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TO: Members of the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (Region L)

FROM: Ron Fieseler, General Manager Blanco Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District (BPGCD), Coordinator of Groundwater Management Area 9, Non-Voting Member Region L, Voting Member Region K

RE: TWA Blanco River Valley WMS and Wimberley Woodcreek WMS

The headwaters of the Blanco River are located primarily within southern Blanco County and its flow continues through Hays County before merging with the Guadalupe River. Blanco County is 100% outside of GBRA's jurisdiction and 100% inside of LCRA's jurisdiction. It is also 100% outside of Region L and 100% inside of Region K. However, effective management of the Hill Country Trinity Aquifer and the Blanco River Valley requires that both Blanco County and Hays County have a coordinated water management strategy for both groundwater and surface water regardless of Regional Planning Areas or River Authority boundaries.

For the past decade, the BPGCD, the Blanco County Commissioner's Court, and the City of Blanco have been working with various landowners along US 281 to RR 32 to address current and future property development in southern Blanco County. One of the ongoing concerns is the limited water available from either local groundwater or Canyon Lake.

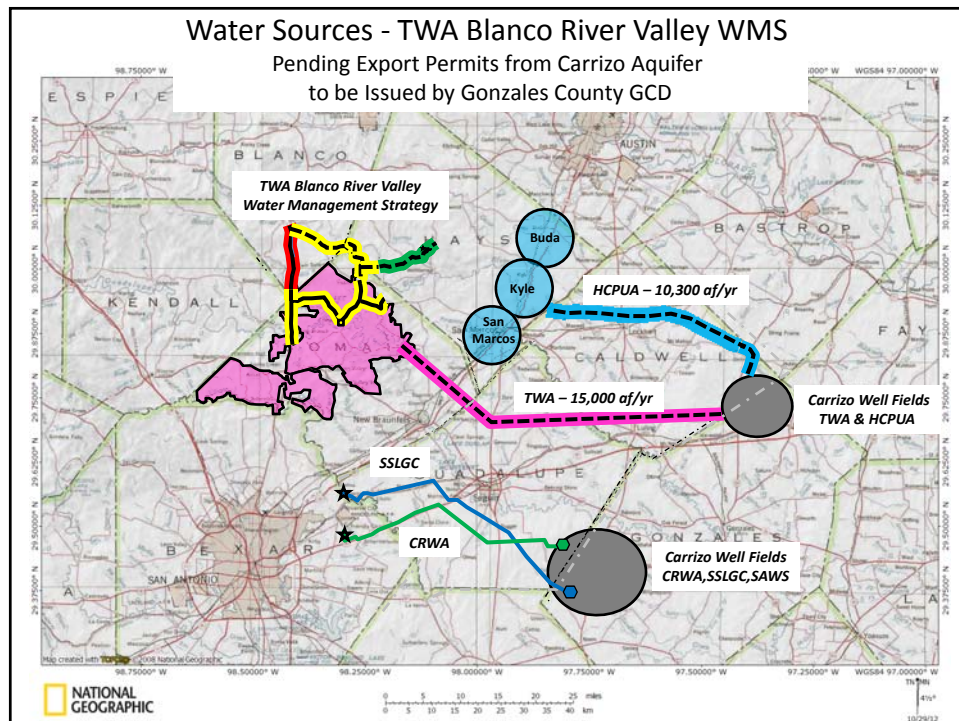
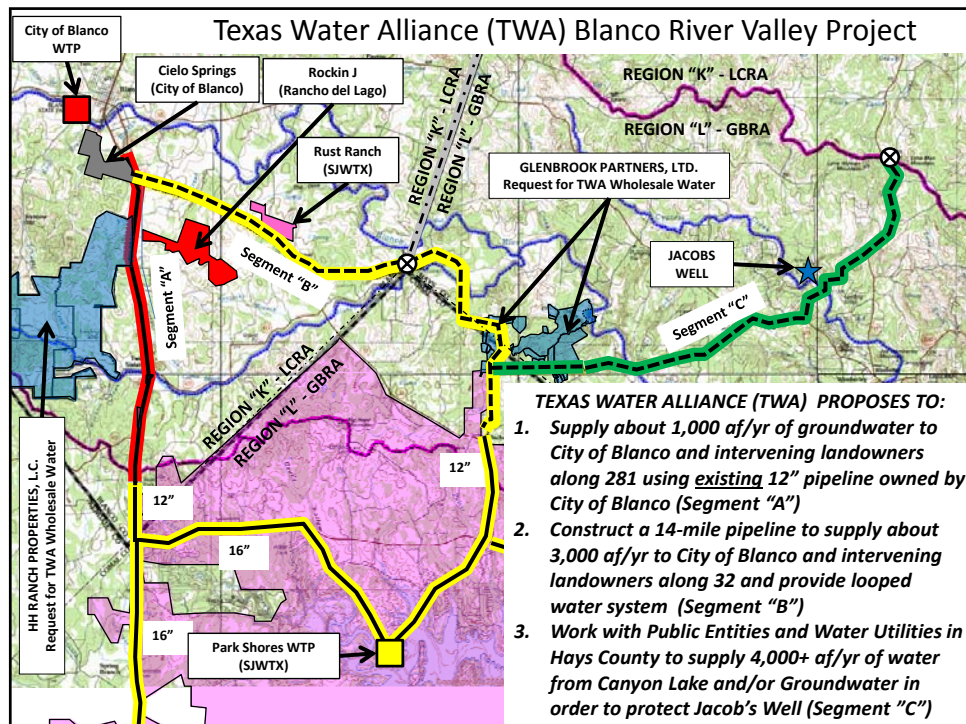
On October 18, 2012, the Board of Directors of BPGCD met with representatives of Texas Water Alliance (TWA), a subsidiary of SJW-Corp, regarding a proposed Blanco River Valley Water Management Strategy that will provide a long range supply of water for water shortages in a portion of GMA 9 that includes southern Blanco County, southwest Hays County, and parts of western Comal County. The GMA 9 Desired Future Conditions and the Modeled Available Groundwater, along with local Groundwater District data, indicate that these areas have either limited groundwater availability, water quality issues, and/or potential future water shortages, all of which will be exacerbated by ongoing population growth and the associated additional water demands.

The Board is interested in participating in discussions regarding the feasibility of this or any other water supply proposal that may be beneficial to Blanco County and its residents. Accordingly, the Board of Directors has authorized me to represent them and to be a participant in any committee or task force organized to discuss and explore any such water supply opportunities or water management strategies.

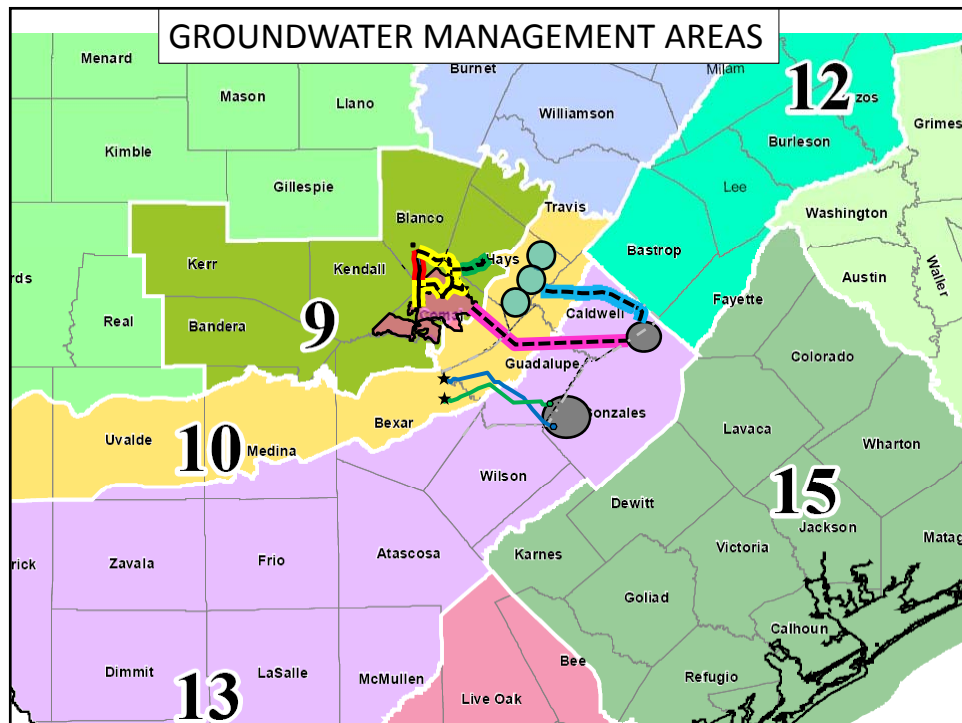
It is our understanding that the TWA Regional Carrizo Project will be able to provide a long range supply of water after the Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District issues the TWA export permit this month. Since the TWA Blanco River Valley Water Management Strategy is also designed to provide sustainable long-range water supplies into the Wimberley Woodcreek area of Hays County, it seems to us that this proposal will obviate the need for a separate stand-alone Wimberley Woodcreek Water Management Strategy in this round of Region L's planning process.

Therefore, in light of the above comments, I recommend that the TWA Blanco River Water Management Strategy (and generally depicted in the attached figures) be included in Region L's current round of planning and that the Wimberley Woodcreek WMS no longer be included as a stand-alone strategy.

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