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I am somewhat perplexed as to why the comments for the region L water plan are to be sent to what appears to be the San Antonio River Authority. If the State Water Development Board has made an error in listing the SARA addresses (both email and mailing and phone number for that matter) please notify me as soon as possible. It seems that there must be some mistake. I called the number listed through the State Water Development Board Region L website to try to get more information. The office was not familiar with the terms 'Region L' or 'Water Development Plan'. This was the office of the San Antonio River Authority.

I have also called Matt Nelson who is listed as a contact person for the State Water Development Board Region L and left two voice mails informing him that I needed the correct addresses.

I would like to submit comments regarding the State Water Plan for Region L. and would like to reserve the right to submit comments once I have received the correct addresses.

I am sure there are many who are unaware of the plan for region L. I was told at the meeting in San Marcos that there was zero attendance for the presentation that was held in San Antonio. The fact that there was zero attendance at the presentation in San Antonio is clear indication that perhaps the notification process is flawed. There were very few in attendance at the meeting in San Marcos.

From the charts and graphs that were displayed during the power point presentation in San Marcos, there appears to be some serious problems with the modeling among other things. According to the chart that was presented the irrigation figures remain the same even if the population increases.

Parts of the region that are major food producing areas are shaded in the chart as areas that have little or no need for water. Furthermore these areas are not even allowed to have an increase in water need according to the chart. It appears that the plan is to take water from those areas and send the water elsewhere. Another point that is not included in the chart is that the water resources in the areas of food production (that are misrepresented in the Texas Water Development Board chart) are already over allocated. The plan and the accompanying charts and graphs are fraught with errors and omissions.

I would also like to note that there have been insufficient environmental studies. The plan does not take into account flow rates among other factors and the impact on the ecology of the rivers and wetlands. There is serious disregard for the wildlife, birds and fish

within the region. Entire stretches of river territory in the region have been ignored, as well as basic aquifer science. The region L plan as it has been presented could lead to environmental disaster on several fronts.