

Development Board, other State agencies, State legislators and several interested purchasers in downstate metropolitan areas, and not a single party has taken exception to our hydrology as prepared by outside professionals or to the projections of our size (minor) compared to overall production/use (huge) in Region A and Region O.

The idea that our project can "pump somebody else's dry," as you stated in the article, does not stand up under careful scientific analysis when applied to the Ogallala.

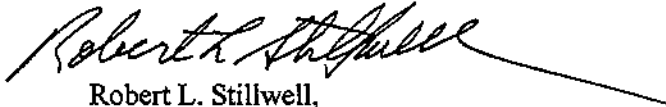
There are 200 ranchers/landowners in Roberts County and Hemphill County aligned with our project. This represents 350,000-375,000 surface acres of water rights. These counties have minimal farming (5%) because the land is rough and rocky. These ranchers can realize value for their water only by selling it.

We have detailed engineering analyses of our proposal for delivering water to a Region L user. Our estimated delivered cost is competitive with other alternatives being considered. We can deliver groundwater in five years, and we can demonstrate conclusively a project life of in excess of 125 years which complies with the 50/50 rule and the other production limits of our local groundwater conservation district.

We have asked for the opportunity to make a presentation to Region L for purposes of inclusion of the Mesa Water project in the Region L Water Plan. Enclosed is our February 26 letter for your reference. We are satisfied that you and your colleagues will be impressed (and surprised) by what you see.

We look forward to a response.

Very truly yours,


Robert L. Stillwell,
General Counsel

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enclosure

cc: Senator Ken Armbrister, Chairman, Senate Select Committee on Water Policy
Senator Robert Duncan
Greg Rothe, Secretary, Region L Planning Group
Ralph Boeker, Region L Liaison, Texas Water Development Board
Bill Mullican, Deputy Executive Administrator, Office of Planning,
Texas Water Development Board



February 26, 2004

Ms. Evelyn Bonavita, Chairman
Region L Planning Group
c/o San Antonio River Authority
100 E. Guenther Street
San Antonio TX 78283-0027

Re: Mesa Water, Inc. - Water Management Strategies

Dear Ms. Bonavita:

Mesa Water, Inc. and associated landowners in Roberts County and Hemphill County, Texas, own Ogallala Aquifer groundwater rights in the Panhandle of Texas. Mesa Water ownership is 90,000 surface acres of groundwater, and the aggregate group ownership is in excess of 350,000 surface acres of groundwater.

Mesa and its consulting hydrologist (R. W. Harden Associates, Austin) and consulting engineer (JD Consulting, Austin) have prepared extensive analyses of delivery of Panhandle groundwater by secure steel pipeline to San Antonio. These studies contain detailed information on relevant hydrological, environmental, construction costs, reuse and delivery costs for a project to deliver 150,000 - 200,000 acre feet of groundwater per year for over 100 years. These deliveries can begin approximately five years after agreement with a buyer. The delivered cost is competitive with, and in certain cases lower than, other alternatives being considered by Region L.

Details of our project have been presented to SAWS, the Texas Water Development Board, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and representatives of other Texas agencies.

We request that our project be included in the Region L Water Plan at the earliest opportunity. We are available on short notice to present detailed information regarding our project to the directors of Region L, its staff and consultants.

We would appreciate a response to confirm that this request is sufficient for present purposes and that we will be offered the opportunity to submit such technical information as you may need for further consideration of our request.

Very truly yours,



Robert L. Stillwell,
General Counsel

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cc: Greg Rothe, Secretary, Region L Planning Group
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April 19, 2004

Evelyn Bonavita
Chair, Region L Water Planning Group
334 Royal Oaks
San Antonio, Texas 78209

Re: Native Valley Alliance

I am writing on behalf of the landowners and project members of Native Valley Alliance (NVA), to request consideration of Region L's water planning group for inclusion to the list of proposed projects to be studied before final adoption of the region's water management strategies.

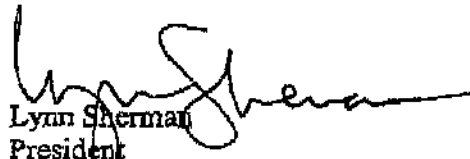
The NVA project was conceived by long-time local landowners from Kinney County who have historically produced water for irrigated agriculture from the Pinto Valley. They wish to convert this historical use to municipal supply. We believe that based on this historical production and our hydrologic evaluations that Pinto Valley could conservatively support 20,000 to 25,000 acre-feet per year of sustainable pumping. The Edwards Trinity groundwater in western Kinney County is a possible solution to the water challenges in Bexar County. This pumping would have no effect on the Edwards (BFZ) Aquifer or surface water flows in the Nueces, San Antonio, or Guadalupe Basins because there is no hydrologic connection to those resources.

The inclusion of the NVA project as a potential project will serve to benefit your area's water planning process in several ways. First, assessing the merits of our project may help the planning group to better identify all possible opportunities for water, including non traditional sources that could ultimately ensure your region's supply. Second, it will serve to inform your members and clarify any confusion between NVA and other proposed water marketing ventures in the same area that do not share the same attributes as NVA's project. And third, it will provide a needed dialogue for interested parties to address potential impacts of the NVA project. These impacts need to be reasonably and fairly addressed by all interested parties. We see this as a vital part of our success and welcome input. To that effect, we will also be sending a letter to The Plateau Regional Water Planning Group's (Region J's) water planning group asking for inclusion and consideration in their planning process.

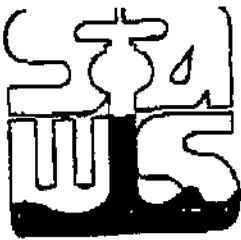
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We request an opportunity to appear before your next RWPG meeting to present our information and answer any questions the group might have. We understand your budget is limited and would offer to provide the technical information we possess to the group or its consultant to facilitate the analysis process. We also understand that the inclusion of the NVA's project as a "potential project" is not an endorsement and will not be represented as such. We view the inclusion as an opportunity to have an impartial and objective evaluation of our project while possibly providing a solid solution to a growing water supply problem.

Sincerely,


Lynn Sherman
President

AGENDA ITEM NO. 18
Discussion and Appropriate Action on Replacement
of SCTRWPG Members



San Antonio Water

To <i>Steve Roache</i>	From <i>Fred Arce</i>
Co./Dept.	Co.
Phone #	Phone #
Fax # <i>227-4323</i>	Fax #

April 21, 2004

Ms. Evelyn Bonavita
334 Royal Oaks
San Antonio, Texas 78209

Dar Ms. Bonavita:

As you are aware, General Eugene Habiger retired from the San Antonio Water System (SAWS) in March. The SAWS Board of Trustees has asked Mr. Leonard Young to assume the role of President/Chief Executive Officer until a permanent President/Chief Executive Officer is appointed. I want to reassure you that General Habiger's retirement from SAWS will in no way impede our commitment to the importance of the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group's (SCTRWPG) work that is continuing to move forward.

I am recommending that Mr. Young replace General Habiger as the large water utility representative on the SCTRWPg during this interim period. If you have any questions or require any additional information, please call Mr. Fred Arce at 704-7379.

Sincerely,

James M. Mayor
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Section 4. Selection of Members

At least forty five calendar days prior to the expiration of the term of a voting member, or within forty-five calendar days of the removal or resignation of a voting member, the South Central Texas RWPG will post public notice in a newspaper of general circulation in each county located in whole or in part in the South Central Texas RWPA soliciting nominations for a successor, identifying the particular interest for which nominations are sought, stating the conditions of membership, delineating the method for submitting nominations, and establishing a deadline for submission of nominations between thirty and forty-five calendar days from the date that public notice was posted. Members of the South Central Texas RWPG may also submit nominations in the manner prescribed in the public notice.

The Executive Committee will receive and process the nominations and after the deadline for submitting nominations, will recommend a nominee for each position to the voting membership as a whole, giving strong consideration to a consensus nominee from those individuals and entities that collectively represent that interest. The Executive Committee shall consider and report all nominations received but may only consider persons who meet the conditions of membership. The voting membership as a whole is not bound by the recommendation of the Executive Committee and may consider any nominee who meets the conditions of membership.

The voting members shall attempt to make a decision for a successor by consensus. If efforts to reach consensus fail, the Chair shall call for a vote on a nominee. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the total voting membership of the South Central Texas RWPG shall be required to appoint a nominee as a new voting member. If voting fails to select a new voting member, the voting members shall consider other nominations until a new member can be selected by consensus or affirmative vote of two-thirds of the total voting membership.

In addition to selecting new voting members to fill vacancies caused by removal, resignation, or the expiration of a term, the voting members may add members to ensure adequate representation of the interests comprising the South Central Texas RWPA by utilizing the selection process set forth in this section. In both the consideration of nominees and the selection of new voting members, the Executive Committee and other voting members shall strive to achieve geographic, ethnic, and gender diversity.

Outgoing voting members shall be given the opportunity to fully participate in the selection process for their successors and shall serve until their successors take office. However, no member shall participate in a vote in which he or she is a nominee.

**TENATIVE SCHEDULE FOR
REPLACEMENT OF SCTRWPG MEMBERS
May 6, 2004**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
Sunday, May 9, 2004	Publish notice in the San Antonio Express News and Victoria Advocate Sunday paper
Monday, May 10, 2004	Mail notice of vacancy to each respective interest within the planning area
Friday, June 18, 2004	Deadline for submitting nominations
Thursday, August 5, 2004 8:00 a.m.	Executive Committee meets to recommend nominees
Thursday, August 5, 2004 10:00 a.m.	SCTRWPG meets to consider appointment of replacement members

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC

The South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (RWPG), as established by the Texas Water Development Board in accordance with 31 TAC 357, is soliciting nominations for a **municipalities representative** to fill a vacancy as a voting member on the South Central Texas RWPG. Municipalities are defined in 31 TAC 357.4(a) (3) as governments of cities created or organized under the general, home-rule, or special laws of the state. For more information on specific definitions and eligibility requirements in the area of interest and to obtain a nomination form, please contact Mr. Ronald G. Hernandez at 210/227-302-3609 or visit the planning group's website at www.watershedexperience.com.

The South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Area consists of Atascosa, Bexar, Caldwell, Calhoun, Comal, DeWitt, Dimmit, Frio, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, La Salle, Medina, Refugio, Uvalde, Victoria, Wilson, Zavala and part of Hays Counties.

Nominations must be received by **5:00 p.m., Friday, June 18, 2004** addressed to Evelyn Bonavita, Chair, South Central Texas RWPG, c/o San Antonio River Authority, P.O. Box 830027, San Antonio, Texas, 78283-0027, or faxed to 210/227-4323.

**South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group
Nomination Form**

Nominator's Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Fax: _____
Occupation: _____

Name of nominee (if different from above): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email (not required): _____

Interest Area (see below for list of interest): _____

County: _____

Occupation: _____

Please give a brief description of the nominee's experience that would qualify him/her for the position:

Please list any pertinent affiliations:

Please attach additional information if desired.

Interest Area:

Municipalities

AGENDA ITEM NO. 22

**Possible Agenda Items for the Next South Central Texas RWPG
Meeting**

POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT SB1 MEETING

May 6, 2004

- Report on Water Availability
- Report on Needs Assessment
- Report From Water Conservation Task Force
- Report on Policy Survey
- Report on Analyses of Water Management Strategies
- Replacement of SCTRWPG Members