons per day into an area that is designated to remain at rural density. Introducing such a large pipeline would require major new subdivision development in direct conflict with the *Growth Corridors Plan*.

CARD strongly opposes such a plan as ill-suited for Central and Western Hays County.

We have approved a Resolution opposing these RR 12 pipeline plans as contained in the proposed Region L and K plans.

RECOMMENDED REVISION TO PROPOSED REGION L AND K PIPELINE PLANS

CARD recommends that the TWDB and the Region L and K planning groups reject any pipeline projects into the Wimberley/Woodcreek rural density planning area. Our recommendation is for a pipeline to extend along a route in Northern Hays County to serve the Dripping Springs/US 290 growth corridor, where subdivision growth is desired and higher population density is expected.

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Transportation

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HAYS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION Growth Corridor Plan

Since early 2012, Citizens Alliance for Responsible Development has gone on record several times in support of a Hays County Transportation Growth Corridor Plan that would greatly benefit business, growth and development, while preserving some of the natural heritage and beauty that has drawn people to Hays County for more than 200 years. The plan recognizes the reality of citizen's inability and unwillingness to pay ever higher taxes for unneeded, unwanted and unsustainable road development. It would also help prevent a potential water calamity that would certainly occur if the already water-stressed central Hays area is rapidly over-developed.

The plan is based on recognizing and encouraging focused development where there is already existing infrastructure and natural as well as growth-based resources. A combination of factors have already established four Growth Corridors, which roughly form a square of vigorous business, residential and highway development around the still essentially natural center of the county.

This square is formed by;

- On the east, Interstate 35, running from Austin through Buda, Kyle, San Marcos and New Braunfels, then on south to San Antonio, which will be further reinforced by growth along the new Texas Highway 130 Toll Road that parallels I-35 on the east;
- On the north, by US 290 going west from South Austin to Dripping Springs and ultimately on toward Johnson City and Fredericksburg;
- On the west by US 281, running south from Johnson City through Blanco and on past State Hwy 46 to San Antonio and;
- On the south by Texas 46, going east-west from New Braunfels to US 281, above the booming north edge of San Antonio.

Many factors, some long-established and some recently created by growth, have made this plan both practical and essential:

1. The cost of transportation is rising dramatically with gas and diesel approaching \$4 per gallon. Energy costs will continue to rise
2. The cost of land for Right of Way is very high in the scenic Hill Country of central Texas.
3. Citizens, feeling the pinch of a troubled economy, are fighting back against more taxes.
4. The county's economy cannot support a huge road infrastructure with the ever-growing cost of tax-supported bonds floated to pay for roads. What roads are planned must be designed and built to serve only the expected need, not grossly overbuilt for projections that burden the actual taxpayers present today.

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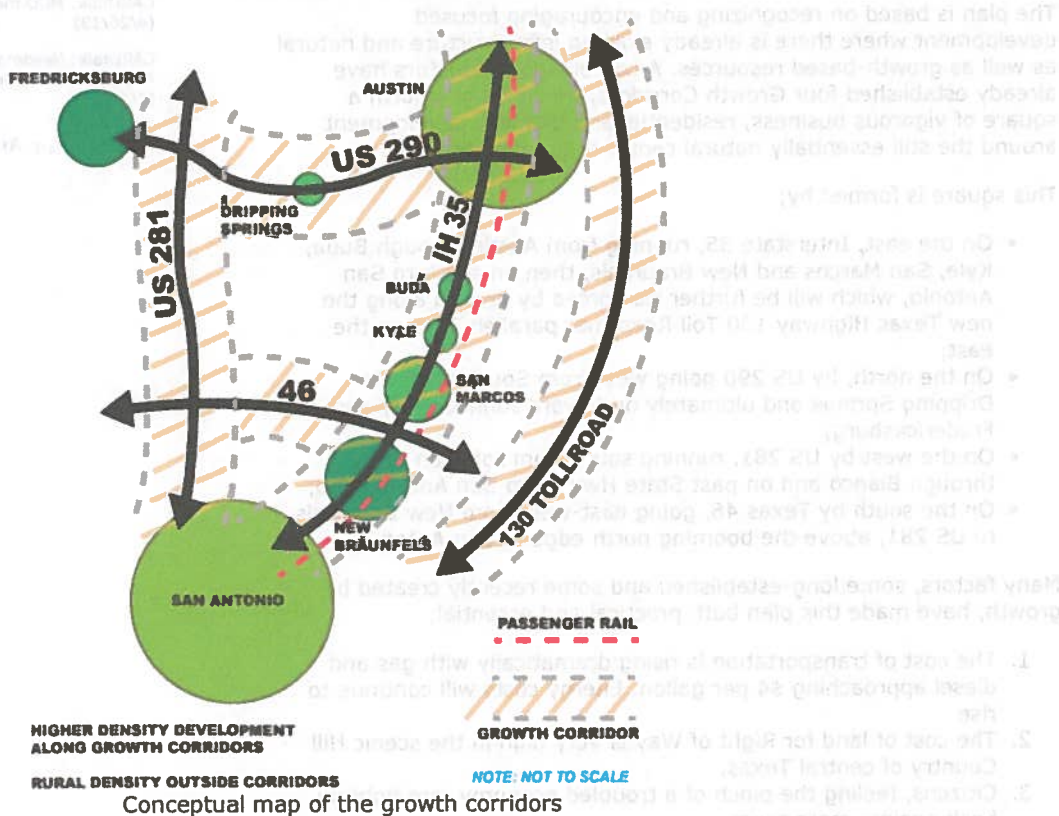
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5. In many areas of central Texas the population is aging, which will result in fewer vehicle miles traveled. This trend is occurring nationwide with a steady reduction in vehicle miles traveled overall.
6. Younger people and families are tending to move away from the suburbs to more affordable urban environments with more amenities, where travel distances are shorter and housing is closer to jobs, friends, and activities.

Any plan for Hays County should look beyond the borders of the county to consider the larger region. We believe that the cities, the counties, and the state should focus their limited transportation resources on growth corridors where current infrastructure can be expanded, where mobility is most needed, and where high-capacity transportation networks already exist. In the Hays County area of central Texas the growth corridors, based on the previously mentioned routes, are:

1. IH 35, approximately five miles on both sides of the freeway.
2. US 281, approximately three miles on both sides of the highway.
3. US 290, approximately five miles on both sides of the highway.
4. Texas State 46, in Comal County, approximately three miles on both sides of the highway.
5. Hwy (Toll Road) 130 approximately five miles on both sides of the highway.

CENTRAL TEXAS GROWTH CORRIDOR PLAN



Those growth corridors and the roads within these corridors should be apportioned the bulk of the transportation dollars. That is where growth can be accommodated efficiently and transportation costs kept within the means of the already over-burdened taxpayer. For years the Texas legislature has refused to raise gas taxes, while the operators of cars and trucks have contributed less per mile to the road fund.

Taxpayers are going to be very hesitant to approve any additional road bonds for transportation projects. Area officials must learn to live within their means by using existing or even reduced funds in their transportation planning. This means that grand plans for major roads outside the growth corridors must be shelved. Plans for new road bonds and tax increases must also be dropped.

Within the Hill Country portion of Hays County and northern Comal County the terrain is rocky and hilly, creek and river crossings are numerous, and road building costs are excessive. Therefore the existing roads will have to do for now and into the future with only needed safety improvements and intersection widening, where justified.

Fortunately, that is what many visitors to and residents of central Hays and northern Comal Counties find so attractive – roads with slower speeds and beautiful scenery that provide adequate access for daily trips and commerce. Within these central areas of the counties the primary expenditure of roadway dollars should be on proper maintenance of the roads and early acquisition of Right of Way where selective intersection widening may be expected in the future.

This approach to transportation planning for our collective future recognizes the reality that growth projected for central Texas will be attracted to areas where water, sewer, and transportation infrastructure is already in place and where mobility improvements can be efficiently and economically developed – the growth corridors. It also recognizes that with changing demographics, higher energy costs, resistance to new taxes, and new trends in urban-oriented housing, the conditions that led to successful rapid growth in the past are not likely in our future. Additionally, in central Hays and northern Comal Counties the primary water supply source, the Trinity Aquifer, will be unable to provide adequate drinking water for intensive development; thus, maintaining a rural development density will be essential to the area's future.

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**LOWER COLORADO REGIONAL
WATER PLANNING GROUP**

Public Hearing Registration Card

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Do you wish to make a statement? Yes No

Are you an elected official? Yes No Describe: _____

Written Comments: _____

Conservation is a critical element of a water management plan - but there is no revenue generated by conservation.

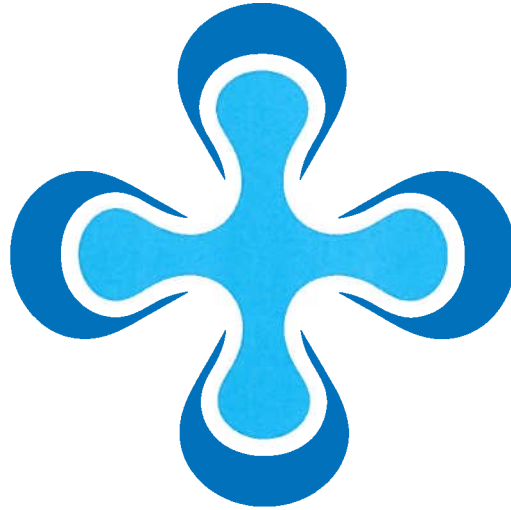
One approach that is tried + tested in Australia is to employ progressive usage pricing models to financially encourage wise water use.

This approach is also consistent with CTWC plan of how conservation can be encouraged.

I encourage CTWC to ~~devote~~ develop a recommendation of progressive pricing for both firm + interruptible customers.

LESSONS FROM THE AUSTRALIAN DROUGHT

Does the Answer to Texas' Water Policy Problems Lie Down Under?



Texas has serious water problems.

This has become all too clear as prolonged drought has gripped most of Texas. Unfortunately, when drought conditions eventually break, Texas businesses and citizens will still be saddled with our antiquated Water Code and associated dysfunctional governance and regulations.

Recently, some business and political leaders started to realize that a bold and comprehensive new Texas water policy is needed for the 21st century. But exactly what kind of modern policy and new regulations will deliver proven results for our rapidly growing population and wide array of expanding businesses while preserving the environment?

Early in 2014, a small group started to research possible long-term water policy solutions being utilized elsewhere in the world. While it was easy to find innovative new water-related technologies, it was difficult to find the kind of visionary water management framework needed in Texas. Then one of us had the good fortune to attend an Australian professor's presentation at the Texas

A&M Law School titled "Is Texas Missing an Opportunity? Lessons from Australia."

Professor Mike D. Young, Research Chair for Water Economics and Management at the University of Adelaide and Chair in Australian Studies at the Harvard University School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, is one of the architects of the highly successful Australian Water Initiative that has been developed and implemented over the last 15 years. This new water management model was developed in a time of dire necessity when an approximately 20-year drought gripped all of eastern Australia, the country's agricultural breadbasket and home of over 85 percent of its population.

How Bad Did It Get During the 20-Year Australian Drought?

The Australian drought began in 1991 in Queensland and quickly engulfed all of Eastern Australia. It officially ended in 2011, but at its zenith in 2001 – 2009, the so-called "Millennium" Drought period – it was considered the worst drought since Australia was settled.

In the latter half of the drought, rivers in the Murray-Darling Basin (Australia's version of the Mississippi River Basin) were barely flowing in multiple locations and a multi-state region had to impose draconian water use restrictions on citizens and businesses. Even more dramatic, the Australian government was preparing plans to cease all agricultural surface water use in the Basin, which would have financially devastated massive numbers of businesses, including farms and ranches that produce over \$30 billion (USD) in exports as well as most of the food for Domestic Markets.

What Needed To Change In Australia's Water Management Policy?

Australia's previous water management system was almost totally controlled by state governments and various political subdivisions. Similar to Texas, government or pseudo-government agencies essentially picked and funded almost all water investments and effectively backstopped any losing investments. Australian leaders decided this was clearly not an effective investment

and management model with the prospect of long-term droughts and the country's fast growing 21st century economy.

The solution that emerged was a hybrid government and free market approach to water management. The government would guarantee affordable water for cities and citizens, but additional water allocations would be allowed to be traded and water transported where needed. By permitting supply and demand to determine the monetized value of water, the balance between water conservation and consumption was dramatically enhanced.

The major components of the successful Australian water management model that can work in Texas are amazingly straightforward and commonsense:

- An appropriate and workable role for government is still significant but primarily at the base of the water management pyramid. Most importantly, government makes certain the water needs of all cities, citizens and businesses are met and that water is set at affordable rates under long-term contracts. However, city water rates systems employ progressive usage pricing models to financially encourage wise water use.
- The connectivity between surface and groundwater resources is recognized and scientifically managed as a single resource through comprehensive hydrology involving modeling and continuous monitoring basin-wide – not in small isolated locales.
- Government guarantees that water management policy and available usage is totally based on hydrologic and other scientific and legal analysis conducted by nominated practicing and credentialed experts. In other words, politics, conflicting interests, and cronyism are eliminated from water governance.
- Government ensures that all existing pollution and environmental regulations are rigorously enforced.
- Scientifically established and available water supplies exceeding the

needs for cities and citizens are monetized and allowed to be traded through free open water markets that provide buyers and sellers fair market value. These markets primarily involve industry, agriculture, ranching, and forestry.

- Embolden and assist engineers, technologists, entrepreneurs and water owners to develop innovative methods and technologies that use less water and produce new water resources and containment.
- Open the water infrastructure system and overall water market to private capital to fund projects for the development of water resources and transportation that government cannot afford, has chosen not to undertake, or would not risk funding. This capital can either be public-private partnerships or purely private investments. But such ventures must be driven by entrepreneurs and investors risking their capital – not primarily by old-fashion government decision making.

What Were Some of the Results Australia Obtained?

First, it's working. Additionally, the results have been better and developed faster than the architects ever expected.

Water has become a valuable marketable asset for Australian water rights and allocation owners, which financially incentivizes both acceptable resource development and conservation. Once water had "real" asset value, large and moderate water users found new and innovative ways to use far less water. Examples were widespread and include farms that have installed microprocessor control irrigation systems that allowed them to use one-third the water previously utilized for irrigation. New technologies have reduced water loss during containment and transportation, and the rapid pace of innovation has been absolutely astounding.

Texas Needs Bold Action and Leadership

In summary, a form of the truly science-

based, highly successful Australian water management model is the answer to Texas water policy needs for the 21st century rather than our current policies that primarily date from the 19th and 20th centuries. Just as important, this can be done while protecting Texans' Constitutional property rights while safeguarding our environment and assuring needed water supplies for the future of our state.

In a January 2015 presentation for the Texas CEO Magazine Speaker Series, the Chairman of the Texas Water Board noted that by 2060 the population of Texas is estimated to grow by 82 percent or to 46.3 million people, and that \$231 billion will be needed for water infrastructure and development projects, including \$53B for new water containment and sourcing.

With the potential of ongoing droughts and this level of needed water infrastructure investment, it is obvious the current Texas water management system – almost completely government funded and operated – is not sustainable.

Now is the time for decisive action – not after droughts and systematic water shortages do possibly irreversible harm to our citizens, environment, and economy. Or do we need to wait for businesses to start bypassing and leaving Texas because of water availability concerns to act?

Texas Water Future is a not-for-profit and nonpartisan organization dictated to bring a form of the successful Australian water management model to Texas. Professor Mike D. Young is a consultant to Texas Water Future.

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Robert Cunningham, PhD, is Vice President of Scientific Research of Texas Water Future. He holds a PhD in Geosciences (Biogeochemistry) from the University of Texas-Dallas. He retired from Exxon-Mobil after leading research teams and conducting exploration throughout the world, finishing with several years in Australia during the Millennium drought. He can be reached at 325-248-5392 or rcunningham.cs@gmail.com.

City of Goldthwaite Secures Plentiful, Safe Water Supply

The \$2.1 million water supply line project, stretching from Mill Creek near San Saba to Goldthwaite is now nearly complete, providing an ample backup water supply to Goldthwaite.

Whitney Underground Utilities, out of Valley Mills, installed about 68,000 linear feet of the 10-inch pipe that will bring raw (untreated) water into the City of Goldthwaite's water system, Lindsey said.

The project is part of a three-prong approach that City Council decided to move forward with in 2011, after water supply in the city got dangerously low following a record drought year.

"In 2011, Council started to pursue longer term solutions to meet the water supply needs of the City of Goldthwaite," Lindsey said.

At that time, Council also decided to drill two more groundwater wells, and start the ball rolling on an in-channel dam project. The wells have been completed and in operation for years; Lindsey said progress on the dam is moving slowly.

The water line project is made possible, in part, with a Texas Water Development Board loan. Lindsey said the loan agreement calls for \$620,000 in debt forgiveness, which means the city's final cost is \$1.48 million. The loan will be repaid with water revenues, he added.

The water line project involves a long-term contract with the City of San Saba, with the line starting at a pump station on Mill Creek. The City of Goldthwaite will own and operate the water line, which will tie into the Goldthwaite system at the Colorado River pump station.



Workers lay the line for the San Saba to Goldthwaite water supply line.

The City will be responsible for the maintenance and operation of the new line, he said. No new staff or headcount will be required.

When the river isn't flowing, this will provide an alternative water supply for city residents. The water supply contract provides for 245 acre feet per year if needed by the City of Goldthwaite.

The project has to be done by March of 2015 per the city's agreement with the TWDB, but Lindsey said it could be done as early as the end of this year.

Lindsey commended the Council for taking action as quickly as they did regarding the city's water supply. In other places where the governments have not acted as quickly, cities are finding themselves competing for water supplies.

Mayor Mike McMahan said that when Council set out to do something about the water supply in the city, the thought was to pursue projects that would ensure water supply for 50 to 100 years into the future. There is a tradition of these legacy projects in the city, McMahan said, with those who served on Council in years past providing for the needs for future generations, and the current Council wants to continue that history of improvement at a minimum burden to the city's residents.

McMahan also went on to thank Ken Jordan, Mayor of the City of San Saba, their City Council and the residents of San Saba for their cooperation and willingness in working with the City of Goldthwaite to help meet the water supply needs of its residents.

City of Goldthwaite Builds Infrastructure for Growth

Water

The City of Goldthwaite is in the midst of improving their water distribution system. Work crews have been working in downtown Goldthwaite to work on the project focused on replacing aged City of Goldthwaite cast iron water lines with new eight inch water line (C900 PVC line). The project will also encompass replacing and adding fire hydrants along the route. The crews will also migrate and re-establish service lines from old lines to new lines while they are at it.

Funding is provided by Texas Department of Agriculture and the Community Development Block Grant Program. Housley Communications of San Angelo contracted to do the work for the City of Goldthwaite.

Thanks to investment in infrastructure improvements, the City now has multiple ways of accessing water based on needs and drought conditions: the Colorado River, three reservoirs, the water tower, three wells, and now a water line from the ever-flowing Mills Creek in San Saba to the Goldthwaite pumping station at the Colorado River, which separates Mills and San Saba counties.

Airport

The Goldthwaite Municipal Airport hangars are now complete, the last of the asphalt having been poured in April 2015.

Council have approved a number of hanger rental options, offering discounts for longer use, including a \$150 per month rate for long-term commitments of three years, paying at least six months in advance at a time.

Of the 10 hangars at the city, six have firm rental commitments, leaving three open hangars and one set aside for business development as of this printing.

Standard rate for the hangars is \$200 per month, or \$183 per month on a



Humberto Ollazobal of Housley Communications installs one of the new eight inch water lines just north of City hall Tuesday afternoon.

Photo by Steven bridges

one-year commitment.

The business hangar is used to attract a business like a flying school, mechanic or fuel operator to use the hangar to house aircraft or use in a fashion that complies with City ordinance to develop additional business at the location.

The business hangar can also be used for emergency purposes.

Quiet Zone

The City is exploring ways to increase safety at its train crossings and reduce noise by way of eliminating the need for trains to whistle when coming into town.

City staff is working with representatives of the Northern Santa Fe Railroad, the Federal Railroad Administration, and the Texas Department of Transportation to meet, review, and walk every railroad crossing in the city. They will discuss requirements to go to a quiet zone, and what options exist.

On-channel Reservoir

Council has given its unanimous approval of the proposed Leonard's On-channel Reservoir on the Colorado River.

The reservoir will help preserve a portion of the water that flows through Mills County to serve the Leonard's pecan farm, which lost thousands of pecan trees during recent drought.

This reserve of water could also benefit the city in an emergency drought situation. The city's primary source of water is from pumping the Colorado River.

"What this project does for us is it tries to alleviate the lack of reliability on the river," City Manager Rob Lindsey said.

"We produce water from the Colorado River, and we struggle continually to avail ourselves of the water we hold within our rights due to intermittent flow on the river."

Burke, Jaime

From: John Burke <johnburke41@gmail.com>
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Include these comments.

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Cc: dklaeger@gmail.com

Hi John

Thank you for the opportunity to speak at the Region K Water Group meeting.

My comments addressed the need for Region K to develop recommendations to encourage water conservation. Since no revenue is generated from water conservation having a progressive use cost matrix would encourage conservation by users, particularly high water users, to determine and implement water conservation methods. If there is no significant reduction in the cost of using water verse the cost to establish water saving technology many large users may not see a net benefit of a decision to implement these conservation methods. In other words as long as water is cheap why spend money on conservation. This applies to both firm and interruptible customers.

Australia has experience severe drought and had successful implemented this approach with great success as well as many other initiatives. In essence Australia established water as an asset to be conserved.

I did leave an article with you on these initiatives that Australia implemented for Region K Water Group consideration.

In my comments I had referred to the Central Texas Water Coalition in error and should have referred to Region K. I apologize for this oversight but the content on my message does not change.

Thank you for the work you and Region K Water Group are doing to ensure adequate water for our Region now and in the future.

Sincerely

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ATTACHMENT E

Additional Goldthwaite Channel Dam Comments

NO COLORADO RIVER DAM

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September 15, 2015

Mr. John Burke, Chair
Region K Planning Group
Texas Water Development Board
Austin, TX

Dear John:

Thanks for taking time to work with us regarding the proposed in-channel dam on the Colorado River. We appreciate the time Jim Barho, Jaime Burke and the Water Management Strategies Committee spent evaluating this project. We also appreciate your role in assuring that all parties have a fair chance to participate in the process.

The purpose of this letter is to outline the major issues which justify excluding the dam from Region K's 2016 Water Plan. We respectfully request that this letter and Region K's response be included in the final version of the Plan.

The main reasons this dam should be excluded from the Plan are:

- I. The City of Goldthwaite has ample water for municipal purposes.*
- II. The River does not have enough water for the dam and downstream users.*
- III. The public opposes the dam and has clearly communicated its concerns.*
- IV. Texas Parks and Wildlife, LCRA and the City of Austin have serious concerns.*
- V. Senior downstream water rights holders (including those with D&L rights) would be harmed.*
- VI. The dam will waste water and perpetuate poor irrigation practices.*

Details about each of the issues are provided below:

- I. The City of Goldthwaite has ample water for municipal purposes.*

After the 2010-2011 drought, the City of Goldthwaite took steps to increase its supply. In addition to R-O-R, the City drilled several wells and negotiated a contract with the City of San Saba to purchase 245 acre-feet of water annually. This contract is for an initial 25-year term with extensions on an annual basis in perpetuity upon agreement of the parties.

All told, Goldthwaite has at least 296 acre-feet from R-O-R (the amount diverted during the worst of the 2010-2011 drought), 245 acre-feet from the City of San Saba and additional water from the wells (estimated to be at least 75 acre-feet) or a combined total of 616 acre-feet.

Based on its population of 1,869 and using TWDB's standard of 140 gpd/c, Goldthwaite's demand should be approximately 293 acre-feet resulting in a surplus of 323 acre-feet.

Goldthwaite has two reservoirs with combined storage of 550 acre-feet. These reservoirs allow Goldthwaite to capture water during peak flows and hold it until needed.

Regarding future needs, the State Demographer projects Goldthwaite will grow by about 8 people per year over the next 50 years. Existing supply will clearly support this growth.

II. *The River doesn't have enough water for the dam and downstream users.*

An application to build a dam in the Goldthwaite area is currently being considered by TCEQ. The applicants are O.P. and Nancy Leonard, pecan farmers. The proposed dam will be 20' high, impound 1,000 acre-feet of water, cover 109 acres and extend about nine miles.

In its application to TCEQ, the Leonards list four water rights totaling 5,562 acre-feet. Presumably, they need the dam to be able to fully exercise these rights. Once the dam is built, not only will the Leonards have the potential to exercise all their water rights, but so will the City of Goldthwaite, and the four adjacent landowners who have water rights in addition to their D&L rights. If all the adjudicated rights were fully exercised, the total would be 7,573 acre-feet or 2,467,495,000 gallons per year. No one knows exactly how much water these users currently take. We can be certain, however, that the incremental amount they expect to take is enough to justify the expense of building and operating the dam.

The TCEQ file contains a report prepared by Jones and Ridenour, the applicant's environmental consultant. The report describes the condition of the river near the proposed dam. Among other things, the report says:

- "Upstream migration of fish and other aquatic organisms is already significantly hampered."
- The area is "comprised of mostly bare (dry or muddy) river bed, a few well vegetated bars comprised of accumulated sediment and apparently intermittent and perennial pools."
- The apparent intermittent nature of some pools was further supported by an observed "lack of aquatic life within these pools. Reportedly, the river bed currently dries up often."
- "Overall, for the lower one-fourth of the subject reach of river, approximately 50 percent of the river bed was found to be dry or muddy, and approximately 50 percent of the river bed was found to be pooled/ponded. Approximately one-third of the way up the subject reach of river, flow within the river was encountered for the first time. This flow was evident where the river necked down to approximately ten feet wide...."

Does this sound like enough flow to meet the intended purposes of the dam AND the needs of the downstream users, many of whom cannot get enough water now?

III. *The public opposes the dam and has clearly communicated its concerns.*

When the TCEQ invited public comment on the proposed dam in February 2015, it received 347 comments, all but a few of which opposed the dam. Many people wrote passionately and eloquently about how the proposed dam would worsen their already dire circumstances. Here are three typical comments:

- On 2/22/2015: “My family owns property on the river within 8 miles downstream of the proposed site. We have water rights to irrigate our pecans. We have chosen not to do so, much to the detriment of the trees...because we felt it would be a selfish and irresponsible act...”
- On 2/21/2015: “My wife and I have 10 acres of land at Lake Buchanan....We have not had useable lake in 4 or 5 years....Our well runs dry and requires prolonged recharge....We fear proposal ADJ 2472 will result in less water for all the downstream Highland Lakes.”
- On 2/22/2015: “It is my understanding that the O.P. Leonard, Jr...has certain water rights and has filed a request for permission to build a dam on the Colorado River for the express purpose of securing an abundance of river water in order to guarantee such a supply as to freely exercise their water rights year-round. Presumably, this is in furtherance of their commercial pecan orchard-farming interests. The Colorado River has seasonably low flows in a normal year and virtually no flow at many times in drought years. It seems reasonably clear to me that if the TCEQ allows one commercial entity...to build a dam to guarantee THEIR access to water, there will be multiple interests downstream that will suffer LESS access to their own water rights.”

In addition to these comments, there are 344 more! Please take a look at the TCEQ web site for more examples of the public’s opposition to this dam.

Beyond this expression of outrage, more than 1000 people signed a petition opposing the dam and asking the City of Goldthwaite to cease supporting the project. The City Council failed to grant this request.

IV. Texas Parks and Wildlife, LCRA and the City of Austin have serious concerns.

- TPWD lists several issues in its letter to TCEQ. Specifically, it states that “the impoundment of the Colorado River and the transformation from a riverine ecosystem to a lacustrine ecosystem may affect the aquatic community at the project site including the fish and freshwater mussel assemblage.” Further, TPWD expresses concern about the conditions at the Colorado Bend State Park, which is located 50 miles downstream of the proposed dam site. TPWD is concerned that the White Bass upstream spawning migration into the area of the Colorado Bend State Park is dependent upon adequate instream flows which may be affected by the dam. TPWD also

notes that for state listed threatened mussel species that are also candidates for federal endangered or threatened listing have known or potential presence within San Saba County.

- LCRA's letter to the TCEQ focuses on its general concern about water rights, particularly LCRA's senior water rights. LCRA notes that it owns "very senior water rights downstream of the Highland Lakes, including the Garwood water right with a priority date of November 1, 1900. In dry years, this water right relies on flows upstream of the Highland Lakes."
- The City of Austin notes that the application by the Leonards does not list any other water right holders as co-owners. The City of Austin also suggests a number of special conditions to help minimize the negative impact of the dam if the permit is granted.

The letters from TPWD, the City of Austin and LCRA are in the Public Comments section of TCEQ's web site.

V. *Senior downstream water rights holders (including those with D&L rights) would be harmed by the dam.*

The application currently under consideration by TCEQ is based on water right ADJ 2472 owned by O. P. Leonard Jr. and Nancy Leonard. It has a priority date of 12/31/1961. This date is relatively junior and a quick look at the priority dates of other water rights holders in Mills and San Saba Counties shows more than 140 with priority dates senior to ADJ 2472. Extrapolating this to all the counties in Region K would likely reveal many more water right holders senior to ADJ 2472.

In addition, Texas law provides that "domestic and livestock uses are always senior to any kind of appropriated water right." All downstream D&L water right holders are senior to ADJ 2472 and it is doubtful their superior needs will be met if the dam is built.

It is indisputable that the proposed dam which will cost more than \$3.6mm will provide a substantial benefit to the Leonards, the sole owners of the dam. Therefore, it seems clear that hundreds, or maybe thousands, of downstream water right holders which are senior to ADJ 2472 will have substantially less water after the dam is built.

VI. *The dam will waste water and perpetuate poor irrigation practices.*

If this dam is built, environmental consultants Jones and Ridenour project the reservoir will lose up to 552.7 acre-feet annually due to evaporation. This is water that will be diverted from the river, stored and allowed to evaporate.

As part of the Leonards application to TCEQ, they were required to provide a description of the alternatives that were examined to meet the water needs the dam is intended to fill. Jones and Ridenour answered the question this way:

- "Not improving the present-day system...would result in a continued shortage of water for both Big Valley Farms and citizens relying on the City of Goldthwaite for fresh water. Not improving the present-day system would also result in an

unrealized opportunity for the landowner, whose property fronts and/or contains over nine miles of the Colorado River.”

- Alternatives that were considered included constructing multiple dams and building a higher dam.
- The alternative of constructing a smaller dam was “proved not to be feasible, as a smaller dam will not hold enough water to increase the probability of meeting needs significantly enough to make the project worthwhile.”

Clearly, this analysis considered only the landowner’s sole interest and failed to consider conservation---the one alternative that could truly benefit the river, the downstream landowners, the Leonards and the people of Texas.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide input on this important project. Please let us know if there’s any additional information we can provide. Along with the members of the Region K Planning Group, we are committed to protecting the Colorado River for our generation and for those who come after us.

Sincerely,

Reagan Burnham

Reagan Burnham

Burke, Jaime

From: John Burke <johnburke41@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 10:28 AM
To: Jeff Fox; Burke, Jaime
Subject: Fwd: Channel dam

Jeff

Forward this to the group.

John

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From: **River City Paint** <riverscitypaintss@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jun 9, 2015 at 9:57 AM
Subject: Channel dam
To: JohnEBurke@regionk.org

Mr. Burke, After speaking with Jamie yesterday I feel that I am going to have issue on additions to size specifications becoming part of final draft. She made these changes based on the request by Goldthwaite that they still wished to have channel dam project included in new plan. In Goldthwaite's latest request they conveniently incorporated the size specification from the Leonard Big Valley Pecan application with TCEQ, that would double the size of the project. I feel that she was instructed in April to remove the reference to the Leonard application from the draft but by incorporating the specifications from there application she has indirectly still included Big Valley Pecan in the draft. I realize that if the B V P application were to make it through TCEQ it would serve the supposed need of Goldthwaite but the city of Goldthwaite has no pending application with TCEQ. I also find it strange that the city of Goldthwaite, after securing a pipeline from San Saba and drilling two new wells now feels like they still need a channel dam and want it twice as big as they have ever requested since the proposal was first introduced to the water plan??? I would like to ask in advance of June public hearing that if Region K intends to leave channel dam in the draft that they return size specification to what was originally requested by the city of Goldthwaite not Big Valley Pecan. Thank You.
Reagan Burnham [325-248-1413](tel:325-248-1413)

ATTACHMENT F

Additional Hays County Pipeline Comments

Burke, Jaime

From: Fox, Jeff <Jeff.Fox@austintexas.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2015 4:44 PM
To: 'John Burke' (johnburke41@gmail.com); Lutes, Teresa; 'Barbara Johnson' (bjohnson@aaroregion.com); 'info@fayettecountygroundwater.com'; 'David Van Dresar' (david@fayettecountygroundwater.com); 'dklaeger@gmail.com'; 'Doug Powell' (dpowell@flagshipmarinas.com); 'Haskell Simon' (aquainfo@sbcglobal.net); 'Jennifer Walker' (jennifermwalker@earthlink.net); 'jimbarho@gmail.com'; 'laurig@pflugervilletx.gov'; 'Karen Haschke' (karenhaschke@sbcglobal.net); 'jphoffman@stpegs.com'; 'Pansy Benedict(Billy Roeder)' (pbenedict@gillespiecounty.org); 'Ptybor@gmail.com'; 'Rob Ruggiero' (RobRuggiero@aol.com); 'Ronald G. Fieseler' (manager@blancocountygroundwater.org); 'judge@co.san-saba.tx.us'; 'Ronaldg59@gmail.com'; 'Blewis@cityofillano.com'; 'David Bradsby' (david.bradsby@tpwd.state.tx.us); 'Temple McKinnon' (Temple.McKinnon@twdb.texas.gov); 'blcomm2@co.blanco.tx.us'; 'lpgcd@lostpineswater.org'; 'jim@ccgcd.net'; 'john@bseacd.org'; 'Bill Luedecke'; 'david.wheelock@LCRA.ORG'; 'jtotten@lostpineswater.org'; 'David Villarreal' (David.Villarreal@texasagriculture.gov); Burke, Jaime; Martin, Danielle; 'Chris.Hoelter@LCRA.ORG'
Subject: Another Hays Commissioners Court resolution

Forwarded from John:

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From: **Barbara Hopson** <hopsonbarbara@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, Jun 15, 2015 at 9:35 AM
Subject: Another Hays Commissioners Court resolution
To: John Burke <johnburke41@gmail.com>, The Honorable Bert Cobb <bert.cobb@co.hays.tx.us>, The Honorable Will Conley <will.conley@co.hays.tx.us>, The Honorable Ray Whisenant <ray.whisenant@co.hays.tx.us>, The Honorable Debbie Ingalsbe <debbiei@co.hays.tx.us>, The Honorable Mark Jones <mark.jones@co.hays.tx.us>, Mark Kennedy <mark.kennedy@co.hays.tx.us>

Below is a link to a January 6, 2015 letter from Judge Bert Cobb to John Burke (Chair, Region K), requesting that both Regions K and L include in their IPPs "a compatible plan to import non-Trinity, non-Edwards water sources into and through [emphasis mine] Hays County in order to address the forecast water shortages of the County."

Why does Judge Cobb want the importing pipeline to go through Hays County?

<http://www.regionk.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/WEST-HAYS-Letter-from-Judge-Cobb-to-John-Burke-requesting-agenda-item.pdf>

The Resolution adopted by Hays County Commissioners Court follows the request. In the Resolution the Court appoints Commissioner Will Conley to represent it before both Regions K and L. Commissioner Conley had influential input into the IPPs for both Regions K

and L.

Barbara Hopson
Wimberley

From: [John Burke](#)
To: [Burke, Jaime](#)
Subject: Fwd: Map of Options for Hays County Pipeline Project
Date: Sunday, September 13, 2015 7:06:18 AM

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From: **Barbara Hopson** <hopsonbarbara@yahoo.com>

Date: Fri, Sep 11, 2015 at 3:33 PM

Subject: Map of Options for Hays County Pipeline Project

To: Con Mims <cmims@nueces-ra.org>, "Steven J. Raabe" <sraabe@sara-tx.org>, Cole Ruiz <cruiz@sara-tx.org>, David Carter <david.carter@twdb.texas.gov>, Dianne Wassenich <wassenich@grandecom.net>, The Honorable Will Conley <will.conley@co.hays.tx.us>, John Dupnik <jdupnik@bseacd.org>, "tandruss@RegionLTexas.org" <tandruss@regionltexas.org>, John Burke <johnburke41@gmail.com>

Cc: The Honorable Ray Whisenant <ray.whisenant@co.hays.tx.us>, The Honorable Debbie Ingalsbe <debbiei@co.hays.tx.us>, The Honorable Mark Jones <mark.jones@co.hays.tx.us>, Mark Kennedy <mark.kennedy@co.hays.tx.us>, Steve Thurber <thurbercpa@sthurber.com>, Bob Dussler <mrdussler@gmail.com>, Cindy Anderson <cindy@cqcintl.com>, Mac McCullough <libbysales@austin.rr.com>, Pam Showalter <pam.showalter@gmail.com>, John White <place5@cityofwimberley.com>, Don Ferguson <dferguson@cityofwimberley.com>, Mike Steinert <mtsteinert@gmail.com>, Eric Eskelund <dunthaat@austin.rr.com>, Bill Scheel <wscheel@s-sm.org>

You can read more information about the Regions-K&L-proposed Hays County Pipeline Project in the 2010-11 Hays County Water and Wastewater plan. Here is a link to the Plan:

https://www.twdb.texas.gov/publications/reports/contracted_reports/doc/0804830842_WaterWastewaterplan_HaysCnty.pdf

See pages 45-47 for a description of the Project. The costs shown are in 2010 dollars (use Long Term Chart). Change them to reflect

2015 prices (from Region L estimates) of about \$2.8 million dollars per mile. (Option A is 19 miles, Option B is 18 miles, and Option C is 10 miles.)

On page 48 is a **map** showing the routes of the 3 options. Note that Option A would require additional cost to cross the Blanco River to bring water to Wimberley. And Options B & C would require additional cost to cross the Blanco to serve Woodcreek. Which means the costs to serve **both** cities would be higher than shown in the Plan costs.

Barbara Hopson
Wimberley

From: [John Burke](#)
To: [Burke, Jaime](#)
Subject: Fwd: The Unequal Burden Argument
Date: Sunday, September 13, 2015 7:05:02 AM

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From: **Barbara Hopson** <hopsonbarbara@yahoo.com>

Date: Fri, Sep 11, 2015 at 1:26 PM

Subject: The Unequal Burden Argument

To: Con Mims <cmims@nueces-ra.org>, "Steven J. Raabe" <sraabe@sara-tx.org>, Cole Ruiz <cruiz@sara-tx.org>, "tandruss@RegionLTexas.org" <tandruss@regionltexas.org>, John Dupnik <jdupnik@bseacd.org>, John Burke <johnburke41@gmail.com>, The Honorable Will Conley <will.conley@co.hays.tx.us>, "dwassenich@RegionLTexas.org" <dwassenich@regionltexas.org>, David Carter <david.carter@twdb.texas.gov>

Cc: The Honorable Ray Whisenant <ray.whisenant@co.hays.tx.us>, The Honorable Mark Jones <mark.jones@co.hays.tx.us>, The Honorable Debbie Ingalsbe <debbiei@co.hays.tx.us>, The Honorable Bert Cobb <bert.cobb@co.hays.tx.us>, Mark Kennedy <mark.kennedy@co.hays.tx.us>

THE UNEQUAL BURDEN ARGUMENT

Lately citizens and groups across the nation are presenting what I call to myself "The Unequal Burden Argument." In a nutshell, the argument states that current ratepayers for water, electricity, natural gas, and the infrastructure for them pay an unfairly higher per cent of the cost of new facilities than will the eventual new users -- especially when the new facilities will not be needed until decades in the future.

To cite an example close to home (to SW Hays County):

A Hays County Pipeline Project is included in the 2016 Initially Prepared Plans (IPP) of both Regions K and L. The project calls for an unbelievably expensive pipeline from Gonzales County to Kyle to Wimberley/Woodcreek, with a spur going off to Dripping Springs. This is a project that, by Hays County's and Regions K and L's own estimates, will not be needed by Wimberley until 2030 or later -- if even then. Yet Wimberley citizens will start paying for it the minute funding of the project begins. That means that folks who are already here will pay for years on a pipeline that they don't even need. On the other hand, the eventual users for whom the pipeline would be built won't be using or paying on the pipeline until they move here -- in the distant future. That is the unequal burden which is placed on current ratepayers and residents.

The City of Austin, especially, is wrestling with this problem, because homeowners there are being driven out of their homes by higher utility bills and taxes, the money from which will be used to provide facilities for

newcomers. Austin hasn't yet figured out how to solve this problem, but officials are keenly aware of it.

Let's not burden our current population now with bills for infrastructure that will not be needed for decades. I can hear the cry of, "We need to plan ahead!" And I agree. But let's build costly infrastructure more closely to the time it will be needed, when the added population (which is WHY it will be needed) can help pay for it.

Barbara Hopson
Wimberley

Burke, Jaime

From: John Burke <johnburke41@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 6:30 PM
To: Teresa Lutes; Burke, Jaime
Subject: Fwd: Region K IPP

Include this in the comments.

John

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From: **Barbara Hopson** <hopsonbarbara@yahoo.com>
Date: Tue, Jun 30, 2015 at 5:56 PM
Subject: Region K IPP
To: John Burke <johnburke41@gmail.com>

Dear Mr. Burke,

I just sent you a copy of an email I sent to Charlie Flatten asking about maps at the Burnet public presentation of the Region K IPP.

My question to him was whether there were any maps showing proposed pipelines in Hays County. I did not see a single one in Chapter 5 (WMS) of the Region K IPP, although Chapter 5 of the Region L IPP had many. Please see that there are maps available for the public to be able to see the pipelines that may affect us.

Also, Hays County Commissioners Court has voted 4-1 not to renew its contract with Forestar to supply us water from Lee County to the San Marcos area. Since Hays County was Forestar's only potential customer, I think you can remove the Forestar project from the Region K IPP.

Sincerely,
Barbara Hopson
Wimberley

From: Michael Hanson [<mailto:hansonics@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, September 06, 2015 1:01 PM
To: BoardMembers
Subject: Proposed Pipeline

Our family opposes the 36" pipeline through the Wimberley Valley, and it should be dropped from the state's 2016 water plan proposal. Water to Dripping Springs and the US 290 growth corridor should be routed through northern Hays County, not through the Wimberley Valley. Thank you.

Michael & Marti Hanson
Wimberley, Texas
(512) 842-1409

From: Will Conley [<mailto:will.conley@co.hays.tx.us>]
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2015 10:37 AM
To: Perkins, Brian
Subject: forestar/k and I plans

Brian,

Thank you for the phone call this morning. As we discussed I would request the following. First, that we address the plans and connection from region L to region K. These lines should reflect the Hays County Water and Waste water study that show lines running to Wimberley from rm 12, from fm150 splitting off to Wimberley down fm 3237, and from hwy 32. The line from fm 150 needs to continue to Dripping Springs down fm 150 and coming out of Buda up fm 967. We don't support a Wimberley hub/wheeling situation where there is a line running through Wimberley ,across western Hays County and over to Dripping Springs.

Second, Hays County is no longer in an agreement with Forestar. Therefore, I see no reason for it to remain in our plan.

Thank you again for the efforts. I would appreciate a letter/email reflecting these request.

Thank you,

W

ATTACHMENT G

Additional Water Management Strategy Request Comments

Burke, Jaime

From: Hoffman, John <jphoffman@STPEGS.COM>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2015 4:22 PM
To: Stacy Pandey (Stacy.Pandey@LCRA.ORG)
Cc: Burke, Jaime; 'John Burke' (johnburke41@gmail.com)'; David Wheelock (David.Wheelock@LCRA.ORG)
Subject: Chapter 5 IPP addition

Importance: High

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Stacy/Jaime,

We (STP) met with LCRA today and wanted to make sure we put the below in our IPP under Chapter 5 (in the STP section). The 5 year joint application between STP and LCRA was filed in 2010 with TCEQ. This is a 5-Year Joint Application (14-5437C). The application is to amend our water right to allow an average diversion of 102,000 AF over any 5 consecutive years with a single year cap not to exceed 245,000 AF. There is no impact to existing water rights. The joint application was filed with TCEQ in 2010 and remains under "technical review" for now.

We wanted to make sure it was in the plan so TCEQ doesn't question it when we pursue approval.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Thanks,
John Hoffman
STPNOC
361-972-4507
jphoffman@stpegs.com

P.S. Sorry about the last minute notice, but we wanted to meet before we took any action.



P. O. Box 1218 ♦ 121 Main Street
Buda, TX 78610
(512) 312-0084

September 9, 2015

Attn: John Burke, Chairman
Region K Water Planning Group
JohnEBurke@RegionK.org

Dear Mr. Burke,

This letter is to provide the City of Buda's comments on the Region K Initially Prepared 2016 Regional Water Plan (IPP) during the Public comment period.

The Region K IPP currently includes proposed and potential non-potable effluent reuse strategies planned by the City of Buda (pp. 5-130 – 5-131). The City of Buda requests that the IPP be updated prior to adoption to additionally include potential Direct Potable Reuse projects planned by the City of Buda.

In order to provide accurate and current information in the adopted 2016 Region K Water Plan, the City of Buda requests that the IPP be updated during the incorporation of Public comments, as follows:

At the end of the introductory narrative, following the first paragraph on page 5-131, add the following:

“The City of Buda (City) also contracted with the consulting engineer responsible for design of the Buda WWTP Phase III Expansion project to perform a Feasibility Study for evaluation of direct potable water reuse (DPR) alternatives. A draft Feasibility Study Report was submitted in May, 2015 defining feasibility, anticipated treatment process, proposed improvements, regulatory requirements, and planning-level cost estimates for a potential 1.5 MGD to 2 MGD Direct Potable Reuse project. As part of the feasibility study phase, the City of Buda met with all TCEQ staff involved in approval of DPR projects. This meeting confirmed the regulatory feasibility of the proposed DPR project and provided definition of the procedures required by TCEQ for implementation. The City of Buda plans to conduct 12 months of detailed effluent water quality sampling in 2016 in accordance with TCEQ's requirements, in order to finalize the Feasibility Study Report for the City's use in a decision on whether to proceed with DPR. If this decision (anticipated in 2017) is to proceed with development of a potential DPR project, the City will then proceed with pilot study design and pilot testing, to be followed by full scale design and construction of DPR facilities. Pilot testing through construction would take place over a 5 year period. “

At the end of the subheading “*Cost Implications of Proposed Strategy*”, following the third paragraph on page 5-131, add the following:

“Based on the Feasibility Study Report assumptions and preliminary findings, the conceptual estimated probable cost for the City of Buda to implement a DPR project would be approximately

\$21,561,000. This cost estimate includes a DPR WTP with 2.0 MGD capacity; modifications at the Buda WWTP site including effluent transfer pumping facilities and biological denitrification process; facilities for treatment and disposal of wastes from the DPR WTP treatment process under a TPDES permit; and offsite finished water pipeline, storage, and blending facilities. This cost estimate does not include easements or land acquisition, permits, laboratory analyses, pilot testing, or professional services.

The conceptual estimated annual O&M cost for contract operation of a potential City of Buda DPR WTP by a qualified agency with 24/7 staffing by a 'B' licensed surface water treatment plant operator is \$611,000 per year. These estimated annual O&M costs are for operation and maintenance of a DPR WTP only and do not include Energy costs, Chemical costs, Analytical Laboratory fees, periodic replacement of expendable equipment; or additional O&M costs for offsite Finished Water Transmission and Blending Facilities. These additional costs will be defined following the 12-month period of effluent water quality sampling planned to be performed during 2016. The opinion of probable unit cost of DPR potable water will be estimated once these additional costs are defined through water quality data.

At the end of the subheading "*Environmental Considerations*", following the fifth paragraph on page 5-131, add the following:

"If the City of Buda decides to proceed with implementation of Direct Potable Reuse, it is anticipated that residuals from the DPR WTP treatment process would be further treated, then co-disposed with the Buda WWTP effluent under a TPDES permit. As a result, the Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) concentration of the WWTP effluent return flow to the Plum Creek watershed would be increased, but would remain within water-quality based limits authorized by TCEQ through the TPDES permitting process. Regulated constituents (chloride, sulfate) concentrations in the return flow to Plum Creek would also be increased, subject to TPDES permit limits. For discharge to Andrews Branch, TCEQ's water quality modeling method is based on existing ambient segment concentrations of 867.8 mg/L TDS, 117.5 mg/L chloride, and 88 mg/L sulfate, and segment criteria of 1,120 mg/L TDS, 350 mg/L chloride, and 150 mg/L sulfate. Preliminary evaluations done for the DPR Feasibility Study indicated that TPDES limits of 1,314 to 1,324 mg/L TDS and 178 mg/L sulfate may be needed for disposal of residuals from a proposed 2 MGD DPR WTP treatment process through co-discharge with 1.5 MGD of WWTP effluent. TPDES limits did not appear to be required for chloride. These anticipated discharge parameters will be better defined through the 12-month period of effluent water quality sampling planned to be performed during 2016. The required post-treatment for DPR WTP residuals and resulting blended discharge water quality parameters will be estimated based on the effluent water quality data."

No changes are proposed to the remainder of the narrative on page 5-131.

Thank you for considering these comments requesting updating the IPP during response to Public comments. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 512-312-0084.

Sincerely,



Brian Lillibridge

Water Specialist
City of Buda

Cc: Stacy Pandey, Region K Administrative Agent (stacy.pandey@lcra.org)

Burke, Jaime

From: Christopher Hoelter <Chris.Hoelter@LCRA.ORG>
Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2015 2:01 PM
To: Jeff Fox (External); David Wheelock; John Burke; Burke, Jaime; TeresaLutes@regionk.org
Subject: FW: [External] Region K WMP comment
Attachments: Region K comment.docx

Please review the comments provided by Mike Hodge, City Manager of Marble Falls, in regards to chapter 5.2.5.6 of the IPP.

Christopher Hoelter
Water Contracts and Conservation
512-730-6751



From: Lisa Ward [<mailto:lward@ci.marble-falls.tx.us>] On Behalf Of Mike Hodge
Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2015 11:58 AM
To: Christopher Hoelter
Cc: Mike Hodge
Subject: [External] Region K WMP comment

Mr. Hoelter,

It has been recommended to us to provide comment on the 2016 Region K Initially Prepared Plan regarding inclusion of our future re-use strategy, specifically Chapter 5.2.5.6.

Attached please find the information for your consideration.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mike Hodge, City Manager, for any additional information that may be required.

Thank you.



Lisa Ward
Administrative Assistant
City of Marble Falls – 800 Third Street - Marble Falls, TX 78654
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The Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Marble Falls includes an expansion of the existing reclaimed water irrigation system. The City's wastewater treatment plant currently supplies treated Type I effluent to four city parks and one athletic field for the purpose of irrigation. The city has recently completed improvements to the transmission capability and plans to add 2700' of purple pipe in order to irrigate additional athletic fields.

Estimated projections for reuse yields generated by the expansion would be 11 acre feet annually.

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ATTACHMENT H

Additional Individual Stakeholder Comments

From: [Danny Watts](#)
To: [Christopher Hoelter](#)
Subject: [External] Water release from Lake Travis
Date: Monday, June 29, 2015 8:39:14 PM

Please any more water from Lake Travis until a new plan is in place . The old plan has had major effects on the economy and the real estate values of the Lake Travis area. Please do not resend to emergency that put in place after 2011 severe drought that devastated the LT water level. Submitted by Dr. Danny Watts

Sent from my iPhone

From: [FRank Roche](#)
To: [Christopher Hoelter](#)
Subject: [External] Highland Lakes--Lake Travis and Lake Buchanan
Date: Monday, June 29, 2015 12:01:59 PM

To whom it may concern,

After 5 years of drought and extremely low lake levels, recent rains have brought Lake Buchanan & Lake Travis up.

Lake Travis water level is now at the historical lake level for July.

Please make a water plan

- that does NOT allow Lake Travis to be drained for down stream financial interests of farmers and duck hunters. The financial impact on property owners and business owners on and around Lake Travis & Lake Buchanan has been devastating the last 5 years. Property owners and business owners depend on maintaining lake levels that are at historical average levels.
- Assumes that drought conditions may continue for many years.

Don't give preferential treatment to down stream users.

Regards,

Frank Roche

133 Sailfish Lakeway, Texas 78734

713-628-3965

From: [Martin Boyer](#)
To: [Christopher Hoelter](#)
Subject: [External] Lake Travis
Date: Monday, June 29, 2015 11:29:45 AM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Good Morning,

Don't make the same mistake made in 2011 when 50% of Lake Travis was sold downstream in the midst of our state's worst drought on record! You must employ balanced and fair management of central Texas' water resources. We all understand that Lake Travis was built originally to serve as a flood control reservoir. Clearly we can all agree that much has changed since the 40's. The strain on our water supply from the growing population as well as the undeniable detrimental economic impact (as documented in a reputable economic impact study several years ago) has to be fully considered.

Please do not release our water downstream to subsidized farmers. You are putting small business owners out of business (Café Blue, Johnny Fin's, Carlos 'n Charlies, Hurst Harbor).

Mandate the agriculture industry in the Houston and coastal bend area to construct off channel storage and retention tanks that they can use to irrigate from during times when water cannot be sensibly released from the highland lakes.

It's common knowledge now that rice farmers receive highland lakes water at a fractional cost and yet are still subsidized with government money. This is NOT fair or balanced.

I implore you to fairly consider all sides of this issue!

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The bitterness of poor quality remains long after the sweetness of low price is forgotten.

From: [Robyn Hess](#)
To: [Christopher Hoelter](#); JohnEBurke@regionk.org; TeresaLutes@RegionK.org
Subject: [External] WATER REFORM FOR REGION K
Date: Monday, June 29, 2015 10:39:25 AM

Good Morning,

Much like the growth of the Lake Travis area, which has changed (exploded) in recent years so should the handling of something so important to our local economy. It isn't about denying those downstream. It's about finding a balance. What was once built as a reservoir now has much more surrounding it with many more demands on it!

Please do not release our water downstream to subsidized farmers with big pocket books. You are hurting small business owners who employ thousands from the area. This article states that the area's financial output has overtaken what the farmers put back in: <http://stateimpact.npr.org/texas/2012/04/16/rice-farmers-used-more-than-three-times-as-much-water-as-austin-last-year/>

So the farmers are getting our water for pennies, government money, and putting less into the economy than the small businesses being hurt by low lakes!!!

Please consider all sides, not just the well funded ones! It is madness to consider releasing water from Lake Travis downstream when the drought is NOT over! One week of rain to semi-restore the lake to average levels could be followed by another three years of NO rain!

Please think ahead, farther ahead the ONE RICE CROP!

THE REGION'S K PLAN MUST:

- Must include impact of low reservoir levels on economy and on public health and safety.
- Must include water pricing and how it affects conservation and water management strategies.
- Must review available water supplies to determine whether these supplies are adequate for current and future demands.
- All water users must have ways to assess the success of their conservation efforts and enforce conservation.
- Plan must emphasize drought planning for all water users.
- Revenue from water sales should cover the expenses of providing water.
- Water management strategies must include developing new water supplies based on new technology and sustainable methods.

Please let Region K know your concerns. Your voice makes a difference!!

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*Best,
Robyn P. Hess*

From: [Ron Del Principe](#)
To: [Christopher Hoelter](#)
Subject: [External] water management
Date: Monday, June 29, 2015 8:54:44 PM

Chris, I am only an homeowner the LCRA area but I am very concerned that the management of our water resources do not seem to recognize reality. There so many more people moving here who need water. This has not been abated. Then, having served it the Far East where a great deal of rice is grown it is unrealistic to believe that rice, with all its water needs, should be grown in TX. What a difference between my experience in the Far East and the drought prone TX as a venue for rice farming!!! It is time to "get real". Ron Del Principe

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ATTACHMENT I

LCRA Comments



August 6, 2015

Mr. John Burke, Chairman
Lower Colorado Regional Planning Group
Region K
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Austin, TX 78767

Re: Comments on the Region K 2016 Initially Prepared Plan

Dear Mr. Burke:

The Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) has reviewed the Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group 2016 Initially Prepared Plan and offer the following comments.

Chapter 3 – Identification of Currently Available Water Supplies

Section 3.2.1.1.2.1, Highland Lakes System, page 3-5; and Section 4.3.1, Lower Colorado River Authority, page 4-15 – these sections discuss supplies available from the Highland Lakes firm yield and the suggested edit is to add a paragraph which is developed from the text used in the City of Austin section on page 4-17:

It should be noted that the current drought in the Colorado River Basin is on-going and historical in proportion. At the time of the development of this plan's information, preliminary analysis indicates that firm yields have been reduced below the values shown. The LCRA is working to develop drought response strategies to assure that the water supply remains reliable taking into consideration the on-going drought. LCRA's water management strategies and drought response strategies are referenced in Chapter 5.

Chapter 5- Identification, Evaluation, and Selection of Water Management Strategies Based on Need

Section 5.1.1.1, LCRA Conservation, page 5-7 and 5-8- This section is an update LCRA's water conservation section and LCRA asks that paragraphs 2 and 3 be removed and replaced with edits shown on the attachment to this letter. The current language (which is carried over from the last plan) does not acknowledge that LCRA has a cost share program, which is an important and successful part of LCRA's water conservation program. The condensate capture and reuse information is not associated with LCRA and is out of place and should be moved to the description of conservation strategies later in Chapter 5. Pages 7 and 8 of Chapter 5 have been edited in the word document and are attached.

Section 5.2.2.3 Municipal Conservation, Page 5-13- Clarify sentence in the smart meters paragraph- 3rd line from bottom of page- change "customer" to "water utility". Customer is being used in two different ways in this paragraph, which may be confusing.

Section 5.2.2.3 Municipal Conservation Page 5-14- Clarify sentence in the TCEQ 344 landscape standards paragraph: change 3rd sentence to: "Some of the requirements include requiring licensed irrigators to properly design and install the irrigation system, including proper pressure and zoning for plant requirements...."

Section 5.2.2.4.1, On-Farm Conservation, Page 5-19, 3rd paragraph: The first sentence should be edited as follows to clarify information sources and correct a date typo: “The conservation estimate was based on updated estimates of total rice acreage in each of LCRA’s irrigation operations, developed from an LCRA-SAWS water project study in 2008. These acreage and adoption rates are the same as those used in the 2011 Region K Water Plan.”

Section 5.2.2.4.2, Irrigation Operations Conveyance Improvements, Page 5-25: Add the following sentence to the opinion of probable cost section- “The unit cost contained in Table 5-13 represents an average of more expensive strategies such as balancing reservoirs and less expensive options, such as automated canal gates.”

Section 5.2.2.4.3 Conservation through Sprinkler Irrigation, Page 5-27: Based on farmer surveys conducted as part of the UT savings verification study (referenced on page 5-22), only 26 percent of Lakeside farmers flush as a standard practice before holding a permanent flood. The savings figures developed for this practice assume that all farmers practice flushing three times every season. Even assuming that more flushing is needed in the Gulf Coast irrigation division, it seems unlikely that every conversion to sprinkler irrigation would save 15-inches of water. We think it would be more reasonable to assume three flushes in Gulf Coast and 1.5 flushes per season in Lakeside and Garwood, which is half of the savings originally assumed.

Section 5.2.3 Wholesale Water Provider Management Strategies, Page 5-117- East Bay MUD is not a good example of the cost implications of this particular strategy. They were not enforcing permanent watering restrictions and were doing more of a targeted approach for high users as well as implementing a behavioral software program for a subset of customers. Please delete this reference, and if possible, gather cost information from local communities that have enforced drought restrictions, preferably in Region K.

Section 5.2.3.1.4, LCRA Contract Amendments, page 5-37 - in Table 5-18, it recommends that City of Austin obtain an amendment in 2020 for steam-electric power at the Fayette Power Project. However, in Table 4.5 – Fayette County shortages, Steam Electric only shows a shortage starting in 2060; suggest is made to delay the need for the contract amendment until 2060.

Section 5.2.3.1.5, page 5-39, Table 5-19, Recommended New LCRA Contracts - this section recommends that Marble Falls obtain a new contract with LCRA, however City of Marble Falls already has a contract with LCRA and this strategy should be moved to Table 5-18 – *Recommended LCRA Contract Amendments*.

Section 5.2.4.5.1, page 5-98, Burnet County Regional Projects - the recommended strategy provides water to the City of Bertram which is located in the Brazos River basin. The project write-up should be augmented to include a statement that an interbasin transfer permit will be needed to allow delivery of Colorado River basin water into the Brazos River basin.

Section 5.2.5.6 Reuse, Page 5-129 - The following WUGs are LCRA water customers which have active reuse programs but are not listed in this section. Please add the following to recognize their reuse programs: City of Burnet (expanding reuse program), City of Cedar Park, City of Lago Vista, Lakeway MUD, City of Marble Falls, Travis County MUD 4, Travis County WCID 17, and West Travis County PUA.

Chapter 6 – Impacts of Regional Water Plan

Section 6.3.2.3, Page 6-4, 4th paragraph – For clarity, suggest editing the paragraph as follows: “New contracts and contract commitments may decrease total flow ~~and concentrate chemical constituents~~ due to decreased availability to agricultural irrigation and may result in higher concentrations of effluent in the river below wastewater discharges in certain areas during low flow periods.”

Section 6.3.2.3, Page 6-4, 7th paragraph – For clarity, suggest editing the paragraph as follows: “Conservation practices for irrigation will reduce the demand for stored surface water and thereby result in reduced streamflow, although sediment and nutrient loads from irrigation tail water would be reduced as well.”

Section 6.3.2.3, Page 6-4, 8th paragraph, 2nd sentence – For clarity, suggest editing the sentence as follows: “All surface water sources in these areas are associated with local supplies or stored water from the Highland Lakes.”

Section 6.4.6, Page 6-18, 2nd paragraph – For clarity, suggest that a definition of “scalping reservoir” be added – perhaps add the phrase “. . . such that diversions are made to the reservoir only when flows in the river are sufficient to meet higher priority needs.”

Section 6.6, Page 6-19, 1st sentence, top of page – The statement is made that the limiting factor for water management strategies that can be recommended for Irrigation is cost. An editorial comment is that a limiting factor also appears to be availability (unless a source such as seawater desalination is considered). Regarding the cost statement, there is no criteria provided for what the cost limit is for a feasible strategy to supply irrigation and the suggestion is made that such criteria could be added.

Chapter 7 – Drought Response Information, Activities and Recommendations

Section 7.1.2, Page 7-4, 2nd paragraph, last sentence – To recognize current conditions in the Highland Lakes, suggestion is made to edit the sentence as follows: “It should be noted that this plan includes additional new water management strategies including strategies aimed at managing and responding to the on-going drought, especially in light of its severity, even though it has diminished somewhat with recent inflows to the Highland Lakes.”

Section 7.1.2, Page 7-5, 1st paragraph – To recognize beneficial inflows to the Highland Lakes that occurred in May and June, suggest editing as follows: “Until recently, when rains have come, they have been in large part downstream of the watersheds needed to provide inflows to Lake Travis and Lake Buchanan.”

Section 7.1.2, Page 7-5, 2nd paragraph – The completion date of the off-channel reservoir in Wharton County has been changed to 2018 and LCRA requests the text be updated.

Section 7.1.2, Page 7-5, 3rd paragraph – The text discusses the severity of the on-going drought, although the storage in the Highland Lakes has now improved. Suggest the paragraph could be edited as follows: “~~The combined storage of the Highland Lakes has not recovered from 2011 due to the continued low inflows. The current drought began in 2008 and resulted in persistently low lake levels from 2011 to mid-2015.~~ Figure 7.2 shows how the combined storage in the last several years compares to historical storage levels dating back to 1940. From March 2014 to March 2015, combined storage levels have remained relatively low, ~~constant~~ between 700,000 and 800,000 acre-feet (35 to 40 percent combined storage capacity). ~~Figure 7.3 shows how future combined storage levels through September 2015 could be affected by different types of weather conditions.~~ (update Figure 7.2 to show recent rebound of combined storage and suggest delete Figure 7.3, or update to a current projection).

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Section 7.5 Region-specific drought response recommendations and model drought contingency plans, Page 7-16- Table 7.3- LCRA's sample municipal drought contingency plan is no longer online. Include this statement somewhere on this page: "LCRA provides sample drought contingency plans (DCP), and requires all customer DCPs to state the specific combined storage triggers located in its water management plan, and requires customers to update their plans every five years."

Section 7.6.2 Recommended Drought management water management strategies, Page 7-18- LCRA asks to remove the word "severe" from the first sentence on water restrictions during 2011. Please add this sentence: "Most LCRA customers were in no more than twice per week watering, and the City of Austin and a few other LCRA customers were in no more than once weekly watering."

Section 7.7 Other Drought Recommendations, Page 7-19, last bullet- Suggest editing the last bullet as follows to clearly distinguish between voluntary and mandatory drought measures: "Communication with customers upon reaching a voluntary drought stage level to raise public awareness and facilitate potential implementation of drought measures." And consider adding a second bullet: "Communication with customers upon reaching a mandatory drought stage level to reinforce the importance of compliance with mandatory drought measures, and emphasize heightened need for public awareness."

Chapter 11 – Implementation and Comparison to the Previous Regional Water Plan

Section 11.2.5, Page 11-6, last paragraph – To the list of water management strategies that are new, please add the *Expand Use of Groundwater in Bastrop County* strategy to be consistent with Section 5.2.3.1.9.

Sincerely,



David Wheelock, PE

Manager, Water Supply Planning

Attachment

Issues and Considerations

Issues related to ownership of treated wastewater effluent are discussed in Chapter 8 (Section 8.1.7).

5.2.2 Conservation

The LCRWPG supports conservation as an important component of water planning. It is more effective and less costly to use less water than to develop new sources. Conservation can be implemented at the municipal, industrial, and agricultural levels.

All entities applying for a new water right or an amendment to an existing water right are required to prepare and implement a water conservation plan. The plan is to be submitted to TCEQ along with the application.

Additional entities that are required to prepare and submit conservation plans include municipal, industrial, and other non-agricultural water right holders of 1,000 acre-feet per year or greater; and agricultural water right holders of 10,000 acre-feet per year or greater.

Online model water conservation plans are available at the following link:

https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/water_rights/conserves.html/#plans

As a new requirement by TWDB for the 2011-2016 Planning Cycle, this section of the report consolidates the recommended conservation-related strategies.

5.2.2.1 LCRA Conservation

5.2.2.1.1. Enhanced Municipal and Industrial Conservation

~~This water management strategy assumes water savings beyond municipal conservation strategies discussed in Section 5.2.2.3. This strategy includes accelerated industrial and municipal conservations. Current projected municipal per capita use by county is between 125 gpcd and 214 gpcd in 2020, and 111 gpcd and 207 gpcd in 2100. In comparison, projected municipal per capita use when implementing accelerated conservation is between 118 gpcd and 204 gpcd in 2020, and between 111 gpcd and 175 gpcd in 2100. The percent reduction of projected per capita use in this strategy is approximately 0.5 percent per year for 40 years.~~

~~As a wholesale water provider, any conservation program implemented would rely on, and require coordination with, water user groups within the LCRA's service area, as well as other stakeholders. It is anticipated that the LCRA's role in an enhanced conservation program would primarily be to provide education, enforce regulations, or fund incentives for its firm water customers (e.g. wholesale customers, utilities, and industrial and power customers).~~

LCRA recently completed its 2014 Water Conservation Plan that addresses water conservation practices for its firm water customers (municipal, industrial, power generation and recreational). These efforts include five-year and 10-year implementation plans that will guide effective water conservation throughout communities in LCRA's rapidly growing service area. More details on the 2014 Water Conservation Plan can be found online at:

<http://www.lcra.org/water/save-water/Documents/2014-Water-Conservation-Plan.pdf>

Potential conservation measures include education, regulations, rebates and other incentives to promote water efficiency. These measures focus on the municipal, commercial and industrial sectors. Because landscape irrigation represents the largest water use in the residential and commercial sectors, several of the measures are geared toward irrigation water use reduction, e.g., rain and freeze sensors, irrigation standards, and no-waste ordinances.

Leak detection, typically associated with a municipal water system audit, is a useful tool in eliminating water loss, and can be considered as part of an enhanced conservation program by LCRA. LCRA could encourage customers to use the leak detection and audit assistance programs offered by the Texas Water Development Board. In addition, LCRA could develop a conservation loan, grant or rebate program to encourage leak detection and repair within the planning area. In this program, customers would receive loans, grants, rebates or other incentives to implement leak detection and repair programs. Alternately, LCRA could assist their customers with system leak detection programs, by providing staff to conduct the audits and/or aid in leak repair.

Another potential conservation measure is condensate capture and reuse. Machines that process air for humidity and temperature control (including air conditioners, dehumidifiers, and refrigeration units) remove water from the air in the form of condensate. This condensate can be captured and stored for later use. Condensate is relatively free of minerals and other contaminants, making it suitable for industrial applications such as cooling water. It also has the potential to be used for potable water after minimal treatment. This measure would require the installation of condensate recovery systems, either as retrofits to existing buildings or included in the design of new buildings.

Conservation measures include regulations, financial incentives and education for water efficiency. All customers with new or renewing contracts must develop and implement water conservation plans. Along with the basic requirements, staff actively encourages customers to adopt additional measures such as a permanent watering schedule limiting use to twice per week and irrigation standards for new development. Financial incentives include providing cost-share grants to firm water customers and offering financial incentives for landscape irrigation technologies. Education efforts include providing irrigation evaluation training and assistance for wholesale customers' staff, community outreach presentations and participating in the coordination of the Central Texas Water Efficiency Network annual water conservation symposium.

Table 5-4 below shows the expected additional water savings from the enhanced municipal and industrial conservation strategy.

Table 5-4: Additional Water Savings from Enhanced Conservation (ac-ft/yr)

Decade	Water Savings (ac-ft/yr)
2020	4,500
2030	10,000
2040	15,000
2050	20,000
2060	20,000
2070	20,000

ATTACHMENT J

Hill Country Alliance Comments

August 10, 2015

Mr. John Burke, Chairman
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Mr. Burke,

Please find below the Hill Country Alliance's Public Comments to the Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group (Region K) *2016 Initially Prepared Plan* submittal to the *2017 State Water Plan*.

HCA appreciates the good work that the Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group does to protect and preserve the natural resources that make the Hill Country a self-sustaining gift to future generations. We respectfully request that the Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group address, and to the extent possible, incorporate these recommendations into policy and practice.

Thank you,
Charlie Flatten
Water Policy Program Manager
Hill Country Alliance
512/694.1121

CC: Chris Hoelter, LCRA; Jamie Burke, AECOM; Temple McKinnon, TWDB

**Hill Country Alliance Public Comment
Region J 2016 Initially Prepared Regional Water Plan (IPP)**

The Regional Water Planning Groups (RWPGs) play a critical role in our state's water planning process, and the Hill Country Alliance is appreciative of the huge effort that is involved in drafting the initially prepared *Regional Water Plans* (IPPs). Our comments reflect the collective vision of our Hill Country supporters, stakeholders, businesses and elected officials for a state water plan that recognizes the need to protect long-term spring-flow, healthy water catchment areas and sustained groundwater resources for current and future generations. Our comments include broad recommendations for the improvement of the regional planning process, specific policy commendations drawn from policies outlined in the IPPs, recommendations for additional study and research, and comments on specific Water Management Strategies. Hill Country Alliance acknowledges that some of our recommendations may require action by the Texas Water Development Board and/or the Legislature, and may not be the sole responsibility of

this Regional Planning Group; however, this planning group should press for the incorporation of these recommended concepts, as they are able.

Broad Recommendations: Only by constantly seeking improvements to the regional water planning process can we ensure that the State Water Plan continues to improve in its ability to ensure water supply for future generations.

- In order to provide water for future generations, Hill Country Alliance recommends that the RWPGs adopt and apply a set of **guiding principles** that will serve as a blueprint for long-term water sustainability. For example: *The economy and land values of Texas depend on meeting its water needs in a way that does no harm to rivers, streams, springs, and aquifers.*
- Considering the challenge and cost of providing surging numbers of new water customers with finite water supplies, outdated infrastructure-intensive water management strategies need to be minimized in favor of innovative localized modern **water neutral solutions** that have been proven around the country. The RWPGs should prioritize and encourage decentralized systems and new technologies that capture, use, and reuse water in place. Where this is not practicable, priority should be given to a water neutral growth policy that requires offsetting the projected water demand of new development with water efficiency measures to create a “Net Zero” or neutral impact on overall service area demands.
- Additional definition is needed for Water Management Strategies (WMS). The Regional and State Water Plan is being criticized as less a planning document and more a ‘**wish list**’ beset with duplicative and expensive over-planning. In 2013, the Texas Legislature provided for requirements that WMS be prioritized in order to better manage the growing list of strategies. Better definition of WMS categories and vigorous prioritization will help control the redundant and exceedingly lengthy lists.
- The two-tier system of **WMS categorization needs to be revisited** and strengthened in such a way that *Recommended Strategies* promote healthy sustainable watersheds, fulfill all of the TWDB’s minimum prioritization criteria, and are not duplicated by a similar strategy that would fulfill the same need. The *Alternate Strategy* category should be reserved for those strategies that are duplicate or do not fulfill the TWDB’s minimum criteria.
- The RWPG **consulting firms** are excellent, and provide a valuable service in the planning process. However, to avoid the perception or temptation of **conflict of interest**, the RWPGs, like other agencies, should create and enact a conflict of interest policy.

Specific Policy Recommendations: The IPPs have numerous Specific Policy Recommendations that HCA supports. We would like to commend the RWPGs for the inclusion of these policies, and encourage their adoption as part of the Regional Water Plans.

- RWPGs should prioritize strategies that protect the inherent **interconnectivity of surface water and groundwater.**

- RWPGs should de-prioritize water management strategies that dewater one region to meet the speculated need of another in the form of inter-basin pipeline transfers or otherwise.
- RWPGs should discontinue the practice of considering Water Management Strategies that rely on Groundwater that has exceeded its **MAG limitations**.
- It is vital that the state assess the **sustainability of water-consuming growth patterns** that regional water planning efforts will directly or indirectly support.
- **Counties should have additional authority** for land use planning and for regulating development based on water availability and protection of water resources.
- **Eminent Domain** powers should be recognized as contributing to the disruption of the values that undisturbed landscapes bring to natural hydrologic and ecologic functions. Given the Regional Water Planning Group's lack of authority to ignore current legal precedent, they should use their prioritization powers (HB 4, 2013) to minimize projects where using eminent domain would be necessary.
- **Rainwater harvesting** should be widely encouraged to meet rural and urban domestic water demands, as well as use for limited irrigation, such as vineyards, orchards or small farms under drip irrigation. Livestock and wildlife can also be provided supplemental water by rainwater harvesting.
- The **revision of population and demand estimates** should be put before the public for review before being presented to the planning groups for consideration and adoption.
- Due to the importance of spring-flow on the base-flow of our rivers, it is reasonable that the RWPGs encourage Hill Country Groundwater Conservation Districts to consider **management rules based on spring-flow**.
- The RWPGs should encourage better communication between the two regional planning processes developed by the Legislature (**RWPGs and GMAs**) to improve conflicting methodologies of reaching long-term planning goals.
- The Hill Country contains some of the most ecologically pristine areas in the State. The preservation of this natural environment via designation of **Unique Stream Segments** is an important component of the Region's economy. Hill Country Alliance recommends that Region K actively promote the designation of its listed unique stream segments in the 2017 legislature.
- The RWPGs should support vegetative management programs that improve the land's ability to absorb, retain, filter and slow rainwater. A **balanced approach to brush control** can be beneficial, however, a narrow goal only to "encourage the enhancement of runoff (**WSEP**)" must be avoided. Any program to incentivize land practices for the benefit of water supply must be for the purpose of improving the overall health and function of water catchment areas for the long-term.

- The RWPGs should continue to encourage funding for projects that empower landowners to better manage their lands for the long-term health of our water supply.
- Water-user groups should develop more uniform **conservation oriented management** plans and should be required to bring down their **Gallons per Capita per Day** usage to reflect the climatic realities of the region.

Study and Data Needs: The State should fund or conduct these specific studies to shed more information on specific water resource issues that are critical to future RWPG decisions.

- **Aquifer Science** - The Hill Country is underlain by limestone aquifers in which there are many remaining hydrological questions. A basic, unbiased, scientific study that encompasses the hydrologic characterization of the inter-formational flow between these adjacent and associated aquifers and their contribution to surface water flows is needed in order for the local groundwater management entities and the RWPGs to make informed management decisions and recommendations that maintain sustainable systems.
- **Trinity Aquifer** - The Hill Country RWPGs should explore the creation of a Regional Trinity GCD. A small regional GCD was recommended by the TCEQ for Hays, Travis and Comal Counties in 2010. This concept should be revisited and studied for the broader Hill Country Trinity region.
- **Headwaters Groundwater/Spring-flow Analysis** - Surface water base-flow in most Hill Country Rivers is derived almost exclusively from groundwater discharge through springs. However, development of management practices is impaired by a lack of understanding about how groundwater level elevations relate to spring-flow rates. Few monitoring wells are in place that can provide continuous water level readings, and no attempt has thus far been made to relate this data to spring-flows. A study is needed to evaluate this critical interaction so that future management decisions can be based on a more substantial level of scientific knowledge.
- **Groundwater/Surface Water Relationship** - The RWPGs should encourage the State (TWDB) to embrace this concept and focus water availability studies on this topic. This water supply policy definition can best be achieved when the relationship between groundwater and surface water is fully understood.
- **Unpermitted Withdrawals of Riparian Water** - A significant amount of unpermitted riparian water is withdrawn from rivers that is unaccounted for in the Water Availability Models. State water agencies should devise a survey method to establish a reasonable estimate of these diversions.
- **Optimization of Water Conservation and Efficiency** - A number of water utilities and communities in Texas have established enviable track records of success in reducing per capita water use and promoting a water conservation ethic, thereby stretching existing water supplies. However, this record of success is not universal in Texas, and indeed many communities and utilities have made minimal or no efforts to advance water conservation and efficiency. A study

is needed of the additional opportunities in the Hill Country and in Texas to advance water conservation and efficiency, the potential for reducing future water demands through enhanced conservation and efficiency, and the steps needed to achieve that goal.

- **Conservation And Drought Management** - There is a need for the funding of educational programs by State agencies to assist Regional Water Planning Groups in educating both the public and private sectors about conservation and drought management. The Regional Planning group should push for the funding of programs such as the *State Water Conservation Education Program*, and the *Water IQ-Know Your Water* campaign, formally established (but unfunded) by the Texas Legislature with the passage of SB 3/HB 4 in 2007.

Regionally Specific Water Management Strategy Evaluations:

REGION K:

- HCA notes that 13 out of a total of 62 strategies (20%) in the Recommended Water Management Strategy Summary Table (Appendix 5B) are categorized as Conservation, Reuse, Drought Management, or Rainwater Strategies.
- Region K should be commended for recommending these conservation, reuse, and rainwater harvest strategies as net-zero water supply projects.
- The remaining 80% of the strategies consist of infrastructure improvements, transmission pipelines, groundwater expansion, desalination, and aquifer storage and recovery projects. Of those projects, majority represents groundwater expansion.
- Hill Country Alliance recognizes that this Board is mandated to plan for future need. However, to the extent possible, groundwater into long distance transmission pipeline Water Management Strategies should be reevaluated on the basis of MAG limitations, recharge rates, and aquifer health. The following is a prime example:
 - Hays County Pipeline (Wimberley-Woodcreek) – Groundwater Importation (4000 ac-ft/yr)
- Hill Country Alliance would recommend in those cases that alternative supplies such as rainwater projects be explored. Rainwater projects represent fiscally comparable and resource viable alternatives to aquifer reliance.

ATTACHMENT K

Central Texas Water Coalition Comments



September 15, 2015

VIA E-MAIL TO stacy.pandey@lcra.org

Ms. Stacy Pandey, Region K Administrative Agent
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Re: Comments on Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group (Region K)
Initially Prepared Plan (IPP)

Dear Ms. Pandey:

On behalf of the Central Texas Water Coalition (CTWC), we appreciate the opportunity to provide the attached comments on the Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) drafted by the LCRWPG for the current regional water planning cycle. We also want to take this opportunity to thank all of the members of the LCRWPG who have spent so many hours putting together the IPP.

Many of our comments reflect the same theme: going forward, we believe the Region K Plan should place more emphasis on conservation by all user groups basin-wide. There is a great opportunity to reduce our water supply shortages by using water more carefully and investing in efforts to increase efficiency. Members of CTWC put a great deal of time and thought into these comments and thank you in advance for your review and consideration of them.

We are happy to answer any questions that members of the LCRWPG have regarding these comments and recommendations. Feel free to contact me at 512.755.4805.

Sincerely,

Jo Karr Tedder

Jo Karr Tedder, President
Central Texas Water Coalition

cc: Mr. John Burke, LCRWPG Chair
Ms. Jaime Burke, AECOM

Attachment: CTWC Comments on Region K IPP

CTWC Comments on Region K IPP

September 15, 2015

CHAPTER 1

CONCERN 1: Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) rules require that the regional water plan include a description of the regional water planning area including, among other things, social and economic aspects of a region such as information on current population, economic activity and economic sectors heavily dependent on water resources. This information belongs in Chapter 1. However, the in-depth description of the importance of Matagorda Bay is currently placed in Chapter 2, information about the impacts of rice farming is peppered throughout the IPP, and comprehensive information regarding the economic and social impacts of the Highland Lakes in Central Texas is lacking. Considering the enormous impacts of the Highland Lakes on the Central Texas economy, this omission must be remedied. To be complete and balanced, discussions of the economic and social aspects with respect to each of the three of the major Region K interests – Highland Lakes users, lower basin irrigators, and bay and estuary interests – should be included in Chapter 1.



RECOMMENDATION 1: In the Final Plan, move IPP Section 2.4.1, which is entitled “The Story/History of Matagorda Bay,” into a new appendix to Chapter 1. Add to Chapter 1 the attached suggested appendix entitled “The Highland Lakes: History and Social and Economic Importance.” These appendices can be described as “Background Information Provided by Interest Groups within Region K.”

In the IPP, references to the history, economics, and importance of agriculture and its water needs appear to be inserted and emphasized throughout the document, while other water users may not be mentioned. Rather than embarking on an extensive revision of the Plan’s text at this time, we encourage the LCRWPG to consolidate the information on the history and social and economic importance of agricultural irrigation that is now scattered throughout the IPP into a third new appendix to Chapter 1, and to enlist the expertise of lower basin irrigators and other interested persons to develop this new appendix for inclusion in the Plan for the next planning cycle. This appendix would also be introduced within the text of the Plan as “Background Information Provided by Interest Groups within Region K.”

CONCERN 2: Currently, Section 1.2.5.3 describes the minimum legal requirements for water conservation plans and drought contingency plans. These requirements only apply to water suppliers and water right holders. However, the need for water conservation in Region K is universal and applies to all users. This section misses an opportunity to emphasize the importance of conservation efforts by all users, beyond the minimum legal requirements for some users.



RECOMMENDATION 2: In the Final Plan, add statements regarding the universal need for conservation, across all user groups. Metrics are needed to monitor and measure the efficacy of conservation measures taken by *all users*.

CONCERN 3: Public water suppliers supplying potable water audit their systems for water loss, such as losses due to leaks in pipes that deliver water. Section 1.2.5.4 includes a description of current use of water audits in Region K and includes a table entitled “Water Loss Audit Summary for Region K.” This table is incomplete in that it fails to report one of the major areas of water loss: conveyance systems for agricultural irrigation water. In recommendations for Chapter 5, CTWC proposes that agricultural irrigators and the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) should be subject to a requirement to audit water losses in their conveyance systems (which are currently substantial), in a manner similar to public water suppliers. The results of those audits should be reported here, alongside audits for potable water systems.



RECOMMENDATION 3: In future Plans, provide a complete description of water losses in distribution and conveyance systems in Region K in Section 1.2.5.4 by adding results of water loss audits from agricultural irrigation water users and LCRA-owned conveyance systems.

CONCERN 4: Chapter 1 is intended to describe the region, providing important context for the rest of the regional plan. However, there are several critical climatological phenomena and trends that act upon Region K and influence water supplies and availability that are not mentioned in the IPP. Chapter 1 would benefit from inclusion of information regarding these phenomena and trends, including:

- Changes in climate and rainfall as one moves from west to east across the basin;
- Climatology related to the Balcones Escarpment and the so-called “I-35 Curse”;
- The overall drying trend across the state; and
- The influence of the Atlantic Multi-Decadal Oscillation (AMO) and Pacific Decadal Oscillation (PDO).




RECOMMENDATION 4: In the Final Plan, add a brief discussion of current research on the effect of the Balcones Escarpment on rainfall, sometimes referred to as the “I-35 Curse,” to Sections 1.2.1.1 and/or 1.2.1.2 on Geology and Climate. LCRA’s Bob Rose helped explain this phenomenon in a Weather Channel segment in 2014. This natural feature is shown in Figure 1.4 in the Geology Section 1.2.1.1, but its substantial impact on rainfall is not addressed in Section 1.2.1.2 on Geology and Climate. This important natural feature often acts as a “natural boundary” that channels rainfall up the I-35 corridor and east of I-35, and often inhibits rainfall from reaching the watershed area to the northwest. It should be identified in Chapter 1 as a factor that adversely affects the inflows into the Highland Lakes.

As part of the drought cycle discussion on Page 1-12, present and address recent scientific research results regarding the fundamental drivers of long-term weather patterns that have been linked to long-term (20-30 year) naturally-occurring ocean surface temperature cycle climatology-related factors such as the PDO and AMO, and their effects on long-term drought patterns. These major driving factors, as identified by State Climatologist Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon, LCRA’s meteorologist Bob Rose, and TWDB’s Robert Mace, should be included in the drought cycle discussion as these

factors represent significant risks to water availability and associated water planning during long-term drought cycles.

CONCERN 5: Section 1.2.4.2 presents “Threats Due to Water Quantity Issues,” but does not include any discussion of the major socioeconomic impacts of low reservoir water levels upon Region K. Sustained low reservoir levels beginning in 2011 resulted in major adverse socioeconomic impacts on tourism, business, jobs and property values in the Highland Lakes area of Region K. Failure to address this threat represents a major gap in the Plan, as economic losses such as decreases in lake-area property values can be in the billions of dollars, and the associated decline in tax revenues impacts the entire State.

 **RECOMMENDATION 5:** In the Final Plan, add text to Section 1.2.4.2 to present “Threats Due to Low Reservoir Levels.” Consider referencing the proposed appendix entitled “The Highland Lakes: History and Social and Economic Importance,” as appropriate. The full picture should be quantified in order to capture one of the biggest threats due to water quantity issues – a threat that became a reality in the Highland Lakes area during this planning cycle.

CHAPTER 2

CONCERN 1: Review of some portions of the IPP has raised serious concerns about the basis for the numbers proposed to be used for agricultural irrigation demands, supplies, and needs in the next cycle of regional water planning within this Region. More specifically, the methods for arriving at these numbers, and the justifications and explanations for the numbers, appear to rely upon some assertions and conclusions that are fundamentally flawed or that ignore available information and research in a manner that leads to larger agricultural irrigation water demands, lower estimates of available water supplies, and higher projected needs (shortages) for the next 50 years. This trend toward increasing water demand for agricultural irrigation in the rice-growing counties along the Texas coast is clearly in conflict with the legal and scientific expectations for rice farming in this river basin.

The Region K records indicate that the LCRWPG received proposed non-municipal water demand numbers from the TWDB that were significantly lower than the Region is now using in the 2016 Regional Water Plan. In addition, Region K’s demand numbers for this planning cycle are approximately *71,000 acre-feet higher* than the irrigation demands for the lower three counties that Region K used in its 2011 Plan. Looking forward, Region K also proposes to use a projected rate of decadal reduction in agricultural demand of only 2.69% (rather than a 3-4% or more decadal decrease in agricultural demands over the years ahead). All of these decisions have significant and critical importance in this planning process.

Issues Raised by Agricultural Demand Numbers

1. Choice of Datasets. At the outset, the choice of the datasets used to arrive at the agricultural irrigation demand numbers raises questions. According to the document entitled “Region K’s Recommended Modifications to TWDB’s 2017 Non-Municipal Draft Demand Projections” dated October 10, 2012, the irrigation demands for Colorado, Matagorda, and Wharton Counties were calculated using three sources of information:

A. The historic surface water use for agricultural purposes at LCRA-affiliated irrigation operations based on LCRA Annual Water Use Reports for 1992-2011. The first source of information is LCRA's annual water use reports for 1992-2011 for the four LCRA-affiliated irrigation operations (located in Colorado, Wharton, and Matagorda Counties). From the set of 20 numbers, the 90th Percentile was chosen as the Demand, then it was adjusted downward for Garwood (from 103,992 acre-feet/year to 100,000 acre-feet/year) and for Pierce Ranch (from 39,275 acre-feet/year to 30,000 acre-feet/year). The choice of the 90th Percentile for this set of data means that the historic surface water use between 1992 and 2011 would be met 90% of the time. Looking at the historic usage numbers, using the 103,992 AF/year 90th Percentile for Garwood, Garwood's demands were met in every year except 1996 (when it used 107,223 AF) and 2011 (when it used 117,667 AF).

Gulf Coast's demands were met in every year except 1998 and 2009.

Lakeside's demands were met in every year except 1998.

Pierce Ranch's demands were met in every year except 1992 and 1994.

Using the total demands, 1998 was the only year where the 90th Percentile number was not reached.

Using the total historic use numbers, adjusted downward by contract limitations for Garwood and Pierce Ranch, the 90th Percentile demand number was not reached in 1998 (479,976 AF) or in 2011 (464,314 AF).

B. TCEQ Water Use Reports for all surface water rights other than LCRA, STPNOC, and Corpus Christi for the years 2000-2011:

AECOM calculated the 90th Percentile of the historic uses of water in the three downbasin counties for these selected years and added them to the demand, by county.

C. Estimates of Groundwater Agricultural Use in the Portions of Colorado, Wharton and Matagorda counties within Region K for the year 2009:

AECOM estimated groundwater use for the year 2009 and added this to the demand, by county.


2. Choice of Years included in Datasets. There are three different sets of years included for historic use purposes: the years 1992-2011; the years 2000-2011; and the year 2009. It is difficult to understand how this random compilation of historic water use information provides a strong foundation for the Agricultural Irrigation Demands utilized in the 2016 IPP.

3. Total Disconnect between Number of Acres Irrigated and Amount of Water Used or Needed. Discussions with representatives of the LCRA and the Region K consultant have confirmed that the number of irrigated acres is NOT a part of the demand equation in this IPP. The demand numbers were calculated using the three datasets above, without considering the number of acres that were irrigated, the crops that were grown, or the 5.25 acre-feet/acre duty that formed the basis for the surface water rights issued by the State for agricultural irrigation of rice in the Lower Colorado River Basin. Without connecting the number of acres irrigated to the volume of water used for irrigation, there are no metrics for assessing the water use per acre and no metrics for evaluating the effectiveness of conservation projects. Under Texas law, water rights for irrigation uses are attached to the land and are based, in large part, on the total acreage to be irrigated (*see* Texas Water Code §11.124). The methodology used for the IPP demand

numbers assumes that the number of irrigated acres is irrelevant, and such an assumption leads to calculations and planning decisions that lack the technical and legal foundations to support them.

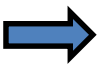
4. Use of Historic Numbers as a Predictor of Future Agricultural Irrigation Demands. In view of the evolving nature of the agricultural business along the Texas Gulf Coast, and the number of variables influencing a farmer's choice to plant certain crops (such as crop insurance and federal subsidies), along with the lingering drought conditions in recent years, it seems illogical to use selected historic years of water use as the basis for predicting and planning near-term and long-term water use demands for this user group.

In sum, the agricultural irrigation demand numbers included in the IPP appear to be derived from a random assortment of historic water use reports for the non-municipal users in the basin, using a methodology that assures that the demands of these users remain at historically high levels, regardless of improvements or advancements in the farming industry over the years. CTWC disagrees with Region K's decision to reject the TWDB's estimate of water needs for agricultural irrigation in the region and instead use estimates based on flawed methodology.

 **RECOMMENDATION 1:** In the Final Plan, remove the current water demand numbers for agricultural irrigation in the three lower basin counties (Colorado, Wharton, Matagorda) and replace them with numbers based upon a scientifically sound, justified, and reasonable methodology for calculating water demands. This methodology should employ a standard metric to calculate water needs, such as acre-feet per acre irrigated for each crop type.


In the alternative, decline to adopt the dramatically increased non-municipal demand numbers proposed in the IPP at this time and utilize the TWDB's estimated non-municipal demand numbers for the Final Plan. Commit to developing and implementing a scientifically sound methodology that employs standardized metrics for estimating future non-municipal demands, and commit to using the new method in the next planning cycle. Include a footnote to the agricultural irrigation demand numbers for the three lower basin counties (Colorado, Wharton, Matagorda) stating that comments were filed questioning the basis of the numbers and that they will be re-evaluated during the next planning cycle.

CONCERN 2: As noted in Chapter 1 comments, the discussion of Matagorda Bay contained in Section 2.4.1 belongs in Chapter 1, which describes the planning area, including social and economic impacts, as opposed to Chapter 2, which describes water demands. A parallel discussion of the social and economic impacts of the Highland Lakes region should be included alongside the Matagorda Bay description within Chapter 1.

 **RECOMMENDATION 2:** Move the discussion of Matagorda Bay contained in Section 2.4.1 to Chapter 1 or append it to Chapter 1.


CHAPTER 3

CONCERN: In four of the five years within the 2011-2015 planning cycle, the majority of Region K’s surface water supplies have been governed by emergency orders issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to authorize the LCRA to vary from the terms of its 2010 Water Management Plan for the operation of Lakes Buchanan and Travis due to dangerously low stored water supplies. Although the LCRA has applied for amendments to its Water Management Plan, the extended drought and its impacts on water in the Highland Lakes have demonstrated an urgent need for improvements in the quantification of the firm yield for these reservoirs.

 **RECOMMENDATION:** The identification of currently available water supplies contained in Chapter 3 should emphasize the need to immediately re-visit the firm yield calculations for Lakes Buchanan and Travis, and should assess whether the firm supply of the Highland Lakes is sufficient for current and future demands.

CHAPTER 4

CONCERN: As a result of the flawed methodology for computing demands, discussed under Chapter 2, above, needs (shortages) for agricultural irrigation are artificially inflated.

 **RECOMMENDATION:** The needs (shortages) for the three lower basin counties (Colorado, Wharton, Matagorda) should be re-calculated after applying a scientifically-sound methodology to arrive at demands.

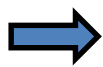
In the alternative, needs (shortages) should be recalculated using the TWDB’s estimates of non-municipal demands. Commit to developing and implementing a scientifically-sound methodology that employs standards metrics for estimating future non-municipal demands and adjusting needs (shortages) based upon revised demand numbers during the next planning cycle. Include a footnote to the agricultural irrigation needs (shortages) for the three lower basin counties (Colorado, Wharton, Matagorda) stating that comments were filed questioning the basis of the numbers and that they will be re-evaluated during the next planning cycle.

CHAPTER 5

CONCERN 1: One of the main charges of a Regional Water Planning Group is to “consider water conservation practices, including potentially applicable best management practices, for each identified water need.” (31 Tex. Admin. Code § 357.34(f)). Water conservation measures include “practices, techniques, and technologies that will reduce the consumption of water, reduce the loss or waste of water, or improve the efficiency in the use of water.” (31 Tex. Admin. Code § 357.10(26)). However, the IPP fails to include one of the most proven, effective, low-cost water management strategies available, which incentivizes attainment of all three of these goals: appropriate water pricing. Water pricing should be included in Chapter 5 as a water management strategy for all user groups.

A discussion of the impacts of water pricing should also be included as part of the conservation water management strategy discussion because the price of water is a primary driver for conservation. Perhaps more than any other factor, the price paid for water influences people's choices to either consume or conserve. Cities use tiered pricing as a water management strategy to effectively discourage waste. Similar strategies should be applied to water pricing for agricultural irrigation users. At the very least, water should *never* be sold for less than the cost of conserving it. It must be priced such that a cost/benefit analysis does not result in a business decision to waste cheap water rather than invest in conservation measures and take care that each acre-foot is used as efficiently as possible.

Strategic water pricing is proven to be effective at modifying behavior and increasing conservation. Moreover, it is highly cost-effective because it does not require the massive capital outlays of other conservation strategies that often require building new infrastructure or implementing expensive technology. It does not make sense that the IPP contains conservation strategies that cost hundreds of millions of dollars and strategies that cannot be implemented because funding is not available, but leaves out the less expensive, low-hanging fruit of appropriate water pricing.



RECOMMENDATION 1: The LCRWPG has the authority and duty to recommend strategies for water conservation. Because it is a proven, efficient method to modify behavior and leads to significant water savings, water pricing should be included in the Final Plan as a recommended water conservation measure for all water suppliers and all types of water uses.


CONCERN 2: Section 5.2.2 of the IPP includes information on water conservation and recommended conservation-related strategies. Notably, it includes specific, quantitative targets for municipal per capita water conservation. Using quantifiable targets and the metric of gallons per capita per day (gpcd), the municipalities of Central Texas have made and continue to make excellent progress in water conservation – Austin has reduced its per capita use by 30% over the past decade. However, cities' conservation efforts alone are not enough to ensure water supplies for all water user groups over the planning period. Other users must do their part by setting similar quantitative conservation goals, taking action to meet those goals, and tracking their progress by a standardized metric. It is especially critical that these principles be applied in agricultural irrigation – the single largest use category in Region K.

The IPP contains a number of strategies for reducing water usage in the irrigation districts of the lower three counties in the lower Colorado River basin, as well as estimates of their possible water savings and costs. However, there is no commitment to achieving any quantifiable conservation goals, no timeframe for meeting conservation goals, and no tracking, monitoring, or reporting of progress toward goals. Without any of these critical programmatic components, these conservation strategies are unlikely to come to fruition, much less achieve conservation savings of a magnitude to consider them water management strategies. This is especially true for those strategies that appear to be cost-prohibitive on their face, with astronomical price tags and no potential funding source.

In order to make these strategies meaningful, the Plan must include programmatic components similar to those used so effectively for municipal conservation efforts. First, quantitative conservation targets must be put in place for per-acre usage for rice farming, with reasonable, concrete timeframes for achievement. Many rice farmers have made excellent progress; however, some still use in excess of 5.25 acre-feet of water per acre of rice (which TCEQ considers a waste of water). Recent comments from the Texas agriculture commissioner indicate that Texas agriculture is using on average 1.5 acre-feet of water per acre at a 98% efficiency level. Using this as a target, the agricultural irrigators of Region K have significant room to improve their conservation record.

Second, provisions must be in place to demonstrate the achievement of conservation targets. The success of agricultural conservation efforts must be monitored, tracked, and reported over time to ensure meaningful progress. This is precisely the type of accountability that ensures that cities meet their goals, and it should be applied to the other large user group – agriculture – for the same reason. Without it, we have not seen the progress in conservation that was expected from the agricultural sector. The 1989 order approving LCRA's Water Management Plan includes an expectation that on-farm water usage would be reduced by 25-30% as time went by. And yet 25 years later, it appears that no progress has been made. According to LCRA records, the average usage per acre, including canal losses, actually increased from 5.3 acre-feet per acre to 5.5 acre-feet per acre from 1990 to 2011.

Finally, water suppliers should adopt policies for enforcement of conservation targets. Without any consequences in place for failure to meet conservation goals, water users will be much less likely to apply the effort necessary to achieve them.


 **RECOMMENDATION 2:** Chapter 5 of the Plan needs to be updated with realistic, quantitative conservation targets for agricultural irrigators; set, reasonable timeframes for achieving targets; and provisions for monitoring, tracking and reporting levels of conservation achievement. Results of agricultural irrigators' conservation efforts should be reported in the Region K Plan using a standardized metric such as acre-feet of water used per acre. CTWC recognizes that this recommendation would require significant revision of the Plan, and therefore suggests that these revisions be developed and added to the Plan during the next regional planning cycle.

CONCERN 3: Public water suppliers supplying potable water audit their systems for water loss, such as losses due to leaks. (*See* IPP Section 1.2.5.4 for a description of current use of water audits in Region K). Using these audits, public water suppliers analyze the amount of water lost within their distribution systems and are held accountable for reducing that waste by repairing leaks or otherwise minimizing water loss. This tool should be applied equally to agricultural irrigation users and the LCRA so that the amount of water lost within their conveyance systems can be quantified, monitored, and reduced. Water losses should be monitored and quantified for *all* water distribution systems.


 **RECOMMENDATION 3:** Add to Section 5.2.2.4, Recommended Water Management Strategies related to Irrigation Conservation, a recommendation that agricultural

irrigation water users and the LCRA develop a system to monitor water losses in their conveyance systems on a regular basis and publicly report the raw data.


CONCERN 4: The statement “the flood culture is not required to grow rice, but is currently the only practical method for maintaining the required saturated soil conditions,” is an unsupported statement of fact. (See Section 5.2.2.4.1, p. 5-20).

 **RECOMMENDATION 4:** In the Final Plan, remove the statement “the flood culture is not required to grow rice, but is currently the only practical method for maintaining the required saturated soil conditions” from Section 5.2.2.4.1 (p. 5-20).


CONCERN 5: Water management strategies for agricultural irrigation should include the use of brackish groundwater, drip irrigation, and any other supplies and methods supported by current agricultural research. Considering the fact that agricultural irrigation is the number one water use in Region K, the LCRWPG should encourage agricultural users to develop and implement cutting-edge irrigation methods rather than endorse entrenchment in unsustainable irrigation methods.

 **RECOMMENDATION 5:** In the next planning cycle, encourage increased dialogue between academic institutions, industry representatives, government officials, and local farming communities regarding tools, technology, methods and new supplies and with potential application to agricultural irrigation.

CONCERN 6: CTWC opposes the proposed LCRA “Enhanced Recharge” project cited as an alternative water management strategy in Section 5.3.1.7 of the IPP (p. 5-152) to benefit agricultural users in the lower Colorado River basin. This project proposes diverting surface water from the Colorado River and dumping it into recharge basins to allow it to leach into the ground. The water would then be available to groundwater users in the area and to wells that could augment irrigation canal flows. In short, this project proposes to convert state water, which is owned by the state and held in trust for the people of the State of Texas, into the private property of rice farmers. This proposal is contrary to the concept of the public trust and therefore contrary to public policy.

 **RECOMMENDATION 6:** In the Final Plan, remove the LCRA “Enhanced Recharge Project” because it is contrary to public policy and therefore should be considered infeasible.

CONCERN 7: CTWC opposes inclusion of the Goldthwaite Channel Dam as a water management strategy because it is unsupported by technical information or need from a municipal user.

 **RECOMMENDATION 7:** CTWC understands that after careful consideration by the LCRWPG, the Goldthwaite Channel Dam will not be included as a recommended water strategy at this time. CTWC supports the LCRWPG’s decision in this regard.

CHAPTER 6

CONCERN: Section 6.3.1 of the IPP states, in part:

LCRA's water rights in these counties used for rice farming are some of the most senior rights within the entire Colorado River Basin. However, the irrigators using these water rights do not have a sufficiently reliable supply of water under drought-of-record (DOR) conditions.

This language implies that rice farmers are entitled to use LCRA's senior downstream water rights or that those water rights are earmarked or set aside for rice farming. Many members of the public continue to mistakenly believe that rice farmers own these senior water rights or are otherwise legally entitled to water under senior water rights. This language supports that misconception and should be eliminated to avoid perpetuating confusion.




RECOMMENDATION: In the Final Plan, adopt a revised version of the quoted portion of Section 6.3.1, as follows:

~~LCRA's water rights in these counties used for rice farming are some of the most senior rights within the entire Colorado River Basin. However, the irrigators in the lower three counties using these water rights do not have a sufficiently reliable supply of water under drought-of-record (DOR) conditions.~~

CHAPTER 7


CONCERN: Chapter 7 covers drought planning and response by wholesale and retail water suppliers and customers, including preparations for alternate supplies and strategies for reducing municipal water demands during drought. The discussion in Chapter 7 also refers the reader to Section 5.2.4.8 for details on drought management strategies for irrigators in Colorado, Matagorda and Wharton counties. However, the only strategy presented for rice farming is a very simplistic assumption of only producing a first crop for all producers. Given the recent history of Emergency Orders for the last four years, it would appear that a more comprehensive drought plan is needed to address the potential of much more limited surface water releases than would be required to support an entire first crop for all three of these counties. It also would appear that the drought management strategies for rice farming should recognize and incorporate the extensive utilization of supplemental water supply from groundwater wells, which does not appear to be addressed in Chapter 5 or 7. The basis for the unit costs for drought management presented by county in Chapter 7 is also unclear, particularly when utilization of groundwater is considered. This is problematic because as stated in the Plan, "(r)ice production in the lower three counties of the Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Area is the agricultural resource most dependent upon a reliable, extensive water supply." (IPP Section 6.3.1, p. 6-2). And, their interruptible supply of surface water is particularly vulnerable to drought emergencies, as experienced over the past few years. It is logical that the regional plan would include much more comprehensive strategies for water demand reduction and alternate supplies for agricultural users, as well as municipal users, to cope with drought emergencies.

 **RECOMMENDATION:** In the next planning cycle, the LCRWPG should emphasize the importance of comprehensive drought planning for *all* user groups.


CHAPTER 8

CONCERN 1: There were numerous concerns regarding the draft of Chapter 8 presented in the IPP, as originally published. However, these concerns have largely been addressed in the revised version of Chapter 8 that is presented on the Region K website at http://www.regionk.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Region_K_Ch_8_2016_Plan_IPP_plus_new_edits_052915.docx.

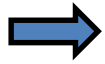
CTWC especially supports the recommendation in Section 8.1.6.3 that the TCEQ, TWDB, and Texas Legislature play leadership roles in the development of water use metrics, efficiency standards, and best management practices, including monitoring and delivery systems basin-wide. All users throughout the basin must understand their own water use, identify inefficiencies, and use every tool available to ensure the efficient use of water.

 **RECOMMENDATION 1:** CTWC supports the adoption of the revised version of Chapter 8 that is presented on the Region K website and recommends that the revised version be incorporated into the Final Plan rather than the draft Chapter 8 presented in the IPP.

CONCERN 2: In recent drought years, inflows to the Highland Lakes have been historically low. Precipitation events in the watershed have not translated into the volume of inflows expected based upon historical observations. CTWC is very concerned about this observed significant decrease in inflows. Because of the importance of the Highland Lakes to the Region K water supply, this trend must be studied and its causes understood and addressed as appropriate. The IPP contains a placeholder for a section for additional recommendations regarding *Inflows to Highland Lakes* (at Section 8.1.9). The revised draft of Chapter 8 that is presented at the Region K web site includes a new proposed section 8.1.10 addressing this concern and calling for hydrologic study of this issue.

 **RECOMMENDATION 2:** Add new Section 8.1.10, *Inflows to Highland Lakes*, as presented in the revised version of Chapter 8 that is presented on the Region K web site, to the Final Region K Plan.

CONCERN 3: Current water planning constructs include a specific set of water user groups or “WUGs”. It is the aim of water planning to help ensure that water is available to each of these water user groups. They include municipal users, agricultural irrigators, industry, mining, and others. However, there are no water user groups representing the needs of the environment or recreational users, including recreational business and industry, leaving these important user groups without adequate planning to provide water for their needs. In fact, the planning process appears to support only consumptive uses without regard for those uses that would be supported by leaving water in place in the source of supply. Water needed to support the environment and recreation is critical to the quality of life and economy of the State of Texas. Addition of the environment and recreation as water user groups would give these needs the seat at the water planning table that they deserve.



RECOMMENDATION 3: The LCRWPG should adopt into Section 8.1.11 the following recommended improvement to the regional water planning process for submission to the Texas Water Development Board and Texas Legislature:

The LCRWPG would support action by the TWDB to revise its rules to enumerate the environment and recreational users, including recreational business and industry, as water user groups (“WUGs”) for which water demands and water supplies will be identified and analyzed and for which plans will be developed to meet water needs (*see* 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 357.10(29)). If direction from the Texas Legislature is necessary to initiate this rule change, the LCRWPG recommends that the Texas Legislature take the necessary action to direct the TWDB to revise its rules.

The revised draft of Chapter 8 that is presented at the Region K web site contains a recommendation to recognize environmental flows as a formal category of water use to be planned for (*see* Section 8.1.2.2, item 4). CTWC supports the addition of environmental use, but recommends the broader language above to include protection of recreational use and recreational business and industry, which, similar to environmental flows, are largely in-place water uses and are critical to Texas’ economy and quality of life.

CONCERN 4: Water rights permits issued by the TCEQ must be consistent with Regional Water Plans (*see* 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 295.16). However, regional water planning groups are not consulted in this determination by TCEQ and often do not even know when an application has been filed for a permit that could impact or be impacted by the Regional Water Plan. Regional water planning groups should be provided with notice of such applications and application information, such as technical memoranda, so that they can provide input to the TCEQ in the permit application process.




RECOMMENDATION 4: The LCRWPG should adopt into Section 8.1.11 the following recommended improvement to the regional water planning process for submission to the TCEQ:

A TCEQ water right permit must address a water supply need in a manner that is consistent with the state water plan and the relevant approved regional water plan (Tex. Water Code § 11.134(b)(3)(E)). The LCRWPG requests that the TCEQ provide notices of water right permit applications, draft permits, and staff memoranda to the applicable regional water planning groups for each new water right or water right amendment application. This will enable regional water planning groups to analyze each proposed permit’s consistency with the regional water plan.

CHAPTER 11

CONCERN: As discussed fully under Chapter 2, above, CTWC questions the huge increases in agricultural irrigation demand numbers compared to the prior (2011) Regional Water Plan.

 **RECOMMENDATION:** Revise the text and tables in Section 11.2.2 (pages 11-2 to 11-4) and the tables and graphs in Appendix 11B to maintain consistency with either recommended change to Chapter 4. At a minimum, include a footnote to Section 11.2.2 and the Irrigation Water Demand Comparison, and Colorado, Wharton, and Matagorda County Total Water Demand Comparison charts in Appendix 11B stating that comments were filed questioning the basis of the numbers and that they will be re-evaluated during the next planning cycle.

APPENDIX _____

THE HIGHLAND LAKES: HISTORY AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE

Brief History of the Highland Lakes System

The Highland Lakes system is comprised of two water storage reservoirs, Lakes Buchanan and Travis, and four pass-through reservoirs, Lakes Inks, LBJ, Marble Falls and Austin. During the construction of the dams and development of the Highland Lakes system, the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) acquired large tracts of land that surround the reservoir system. LCRA is authorized to develop, manage, and promote the use of these lands for parks, recreational facilities and natural science laboratories and to promote the preservation of fish and wildlife. LCRA must also provide public access to, and use of, its lakes and lands for recreation.

In the early years of LCRA's existence, the predominant priorities in water resources management were to moderate and control the floods and droughts in the Lower Colorado River Basin. This was accomplished through the construction of dams in the Texas Hill Country west of Austin, which created the Highland Lakes. Due to the Highland Lakes, the ravages of floodwaters on the lower Colorado River have largely been controlled. The Highland Lakes have historically also provided a dependable source of water supply for municipal, industrial, agricultural, and mining uses. Additionally, the Highland Lakes provided the source of inexpensive, renewable electrical energy, and recreational opportunities for the citizens and communities of Central Texas. In sum, the work of LCRA in its early years provided the foundation on which much of the present day population and economy of Central Texas now depend. The rapidly-increasing population of Austin and surrounding Central Texas communities requires additional water resources for drinking water and to sustain business and industry. Tourism and recreation became significant industries, both on the Highland Lakes and lower Colorado River.

Tourism and Recreational Demands

The use of water for recreation and tourism is closely linked to the population of an area, location of the recreational opportunity and ease of access, and the value of the resource to recreational users. Recreational users are interested in qualities including: full lakes, flowing rivers, clean water, and aesthetics. In many areas, recreational uses of the waterways are increasing steadily. The entire Highland Lakes area, from Lake Austin to Lake Buchanan, receives a great deal of recreational use from boaters, park visitors, swimmers and anglers from all over Texas and the Southwestern United States.

Recreation and tourism in the Highland Lakes area are important contributors to local economies. The recreation industry associated with the Highland Lakes experienced phenomenal growth from 2000-2010 and became the major economic stability factor in many of the counties surrounding the Highland Lakes. However, the viability of this recreational industry is strongly tied to the level of water in the reservoirs, with the Conservation Base recreational levels of Lake Travis defined as 660 feet above mean sea level (msl) and of Lake Buchanan as 1,012 feet msl. In the pass through lakes—Inks, LBJ, Marble Falls, and Austin—little impact is felt from variations in the levels of Lakes Buchanan and Travis.

An expected annual cycle includes the filling of the conservation storage space in the winter and spring months of the year to be drawn down by water uses during the summer months. The

recreational users of these reservoirs are accustomed to a certain amount of variation in the lake levels. However, extreme variations can have an adverse impact on recreational and tourism interests.

Lake Travis

Lake Travis is a 19,000-acre lake with over 270 miles of shoreline located in Texas within Travis and Burnet Counties. Formed in 1937 with the creation of the Marshall Ford Dam, Lake Travis has been and continues to be an important force in the economic growth and sustainability of the region. Lake Travis is the source of water and electricity for its surrounding communities, including but not limited to the municipalities of Briarcliff, Lakeway, Lago Vista, Jonestown, Point Venture, The Hills of Lakeway, Volente, and Austin (currently, 23 municipalities rely on Lake Travis for water). The lake is a recreational destination for boaters and other water enthusiasts throughout the state, and is an important component of the region's tourism economy. Businesses of all sizes depend upon Lake Travis for their operations, including restaurants, hotels, boat rentals, marinas, golf courses, scuba operators, and real estate brokers and developers. Companies, including Samsung, Freescale, AMD, and 3M, rely upon Lake Travis for their manufacturing operations as well. Finally, the lake is an amenity to the surrounding households. Since 1990, the size of the population living within 30 miles of Lake Travis has more than doubled to over 1.5 million people according to the U.S. Census. Communities such as Lakeway, Lago Vista, Jonestown, Point Venture, Briarcliff, and Village of the Hills were founded around Lake Travis in the 1960s and have grown to a total population of almost 22,000 as of 2010.

Lake Travis is a controlled-flow lake, with water coming in through rainfall and inflows from area creeks, rivers, and streams, and water going out to serve the demand of surrounding cities, water utilities, irrigation needs for the downstream industrial and agricultural users, and flows sufficient to maintain downstream instream flow needs and bay and estuary health. The lake is considered full at an elevation of 681.1 feet ("full pool") above mean sea level (msl), and lake levels have fluctuated from a low of 614 feet in 1951 to a high of 710 feet in 1991. In addition to its use for flood control, hydroelectric power, water supply, and water quality, Lake Travis supports broad recreational tourism and diverse fish and wildlife habitats. Drought, increased water use, downstream demands, and reduced inflows all cause water levels in Lake Travis to fall. Conversely, during flood events, businesses surrounding the lake may be forced to close for extended periods of time.

An economic impact study by consulting firm RCLCO in 2011 used historical data and econometric models to assess the financial impact low lake levels or poor water quality have on the region. This study established a baseline to measure the fiscal and economic impacts associated with Lake Travis in 2010, and found that a full Lake Travis generates revenues from property, sales, hotel and mixed beverage taxes that buys ambulances, maintains schools and provides state government with needed funding.

Some key data defining the 2010 baseline of the Lake Travis economic engine include:

- \$207.2 million in revenue for state and local governments from property taxes (\$158.4 million), sales taxes (\$45.2 million), hotel occupancy and mixed beverage taxes;

- \$8.4 billion in assessed property value (\$4.353 billion in lake-related homes and land property value in 2010 from Travis County Appraisal District);
- \$3.6 million in hotel and mixed beverage taxes;
- 3,900 commercial businesses in study area, which contribute \$45.2 million in sales taxes; and
- Lake related activity in 2010 base case:
 - Total visitor-related spending creates 1,607 jobs, \$34.6 million in direct wages, and \$90.5 million in value added to the local economy; and
 - Boat sales spending creates 309 jobs, \$12.2 million in direct wages and \$22.1 million in total value added to the economy.

The study found that adverse economic impacts begin when lake levels remain below 660 feet, and significant economic impacts occur when lake levels fall below 650 feet. Some specific effects that the study predicted include:

- 350,000 – 375,000 fewer park visits;
- 29 lost jobs for each 10% drop in park visits;
- \$23.6 million to \$38.8 million reductions in visitor spending; and
- Up to 241 lost jobs and \$6.1 million in lost wages.

The study also found significant annual fiscal impacts could occur, including:

- \$21.9 million in total fiscal revenues lost versus the 2010 base case; and
- \$1.7 million lost sales tax revenues.

As a result of the extended severe drought that began in 2008 and large interruptible water releases under the Water Management Plan during the severe drought in 2011, Lake Travis lake levels fell to the 620-630 foot elevation and remained there from 2001 until May of 2015. As a result, many of the predicted impacts became reality. Public access to Lake Travis was severely impaired below 630 feet, and the lake also became much more dangerous to navigate as the lake levels fell. With loss of access, tourism greatly declined and many lake-related businesses and restaurants closed, and continue to close, including high-profile ones that have been in business for many years. Marina businesses are also struggling, as occupancy rates and jobs are down by 35-40%, and profitability is being severely impacted.

Low lake levels also impacted the real estate sector of the economy. While the Austin metropolitan area is enjoying significant growth and increased property values, lake-related property values greatly suffered, both with homes and unimproved land values. The following results have been compiled by the real estate industry for the 2009-2014 timeframe:

- Median sales price decline of waterfront/view homes down 29.5% since 2011
- \$/sq. ft. average price decline 33.9% since 2009
- Median undeveloped waterfront/view land price down 36.8% since 2009
- Real estate inventory levels are a very strong indicator of the health of a real estate market. While the residential market across the 5-county Austin metropolitan area had less than three months' supply as of December 2014, active listing inventory for homes with Lake Travis frontage will last more than two years at the Dec. 2014 pace of sales. There is more than three years of listing inventory for unimproved lots on Lake Travis.

These declines in water-related home and land values have a significant aggregate effect, both on the homeowners and on the taxing districts that rely on property taxes. According to data provided by the Travis County Appraisal District, waterfront market values on Lake Travis were about \$2.428 billion in 2010, and related subdivisions that were not waterfront accounted for about \$1.925 billion in market values, or a total of \$4.353 billion. Based on analysis from real estate sales data, property value declines since 2010 are in the 10-30%+ range, and as such, the total impact on lake-related properties on Lake Travis in Travis County could be in the \$400 million to over \$1 billion range, as of the end of 2014.

At the same time, a real estate analysis of the Austin metropolitan area shows that it has enjoyed about 40% appreciation in residential values and 50% in lot values over the past six years, in stark contrast to property with Lake Travis views and/or frontage, which have actually lost approximately 10-30% in value since 2010. As such, property tax appraisals from TCAD have not increased and the associated tax base has lost tax receipts that could have occurred on a lost potential basis, had these lake-related properties appreciated in a similar manner as the rest of the Austin area. By again utilizing the 2010 appraised value for these lake-related properties of \$4.353 billion, this likely represents as much as another \$1.5 to 2 billion in lost taxable appreciation values on lake-related properties, and the associated loss in tax base revenues. Combining both the loss in value and the lack of appreciation on these lake-related properties creates a total adverse property value estimated impact from very low lake levels of \$2-3 billion, and the associated loss of annual property tax revenues that support schools and county services. Given the very strong and on-going population growth in the area, and the magnitude of the lost tax revenues from lake-related properties, the shortfalls will likely have to be borne by the rest of the taxpayers to meet required service needs.

Upper Highland Lakes and Burnet and Llano Counties

Located along the Colorado River, both Burnet and Llano counties have strong agricultural and ranching sectors combined with tourists seeking water-related recreational opportunities. The tourism sector is the largest employer in the region with visitors spending millions of dollars each year at hotels, restaurants, and shops. In addition, the price premium waterfront properties command creates local property tax revenue. However, in 2014, responding to the multiple years of low lake levels in Lake Buchanan and its negative impact on property values, the Burnet County Appraisal District took action to reduce the market value of properties on Lake Buchanan by approximately \$33,000,000 [Source: Chief Appraiser, Burnet County Appraisal District; March 2015].

In 2011, in a joint effort to measure the contribution of the upper Highland Lakes to the regional and state economies, Burnet and Llano Counties retained a project team to perform an economic impact analysis. The project team of TXP, Inc., Concept Development and Planning, LLC, and Diverse Planning and Development conducted the assessment for Burnet and Llano Counties that was completed in the fall of 2012. The study area for the project included Burnet and Llano Counties as well as the properties at nearby Lake Buchanan, Inks Lake, Lake LBJ, Lake Marble Falls, and Lake Travis (only the portion in Burnet County).

Over the past two decades, communities adjacent to the lakes have been the fastest growing in the two-county area. Since 2000, the majority of new homes built in the Upper Highland Lakes Region have been lake-adjacent. Nearly three-quarters of all homes built in the two counties in the past decade were within two miles of the lakes. Hotel occupancy tax revenue generated by properties in the Upper Highland Lakes Region has more than doubled since 2000. Over 81.1 percent of Burnet and Llano Counties' accommodation and lodging businesses are within two miles of the lakes.

In 2011, direct spending by all visitors to Burnet and Llano Counties resulted in the following:

- \$161.3 million in direct economic activity;
- \$58.9 million in earnings for employees and business owners;
- 3,125 jobs (or 25.9 percent of total regional employment);
- \$3.46 million in local tax revenue excluding property taxes; and
- \$9.2 million in state tax revenue.

Economic Activity & Tax Revenue Attributable to the Upper Highland Lakes

In the Upper Highland Lakes Region, the properties around the lakes are among the most valuable in the area. Lake-related properties in this region account for just 1.9 percent of the geographic area of the counties, but a disproportionately large 46.7 percent of their total taxable value.

The average taxable value of a home on the lakes is substantially greater than the countywide averages – ranging from approximately 70 percent higher around Lake Buchanan to more than 3.5 times the average home price in Burnet and Llano Counties around Lake LBJ and Lake Marble Falls.

The proportion of taxable hotel room revenue attributable to lake-related hotel properties is approximately 75 percent of total Upper Highland Lakes Region hotel sector activity. Lake-related hotel activity generates about \$1 million in tax revenues for the State of Texas each year.

In 2011, direct purchases (based on room capacity and hotel occupancy tax receipts) by lake-related visitors to Burnet and Llano Counties resulted in the following:

- \$122.5 million in direct economic activity;
- \$45.3 million in earnings for employees and businesses owners;
- 2,454 jobs;
- \$2.6 million in local tax revenue excluding property taxes; and
- \$7.0 million in state tax revenue.

The total economic impact in 2011 of lake-related visitor spending in the Upper Highland Lakes, including indirect positive effects on support services and businesses, were described as follows:

- \$185.5 million in total economic activity;
- \$81.7 million in earnings for employees and businesses owners; and

- 3,648 jobs.

Long-term Low Lake Level Implications for the Upper Highland Lakes Region

Some of the key findings from the study include:

- The Highland Lakes community's overwhelming concern is that overall economic activity in the region will not return to its pre-drought growth rate because of the prolonged low lake levels.
- Low lake levels could adversely impact development of 5,799 undeveloped, lake-related acres, with an additional 1,180 underdeveloped acres that have a potential taxable property value of \$1.4 billion around the lakes. Low lake levels correspond to a significant decline in tourism and visitor spending, with the decline increasing as levels further decline.

Since the drought began in 2008, Lake Buchanan has primarily been at levels below the conservation level of 1,012 feet above msl. The situation worsened significantly in the summer of 2011, when lake levels fell below 995 feet and continued to fall. At these low levels, lake access was very restricted and public boat ramps were closed, and tourism around the lake was adversely impacted. Numerous tourism-related businesses suffered or closed, such as restaurants, grocery stores and resorts, and associated job losses have been significant. For example, at the time of the study, charter fishing trips were down over 80%.

Sustained low lake levels also allowed the salt cedar population to dramatically overgrow the very large areas of exposed lake bed, creating a whole host of emerging problems.

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Sierra Club and Sierra Club Member Comments



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Re: Review of the 2016 Region K Initially Prepared Plan

Dear Mr. Burke,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and provide comments on the Region K Initially Prepared Plan (IPP). The Region K Water Planning Group is to be commended for the effort that has gone into the development of the 2016 IPP. We appreciate the group's dedication to meeting the region's water needs for decades to come and attention to sustainable water management strategies such as water conservation and drought management. Planning for and appropriately managing water resources is everyone's concern and we acknowledge the time, energy, and expertise that have gone into the development of this IPP.

We offer the following comments on the IPP:

Water Management Strategies are in Excess of "Needs" (Overplanning)

It is the Sierra Club and National Wildlife Federation's position that water management strategies included in the state's 16 regional water plans should closely align with the "needs" or "water shortages" identified through the regional water planning process. Region K has recommended water management strategies far in excess of the needs identified in the IPP.

A review of recommended water management strategies (WMS) compared to projected needs reveals that recommended WMS are almost double what the needs or projected water shortages are by the year 2070. We acknowledge that there are caveats to these numbers. The planning group should examine this issue, identify specifically where the overplanning is occurring and determine which strategies are

most appropriate to meet the stated needs. We recommend that Region K recommend a suite of WMS that are in line with the actual “needs”.

Region K Needs Compared to Recommended WMS in 2016 IPP						
	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070
Total Region K WUG Needs (afy)	377,511	391,892	397,366	410,210	460,228	523,205
Total Recommended Region K WMS (afy)	623,523	711,684	770,623	858,724	920,071	999,580

Recommending water management strategies in excess of needs leads to inflated cost estimates and ties up supplies that may be needed elsewhere. In addition, these excess WMS may have substantial environmental, social and economic consequences if implemented. Planning to use more water from aquifers and rivers than is needed to meet human water supply needs is potentially detrimental to the region’s ecosystems and makes the planning process more like a list compilation exercise than a true planning exercise.

The regional water planning process is adaptable. There are several mechanisms available to water providers to ensure flexibility in water supply approaches. They include a five-year planning cycle to address new information, a straightforward amendment process to quickly deal with changed or emergency conditions, and a mechanism to identify potential water projects as alternate rather than recommended strategies. Region K should use these tools to create a plan that more accurately reflects the water management strategies that are truly needed to meet future water demands.

In future planning cycles, we recommend that the planning group have a discussion about how to approach this issue and develop a timeline that allows the consultants and planning group members sufficient time to deliberate whether the inclusion of each WMS is appropriate. This includes evaluating impacts of WMS, including whether the strategies are consistent with the long-term protection of the state’s water resources, agricultural resources and natural resources per 31 TAC § 357.35 (b)(c).

Water Conservation

The Sierra Club and National Wildlife Federation appreciate Region K’s careful consideration of water conservation as a water management strategy. However, the recommendation should be stronger.

As shown in the table below, the 2016 IPP recommends Water User Groups (WUG) apply water conservation as a WMS to reduce their GPCD by 10% per decade for entities with a 200+ GPCD and recommends a 5% reduction in GPCD per decade for entities with a GPCD greater than 140.

Region K 2016 IPP – Water Conservation Recommendations		
	% reduction per year	% reduction per decade
>200 GPCD	1%	10%
>140 GPCD	.5%	5%

However, as you can see from the table below, the adopted 2012 Region K plan had a stronger water conservation recommendation. The recommendation from the previous plan is in line with state recommendations that all water users with a GPCD above 140 should reduce water use by at least 1% per year until they reach 140 GPCD.

Region K Adopted 2012 Regional Water Plan Water Conservation Recommendations		
	% reduction per year	% reduction per decade
All WUGs with GPCD above 140	1%	10%
WUGs with a need and GPCD 100 - 140	.25%	2.5%

With a growing population and intense droughts putting pressure on our water supplies we need to do more on conservation, not less. Water conservation is a cost effective and environmentally friendly way to stretch existing water supplies to meet growing demands. We recommend that Region K consider adopting water conservation recommendations consistent with recommendations from the last planning cycle.

It is important to note that the savings do not have to stop once 140 GPCD is reached. Cities such as San Antonio and Austin have reduced their water use below 140 GPCD and are still working to achieve additional savings. Please consider the success of the existing programs and the ability to maximize water savings through advanced conservation strategies.

Drought Management

The Region K IPP includes a robust recommendation to employ drought management as a water management strategy. The Sierra Club and National Wildlife Federation support this recommendation and commend the water planning group on including this proactive water supply strategy. Central Texans have shown that they are capable of responding to dry conditions by reducing their water use in a big way. This protects and significantly prolongs our water supply during

drought, which allows communities to avoid costly water supply projects that may only occasionally be needed. Inclusion of this strategy acknowledges previous success and helps communities take this strategy seriously.

We support the planning group's recommendation that water suppliers consider coordinating drought stage information among users of the same source of water. We believe this will enhance public knowledge of and improve participation, which leads to successful implementation of drought measures.

We also support the planning group's recommendation that water suppliers begin education efforts prior to reaching drought stage levels.

Environmental Impacts of WMS

The Sierra Club and National Wildlife Federation are concerned that the environmental impacts of some of the WMS in the Region K plan are understated and that the Region K's impact analysis masks some of the potential environmental impacts of water management strategies. We acknowledge that such an impacts evaluation can be complicated. Using WAM Run3 as the starting point for evaluations masks many real world impacts. However, many of the proposed strategies WILL have an impact on the quantity and timing of environmental flows as compared to current conditions. Those impacts should be acknowledged in a quantified manner where possible.

Shifting water use from agriculture to municipal and steam electric, increased reliance on direct and indirect reuse, full use of water rights and new downstream surface water storage have the potential to significantly alter the quantity and timing of instream flows in the Colorado River and freshwater inflows to Matagorda Bay, thus impacting fish and wildlife populations. Region K members should do all they can to understand and address this issue.

The IPP states that several of the WMS have the potential to reduce instream flows. We are concerned about the cumulative impacts of these strategies since reduced instream flows are listed as a potential impact for numerous strategies. The RWPG should consider examining the cumulative impacts of WMS and at least provide some kind of analysis of the potential impacts in Chapter 5.

Unique Stream Segments

The Region K IPP does not include any recommendations for designation of ecologically unique stream segments. Work has previously been done to identify these segments and provide relevant information per 31 TAC § 357.8. This information has historically been included in the Region K plan and it is our understanding that these were inadvertently left out and will be added back into the final plan. Please ensure that information on ecologically unique stream segments is added back into the Region K plan prior to final submittal.

Creating a Regional Water Plan that Includes all Needs

The failure of regional water planning groups to address environmental water needs is an issue in all 16 regional water planning groups and in the planning approach put forth by the Texas Water Development Board. While it is understood that environmental water needs will not be included as a water need in the 2016 IPP, Region K should consider including this important user group in the development of the 2021 regional water plan. To be comprehensive, a water plan must include all water needs. We appreciate the policy statements in Chapter 8 that support this concept. The Region K plan should do what it can to ensure that water is available to meet the needs of fish and wildlife. If the Colorado River, its creeks and tributaries and Matagorda Bay are not healthy and productive, this region will not be healthy and productive.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the Region K IPP. We commend the planning group for their thoughtful consideration of the water supply challenges and solutions in the region. Much of the success of Region K is due to the ability of the members to work together as a group and in subcommittees to understand and vet the issues under consideration as part of the planning process.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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In Texas all the talk is about quantity not quality for too long? Floating boats and economy's based on lies...as motor boats pass by on the highway headed for marina's in neighborhoods they do not belong in..we wonder....will children get cancer in their lifetime as those in place to protect us let money scream the loudest?

Why did LCRA stand in the way of legal precedence and knowingly reward private corporate marina developers linked to a commercial dock building business that disregarded deeded property rights and environmental law and dumped toxins (linked to documented dumping of oil, spent welding rods, batteries, tires, gigantic hydroelectric petroleum based pipes, metal, tires, air conditioners, abandoned boats and motors, glass, tools, trash, treated lumber, and even human feces) in the watershed and flood pool and water of Lake Travis our Central Tx drinking water reservoir below our homes?....Why did LCRA reward these linked commercial marina developers with marina permits for a private corporate marina and fuel storage in a by deed NO commercial neighborhood where it did not belong?

How is the manipulation of the courts by teams of corporate lawyers good for us and the disregard of hundreds of deeds that state "NO COMMERCIAL EVER" good for us? We won lawsuits in District Court protecting our deeded property rights, our property and our no commercial neighborhood and the clean water that we drink in Lake Travis...and it's flood pool... that were completely overturned on appeal by the founding partner in their lawfirm by a Judge who had notice and refused to recuse. Is this what Judges do? Our lower court rulings upholding our deeded property right were completely overturned with gross impropriety and without legal justification! Our deeded property rights that "ran with the land binding on all heirs and assigns" for over 70 years protected everyone and us and our clean water before the EPA even existed. To say again, this is why lake Travis was so clean for so long...it was protected by our deeded property rights. Our rights protected the clean waters of Lake Travis and the watershed/flood pool and our neighborhood and our deeded property and the rights that we owned were valuable to us! What we worked for our whole lives was "taken" and given to linked

private corporate marina developers to put their private marina in a by deed no commercial neighborhood where it does not belong flipping the property over and over over the years and survey after survey until they got what they wanted. Who protects us? Is the State of Texas above the Constitution of the USA? How is this good for us? WE OBJECT!

It appears that Texas has been asleep at the waterwheel for too long and we wonder who to trust and who really protects us and our living water, our private water wells as it appears that money and powerful hidden investors and corporate entities run roughshod over us and our deeded property rights and our Constitutional rights! How do we stand up to them? Are the courts only for the wealthy and the powerful and politically connected and their teams of lawyers? I am a nurse, not a lawyer and I Object! Do we have the wrong people in charge in Texas as we wonder do those in place to protect us look the other way?

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I believe that these changes in the plan would provide a more certain path to using our region's water resources more efficiently and economically. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the 2016 Region K IPP.

Sincerely,
Ms. Margot Clarke

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Sep 11, 2015

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Sincerely,
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Ms. Julia Kuglen
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Sep 12, 2015

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In keeping with the environmental priority, I ask you to plan, rather than for human growth, for the maintenance of the Colorado River and Matagorda Bay. These rich ecological habitats must be protected for the benefit of all of us. Without healthy rivers and streams our region can't prosper.

I ask you to review the draft and present a more environmentally aware plan for conserving while utilizing a precious resource that we can no longer take for granted.

Sincerely,
Ms. Jane Chamberlain

Mr. Joe Stone
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I absolutely support the above recommendations.

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National Wildlife Federation and NWF Member Comments



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September 15, 2015

Mr. John Burke, Chairman
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Re: Review of the 2016 Region K Initially Prepared Plan

Dear Mr. Burke,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and provide comments on the Region K Initially Prepared Plan (IPP). The Region K Water Planning Group is to be commended for the effort that has gone into the development of the 2016 IPP. We appreciate the group's dedication to meeting the region's water needs for decades to come and attention to sustainable water management strategies such as water conservation and drought management. Planning for and appropriately managing water resources is everyone's concern and we acknowledge the time, energy, and expertise that have gone into the development of this IPP.

We offer the following comments on the IPP:

Water Management Strategies are in Excess of "Needs" (Overplanning)

It is the Sierra Club and National Wildlife Federation's position that water management strategies included in the state's 16 regional water plans should closely align with the "needs" or "water shortages" identified through the regional water planning process. Region K has recommended water management strategies far in excess of the needs identified in the IPP.

A review of recommended water management strategies (WMS) compared to projected needs reveals that recommended WMS are almost double what the needs or projected water shortages are by the year 2070. We acknowledge that there are caveats to these numbers. The planning group should examine this issue, identify specifically where the overplanning is occurring and determine which strategies are

most appropriate to meet the stated needs. We recommend that Region K recommend a suite of WMS that are in line with the actual “needs”.

Region K Needs Compared to Recommended WMS in 2016 IPP						
	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070
Total Region K WUG Needs (afy)	377,511	391,892	397,366	410,210	460,228	523,205
Total Recommended Region K WMS (afy)	623,523	711,684	770,623	858,724	920,071	999,580

Recommending water management strategies in excess of needs leads to inflated cost estimates and ties up supplies that may be needed elsewhere. In addition, these excess WMS may have substantial environmental, social and economic consequences if implemented. Planning to use more water from aquifers and rivers than is needed to meet human water supply needs is potentially detrimental to the region’s ecosystems and makes the planning process more like a list compilation exercise than a true planning exercise.

The regional water planning process is adaptable. There are several mechanisms available to water providers to ensure flexibility in water supply approaches. They include a five-year planning cycle to address new information, a straightforward amendment process to quickly deal with changed or emergency conditions, and a mechanism to identify potential water projects as alternate rather than recommended strategies. Region K should use these tools to create a plan that more accurately reflects the water management strategies that are truly needed to meet future water demands.

In future planning cycles, we recommend that the planning group have a discussion about how to approach this issue and develop a timeline that allows the consultants and planning group members sufficient time to deliberate whether the inclusion of each WMS is appropriate. This includes evaluating impacts of WMS, including whether the strategies are consistent with the long-term protection of the state’s water resources, agricultural resources and natural resources per 31 TAC § 357.35 (b)(c).

Water Conservation

The Sierra Club and National Wildlife Federation appreciate Region K’s careful consideration of water conservation as a water management strategy. However, the recommendation should be stronger.

As shown in the table below, the 2016 IPP recommends Water User Groups (WUG) apply water conservation as a WMS to reduce their GPCD by 10% per decade for entities with a 200+ GPCD and recommends a 5% reduction in GPCD per decade for entities with a GPCD greater than 140.

Region K 2016 IPP – Water Conservation Recommendations		
	% reduction per year	% reduction per decade
>200 GPCD	1%	10%
>140 GPCD	.5%	5%

However, as you can see from the table below, the adopted 2012 Region K plan had a stronger water conservation recommendation. The recommendation from the previous plan is in line with state recommendations that all water users with a GPCD above 140 should reduce water use by at least 1% per year until they reach 140 GPCD.

Region K Adopted 2012 Regional Water Plan Water Conservation Recommendations		
	% reduction per year	% reduction per decade
All WUGs with GPCD above 140	1%	10%
WUGs with a need and GPCD 100 - 140	.25%	2.5%

With a growing population and intense droughts putting pressure on our water supplies we need to do more on conservation, not less. Water conservation is a cost effective and environmentally friendly way to stretch existing water supplies to meet growing demands. We recommend that Region K consider adopting water conservation recommendations consistent with recommendations from the last planning cycle.

It is important to note that the savings do not have to stop once 140 GPCD is reached. Cities such as San Antonio and Austin have reduced their water use below 140 GPCD and are still working to achieve additional savings. Please consider the success of the existing programs and the ability to maximize water savings through advanced conservation strategies.

Drought Management

The Region K IPP includes a robust recommendation to employ drought management as a water management strategy. The Sierra Club and National Wildlife Federation support this recommendation and commend the water planning group on including this proactive water supply strategy. Central Texans have shown that they are capable of responding to dry conditions by reducing their water use in a big way. This protects and significantly prolongs our water supply during

drought, which allows communities to avoid costly water supply projects that may only occasionally be needed. Inclusion of this strategy acknowledges previous success and helps communities take this strategy seriously.

We support the planning group's recommendation that water suppliers consider coordinating drought stage information among users of the same source of water. We believe this will enhance public knowledge of and improve participation, which leads to successful implementation of drought measures.

We also support the planning group's recommendation that water suppliers begin education efforts prior to reaching drought stage levels.

Environmental Impacts of WMS

The Sierra Club and National Wildlife Federation are concerned that the environmental impacts of some of the WMS in the Region K plan are understated and that the Region K's impact analysis masks some of the potential environmental impacts of water management strategies. We acknowledge that such an impacts evaluation can be complicated. Using WAM Run3 as the starting point for evaluations masks many real world impacts. However, many of the proposed strategies WILL have an impact on the quantity and timing of environmental flows as compared to current conditions. Those impacts should be acknowledged in a quantified manner where possible.

Shifting water use from agriculture to municipal and steam electric, increased reliance on direct and indirect reuse, full use of water rights and new downstream surface water storage have the potential to significantly alter the quantity and timing of instream flows in the Colorado River and freshwater inflows to Matagorda Bay, thus impacting fish and wildlife populations. Region K members should do all they can to understand and address this issue.

The IPP states that several of the WMS have the potential to reduce instream flows. We are concerned about the cumulative impacts of these strategies since reduced instream flows are listed as a potential impact for numerous strategies. The RWPG should consider examining the cumulative impacts of WMS and at least provide some kind of analysis of the potential impacts in Chapter 5.

Unique Stream Segments

The Region K IPP does not include any recommendations for designation of ecologically unique stream segments. Work has previously been done to identify these segments and provide relevant information per 31 TAC § 357.8. This information has historically been included in the Region K plan and it is our understanding that these were inadvertently left out and will be added back into the final plan. Please ensure that information on ecologically unique stream segments is added back into the Region K plan prior to final submittal.

Creating a Regional Water Plan that Includes all Needs

The failure of regional water planning groups to address environmental water needs is an issue in all 16 regional water planning groups and in the planning approach put forth by the Texas Water Development Board. While it is understood that environmental water needs will not be included as a water need in the 2016 IPP, Region K should consider including this important user group in the development of the 2021 regional water plan. To be comprehensive, a water plan must include all water needs. We appreciate the policy statements in Chapter 8 that support this concept. The Region K plan should do what it can to ensure that water is available to meet the needs of fish and wildlife. If the Colorado River, its creeks and tributaries and Matagorda Bay are not healthy and productive, this region will not be healthy and productive.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the Region K IPP. We commend the planning group for their thoughtful consideration of the water supply challenges and solutions in the region. Much of the success of Region K is due to the ability of the members to work together as a group and in subcommittees to understand and vet the issues under consideration as part of the planning process.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Do your job. Think systemically, as in ecosystem. You know, like 'operations have effects' and 'there's no such thing as a free lunch'.

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Sincerely,
Ms. Cathy Ramsey

Mr. Dave and Rita Cross
116 Schooner Dr
Lakeway, TX 78738-1003

Sep 11, 2015

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We thank you kindly!

Sincerely,
Mr. Dave and Rita Cross

Mrs. Brenda J Gitter
6310 Ledge Mountain Dr
Austin, TX 78731-3741

Sep 12, 2015

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As a resident of Austin and noticing how my neighbors waste precious water, cities can do a better job. We must protect wildlife and agriculture while cities should better utilize their water resources. If you could only see the water running down my street every morning from homes watering their lawns regardless what day of the week...

Sincerely,
Mrs. Brenda J Gitter

Ms. Marisa Morales
16807 Black Kettle Dr
Leander, TX 78641-3300

Sep 14, 2015

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Sincerely,
Marisa Morales
Leander TX 78641

Sincerely,
Ms. Marisa Morales

Ms. Sue Schwaller
502 E 12th St
Houston, TX 77008-7008

Sep 14, 2015

Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Grp
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Dear Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Grp,

Fresh water inflows are vital to fish and wildlife all along the gulf coast. It is important to me that water plans be written carefully and thoughtfully to care for humans and the wildlife. I write to voice my concerns about the short-comings of the draft Lower Colorado Regional Water Plan (Region K). The Plan fails to provide for the water needs of fish and wildlife. We need a comprehensive plan that considers ALL needs if we are to have flowing rivers, healthy bays, and fish and wildlife in our children's future.

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Sincerely,
Ms. Sue Schwaller

Mr. Raul Bustillo
3909 Aggie Dr
Bay City, TX 77414-4613

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Four reservoirs are not the answer for Matagorda County future water needs. We are looking at importing food in the near future if reservoirs are a reality for Matagorda County. Same as Mexico does imports food. Can' feed its people. Visit Israel if want to know about water needs its a desert country.

Sincerely,
Mr. Raul Bustillo

Dr. Emily Seldomridge
4300 Bay Area Blvd
Apt 3834
Houston, TX 77058-1146

Sep 14, 2015

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Sincerely,
Dr. Emily Seldomridge

Mrs. Brigid Berger
206 Birdsall St
Houston, TX 77007-8108

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Brigid Berger
206 Birdsall
Houston, Texas 77007

Sincerely,
Mrs. Brigid Berger

Ms. Pauline Parker
900 Chicon St
Austin, TX 78702-2753

Sep 14, 2015

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900 Chicon Street
Austin, TX 78702

Sincerely,
Ms. Pauline Parker

Mr. Jeffrey Bean
2515 Riverlawn Dr
Kingwood, TX 77339-2435

Sep 15, 2015

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We must be mindful as we plan for the future that maintaining our region's natural habitat and beauty are what will make living here worthwhile.

Sincerely,
Mr. Jeffrey Bean

Mr. Ernest Henslee
2522 Woodbury Dr
San Antonio, TX 78217-5731

Sep 15, 2015

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Please correct this plan to allow water needs for wildlife and fish.

Sincerely,
Ernest Henslee
2522 Woodbury Drive
San Antonio, Texas 78217-5731
(Cell) 210-792-2089

Sincerely,
Mr. Ernest Henslee

Ms. Johanna Arendt
601 Nelray Blvd
Austin, TX 78751-1045

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Sincerely,
Ms. Johanna Arendt

Ms. Beverly Walker
1602 Teepee Trl
Kingsland, TX 78639-9574

Sep 15, 2015

Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Grp
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Dear Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Grp,

The plan must be improved.

I agree with any actions preventing more assaults on the planet and wish to encourage long-term thinking over greed, industrial pollution, and "progress" which devolves into tax-payers trying to clean up capitalists' messes.

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Sincerely,
Ms. Beverly Walker

Ms. Jane Tillman
7509 Parkview Cir
Austin, TX 78731-1125

Sep 15, 2015

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Sincerely,
Ms. Jane Tillman

Dr. Thomas La Point
1900 Highland Park Cir
Denton, TX 76205-6932

Sep 15, 2015

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Sincerely,
Dr. Thomas La Point

Mr. James Cravens
PO Box 1005
Refugio, TX 78377-1005

Sep 15, 2015

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Dear Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Grp,

This is to voice my concerns about the short-comings of the draft Lower Colorado Regional Water Plan (Region K). I urge you to consider the long range implications for all parties. We need a comprehensive plan that considers ALL needs if we are to have sustainable groundwater, flowing rivers, healthy bays, and fish and wildlife in our children's future.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,
Mr. James Cravens

Mrs. D Dziak
15204 Mandarin Xing
Pflugerville, TX 78660-3052

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Sincerely,
Mrs. D Dziak

Miss Liz Dean
330 Heart Springs Rd
Dripping Springs, TX 78620-2432

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Sincerely,
Miss Liz Dean

Mrs. Amanda Fuller
2408 Kapalua Pl
Pflugerville, TX 78660-7949

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Amanda Fuller

Mr. Austin Neal
1106 Northwestern Ave
Austin, TX 78702-2861

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Sincerely,
Mr. Austin Neal

Mrs. Lilia Valdez
11316 Jollyville Rd
Austin, TX 78759-5941

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Lilia Valdez

Mr. Alan Holt
PO Box 2183
Manchaca, TX 78652-2183

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Mr. Alan Holt

Mrs. Mary Khan
11901 Tedford St
Austin, TX 78753-2131

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Mary Khan

Mr. Frank Patterson
8602 Karling Dr
Austin, TX 78724-1802

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Mr. Frank Patterson

Mr. Christopher Dowling
4009 Highland Dr
Austin, TX 78734-2054

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Sincerely,
Mr. Christopher Dowling

Mr. Christopher Phillips
2913 Hunter Rd Apt 1113
San Marcos, TX 78666-6458

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Mr. Christopher Phillips

Mrs. Heather Miller
4805 Enchanted Ln
Austin, TX 78745-1712

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Heather Miller

Dr. Susan Deans-Smith
13800 Pecan Holw
Leander, TX 78641-7624

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Dr. Susan Deans-Smith

Mrs. Sharon Bramblett
4612 Duval St
Austin, TX 78751-3206

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Sharon Bramblett

Ms. Gina Obrien
202 Jennifer Ln
Bastrop, TX 78602-6656

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Ms. Gina Obrien

Ms. Dee Dunseith
2501 Louis Henna Blvd
Round Rock, TX 78664-5740

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Sincerely,
Ms. Dee Dunseith

Mr. Terry Owings
1911 Mockingbird Ln
Leander, TX 78641-2206

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Region K Administrative Agent
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via e-mail stacy.pandey@lcra.org

Re: Comments on the 2016 Region K Initially Prepared Plan

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- (1) The Region K plan should only include water projects that help meet the projected water shortages in the region. We should not include any plans that are in excess of our projected water needs.
- (2) The population is growing, the climate is changing and the drought is likely to return. As a result, Region K planners should be focused on developing stronger water conservation strategies, not weaker. I recommend that Region K use the water conservation strategy from the 2012 Region K plan. This is in line with state recommendations and many cities across Texas have shown that this is feasible.
- (3) To create a truly comprehensive water plan, the Region K planners must find a way to account for and plan for the water that will be needed to maintain the environmental flows that are necessary for the health of our wildlife, including plants and fish. The Colorado River and its tributaries connect all the communities in Region K and are an essential part of our fabric. Without healthy rivers and streams, our entire region is less healthy. As this region continues to grow and water demands increase this is even more urgent. Please find a way to address this hole in the planning process.

I respectfully request that you consider the above comments in order to develop a regional water plan that prioritizes conservation and the health of our ecosystem and our economy over the development of unnecessary projects.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the 2016 Region K IPP.

Sincerely,

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