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Signature

Aug. 6-2015
Date

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Printed Name

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Francis J. Adam — 30 July 2015

Signature — Date

FRANCIS J. ADAM

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Printed Name
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Louis R Bass — 7-29-15

Signature — Date

Louis R. Bass

Printed Name

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Date: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 5:44:23 AM Central Daylight Time
From: My Schertz Support
To: Cole Ruiz

W031792-081215
8/12/2015 5:43:00 AM

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Signature Date

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Clark H Blake — 8-6-15

Signature — Date

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Signature — Date

CHARLES F. BOLIN

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Signature — Date

TERRY G. BOURLAND

Printed Name

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Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 10:33:40 PM Central Daylight Time

From: My Schertz Support

To: Cole Ruiz

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8/11/2015 10:33:00 PM

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Signature

29 July 15
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Signature — Date

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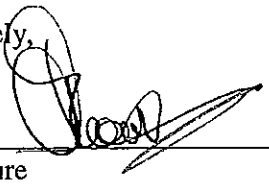

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8-10-15
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HESKETH BROWNE
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Signature Date

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Printed Name

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From: My Schertz Support
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7/30/2015 1:29:00 PM

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Date: Monday, August 10, 2015 5:49:12 PM Central Daylight Time
From: My Schertz Support
To: Cole Ruiz

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8/10/2015 5:48:00 PM

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Signature — Date

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12 AUGUST 2015
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Signature — Date

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Boontham Chaney — 8/11/15
Signature — Date

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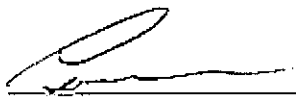

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Printed Name

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Date: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 8:22:32 AM Central Daylight Time
From: My Schertz Support
To: Cole Ruiz

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8/12/2015 8:21:00 AM

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Signature — Date

ELIZABETH A. CORPORON

Printed Name

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July 29, 2015
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CLIFTON R. CROOK
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Joan Cruikshank 8-11-16

Signature Date

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Printed Name

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T. H. Cruz
Signature

8-13-15
Date

T. H. CRUZ
Printed Name

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From: My Schertz Support [mailto:schertztx@mycusthelp.net] **Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2015 1:46 PM **To:** Cole Ruiz **Subject:** Public Comment 2016 Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) Submission to TWDB

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Signature

8-6-15
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Date: August 13, 2015 at 7:13:12 PM CDT
To: <cruiz@sara-tx.org>
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Signature

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Date

C. F. Dietze

Printed Name

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Eugene Dugger
Signature

8-7-15
Date

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Printed Name

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Signature

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WALTER J. EDMONSON
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Mary P.B. Edwards — 8/4/2015
Signature — Date

Mary P.B. Edwards
Printed Name

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Subject: Public Comment 2016 Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) Submission to TWDB
Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2015 4:44:18 PM Central Daylight Time
From: My Schertz Support
To: Cole Ruiz

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7/29/2015 4:43:00 PM

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Michael Eighinger
[redacted]

From: My Schertz Support [mailto:schertztx@mycusthelp.net] **Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2015 1:31 PM **To:** Cole Ruiz **Subject:** Public Comment 2016 Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) Submission to TWDB

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7/30/2015 1:30:00 PM

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Betty Ellis
[redacted]

Subject: Public Comment 2016 Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) Submission to TWDB
Date: Thursday, August 13, 2015 11:27:46 AM Central Daylight Time
From: My Schertz Support
To: Cole Ruiz

W031837-081315
8/13/2015 11:27:00 AM

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Date: Thursday, July 23, 2015 10:13:35 AM Central Daylight Time

From: My Schertz Support

To: Cole Ruiz

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7/23/2015 10:12:00 AM

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Sally A. Evans
Signature

July 30, 2015
Date

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Printed Name

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Tim C Flanagan — Signature

8/3/15 — Date

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Signature — Date

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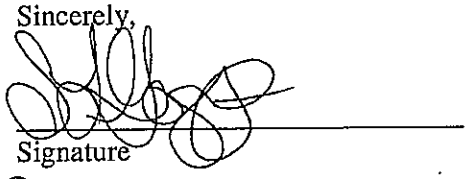

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Samantha Groggans

Printed Name

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Signature — Date

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Printed Name

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Date

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Printed Name

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Signature

8/7/15

Date

James Grace, JR

Printed Name

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Address

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Date: Sunday, August 2, 2015 11:01:24 AM Central Daylight Time

From: My Schertz Support

To: Cole Ruiz

W031514-080215
8/2/2015 11:00:00 AM

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Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2015 7:39:00 PM Central Daylight Time
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7/29/2015 7:38:00 PM

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Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 7:29:56 AM Central Daylight Time
From: My Schertz Support
To: Cole Ruiz

W031745-081115
8/11/2015 7:29:00 AM

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Date

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Printed Name

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Signature — Date

Daniel Griffin

Printed Name

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Paul [illegible]
Signature

29 July 2015
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PAUL J. HAMILTON
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Signature

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Hilda M. Hilpert — Aug 3, 2015
Signature — Date

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Printed Name

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DWIGHT D HOLCEK
Printed Name

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Subject: Public Comment 2016 Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) Submission to TWDB
Date: Thursday, July 30, 2015 3:34:51 PM Central Daylight Time
From: My Schertz Support
To: Cole Ruiz

W031470-073015
7/30/2015 3:33:00 PM

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Glenda Hooks
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JULY 29, 2015
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Printed Name

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Richard D Hudkins 8-14-15

Signature Date

Richard D. Hudkins

Printed Name

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Aug. 16 '15
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Alfonso Hudson
Printed Name

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Subject: Public Comment 2016 Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) Submission to TWDB
Date: Thursday, August 6, 2015 1:32:29 PM Central Daylight Time
From: My Schertz Support
To: cruiz@sara-tx.org

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8/6/2015 1:31:00 PM

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Christopher R Kalle — 30 July 2015
Signature — Date

Christopher R. Kalle
Printed Name

[redacted]
Address

Subject: Public Comment 2016 Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) Submission to TWDB

Date: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 8:15:00 AM Central Daylight Time

From: My Schertz Support

To: Cole Ruiz

W031793-081215
8/12/2015 8:13:00 AM

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don kelly
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Date: Thursday, July 23, 2015 9:54:00 AM Central Daylight Time
From: My Schertz Support
To: Cole Ruiz

W031276-072315
7/23/2015 9:53:00 AM

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Linda Klepper
[redacted]

From: My Schertz Support <schertztx@mycusthelp.net>
Date: August 13, 2015 at 11:03:40 PM CDT
To: <cruiz@sara-tx.org>
Subject: Public Comment 2016 Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) Submission to TWDB

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8/13/2015 11:02:00 PM

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Signature _____ August 5, 2015
Date

Joseph D. Lippert
Printed Name

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Mildred A. Ludlow July 29, 2015
Signature Date

Mildred A. Ludlow
Printed Name

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Joyce Mac Millen 7-31-15
Signature Date

Joyce & Mike Mac Millen
Printed Name

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Nancy Maloney
Signature

7/30/15
Date

NANCY MALONEY
Printed Name

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Signature

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MIKE MANKA
Printed Name

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Signature

8-11-15
Date

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Printed Name

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James E. McGarity
Signature

8-12-2015
Date

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Printed Name

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Sincerely,

Al McGraw
Signature

8/12/15
Date

AL McGRAW
Printed Name

[redacted]
Address

* As a professional archaeologist (retired) I am interested in reviewing the environmental process and studies related to the comprehensive regional planning. Let me know when these are available. Thanks.

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Date: Thursday, August 6, 2015 1:30:58 PM Central Daylight Time

From: My Schertz Support

To: cruiz@sara-tx.org

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8/6/2015 1:29:00 PM

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Signature Date

Billy G. McNair
Printed Name

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Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 8:24:09 PM Central Daylight Time
From: My Schertz Support
To: Cole Ruiz

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Clifford McNair
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Salvador Mena — 30 Jul 15

Signature — Date

Salvador Mena

Printed Name

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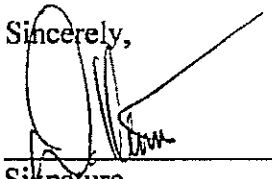

Signature

7/30/15
Date

DAVID MENHENNETT
Printed Name

[redacted]
Address

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From: My Schertz Support
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Tomas Messick
[redacted]

Subject: Public Comment 2016 Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) Submission to TWDB
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2015 10:37:41 AM Central Daylight Time
From: My Schertz Support
To: Cole Ruiz

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7/23/2015 10:37:00 AM

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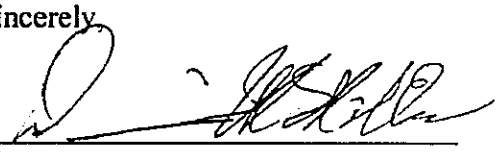

Signature

8-1-15

Date

DENNIS M. MILLER

Printed Name

[redacted]

Address

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31 July, 2015
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LARRY L. MILLER
Printed Name

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Audra Mitchell 8/7/15
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Signature

29 Jul 2015
Date

Joseph Mitchell
Printed Name

[redacted]

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8/10/2015 3:42:00 PM

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8-5-15
Date

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Printed Name

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J Moore
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8/12/2015
Date

Jennifer Moore
Printed Name

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Karen Moore, Mgr. 8-6-2015
Signature Date

Karen Moore
Printed Name

[redacted]

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Date: Friday, August 7, 2015 4:28:42 PM Central Daylight Time
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To: cruiz@sara-tx.org

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Signature

10 Aug 15
Date

Natalie Mosley-Carter
Printed Name

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Elizabeth Mulanax
Signature

08-01-15
Date

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Printed Name

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Address

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Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 8:39:13 PM Central Daylight Time

From: My Schertz Support

To: Cole Ruiz

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Amanda Murray
[redacted]

From: My Schertz Support <schertztx@mycusthelp.net>
Date: August 13, 2015 at 10:39:34 PM CDT
To: <cruiz@sara-tx.org>
Subject: Public Comment 2016 Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) Submission to TWDB

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Billie R. Olson
Signature

7/26/15
Date

Billie R. Olson
Printed Name

[redacted]

From: My Schertz Support [mailto:schertztx@mycusthelp.net] **Sent:** Saturday, July 25, 2015 9:41 PM **To:** Cole Ruiz **Subject:** Public Comment 2016 Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) Submission to TWDB

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Date: Friday, August 7, 2015 1:36:58 PM Central Daylight Time

From: My Schertz Support

To: cruiz@sara-tx.org

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Signature

July 29, 2015
Date

Robert Reiher
Printed Name

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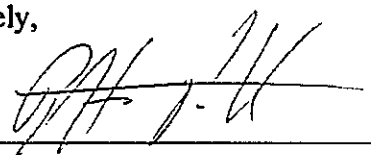

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7-31-2015

Date

ROBERTO PERELL

Printed Name

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Diane Powers — 8-14-15

Signature — Date

Diane Powers

Printed Name

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8/7/15
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Signature

7-31-15
Date

Darlene Price
Printed Name

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Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2015 5:18:56 PM Central Daylight Time
From: My Schertz Support
To: Cole Ruiz

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7/29/2015 5:18:00 PM

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8-1-15
Date

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Printed Name

[redacted]

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Lonnie Ray — 7-29-15

Signature — Date

Lonnie Ray

Printed Name

[redacted]

Address

Subject: Public Comment 2016 Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) Submission to TWDB
Date: Thursday, July 30, 2015 12:50:42 PM Central Daylight Time
From: My Schertz Support
To: Cole Ruiz

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7/30/2015 12:50:00 PM

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[redacted]

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Signature

8-4-15
Date

Kenneth Reichenau
Printed Name

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Donna A. Rhode
Signature

July 31, 2015
Date

DONNA A. RHODE
Printed Name

[redacted]

Subject: Public Comment 2016 Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) Submission to TWDB
Date: Friday, August 7, 2015 12:18:37 PM Central Daylight Time
From: My Schertz Support
To: cruiz@sara-tx.org

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James Rihn — Aug 7, 2015

Signature — Date

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Printed Name

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Aug 8, 2015
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PAUL T RINGENBACH
Printed Name

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Date: Thursday, August 6, 2015 1:59:36 PM Central Daylight Time

From: My Schertz Support

To: cruiz@sara-tx.org

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8/6/2015 1:58:00 PM

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Franklin O. Roberts
Signature

7/29/15
Date

FRANKLIN O. ROBERTS
Printed Name

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Signature 30 Jul 15
Date

KELLI ROBINSON
Printed Name

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Mildred M. Rosado — August 12, 15
Signature — Date

Mildred M. Rosado
Printed Name

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Delbert Rose
Signature

08-06-15
Date

DELBERT ROSE
Printed Name

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Ras R. Ruhmann Jr. 08-11-2015

Signature Date

Ras R. Ruhmann, Jr.

Printed Name

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Miranda Ruiz — Signature

8/12/15 — Date

Miranda Ruiz — Printed Name

[redacted] — Address

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8/10/2015 4:15:00 PM

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Albert L. Savage
Signature

7-29-2015
Date

Albert L. SAVAGE
Printed Name

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Signature

1 Aug 2015
Date

JERRY K. SAVOY
Printed Name

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Lula Mae Schertz — 7-29-2015

Signature — Date

Lula Mae Schertz

Printed Name

[redacted]

Address

Subject: Public Comment 2016 Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) Submission to TWDB
Date: Friday, August 7, 2015 4:25:41 PM Central Daylight Time

From: My Schertz Support
To: cruiz@sara-tx.org

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Emilie Self
[redacted]

Subject: Public Comment 2016 Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) Submission to TWDB
Date: Thursday, August 13, 2015 11:24:45 AM Central Daylight Time
From: My Schertz Support
To: Cole Ruiz

W031836-081315
8/13/2015 11:23:00 AM

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Kim Shea
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Date: Thursday, August 6, 2015 7:20:24 PM Central Daylight Time
From: My Schertz Support
To: cruiz@sara-tx.org

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8/6/2015 7:19:00 PM

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Date 7/31/15

Printed Name

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30 JUL 2015
Date

DANIEL L. SMITH
Printed Name

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Hattie A. Smith — 5 Aug 2015

Signature — Date

HATTIE A. Smith

Printed Name

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Date: Thursday, August 6, 2015 1:05:22 PM Central Daylight Time
From: My Schertz Support
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Steven R. Stark
Signature

11 AUG 2015
Date

STEVEN R. STARK
Printed Name

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Marianne L Stawarz 7 Aug 2015

Signature Date

Marianne L. Stawarz

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Kathleen Stone
Signature

29 Jul 15
Date

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Printed Name

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7/29/2015
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Terri Stone
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Patti Strout
Signature

8-13-15
Date

PATTI STROUT
Printed Name

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Signature

Aug 4, 2015
Date

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Printed Name

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Yolanda R. Sweeney 7/28/15

Signature Date

YOLANDA R. SWEENEY

Printed Name

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From: My Schertz Support
To: cruiz@sara-tx.org

W031663-080715
8/7/2015 10:50:00 AM

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Barbara A. Taylor — July 30, 2015
Signature — Date

Barbara S. Taylor
Printed Name

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Date: Thursday, July 30, 2015 5:41:22 AM Central Daylight Time

From: My Schertz Support

To: Cole Ruiz

W031440-073015
7/30/2015 5:40:00 AM

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Mary Lou Thornbrough
Signature

August 07 - 2015
Date

Mary Lou Thornbrough
Printed Name

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Carol Trees — 8-12-15

Signature — Date

Carol Trees

Printed Name

[redacted]

Address

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Date: Thursday, July 23, 2015 10:45:13 AM Central Daylight Time
From: My Schertz Support
To: Cole Ruiz

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7/23/2015 10:44:00 AM

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Joann Trevino
[redacted]

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Date: Saturday, August 1, 2015 12:54:40 PM Central Daylight Time

From: My Schertz Support
To: Cole Ruiz

W031513-080115
8/1/2015 12:53:00 PM

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Pat Trice
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Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 5:27:56 PM Central Daylight Time
From: My Schertz Support
To: Cole Ruiz

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8/11/2015 5:27:00 PM

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George W Vick Jr
Signature

5 Aug 2015
Date

GEORGE W. VICK SR
Printed Name

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Signature 7/30/15
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Robert Watchsmann
Printed Name

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From: My Schertz Support <schertztx@mycusthelp.net>
Date: Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at 7:38 PM
To: Cole Ruiz <cruiz@sara-tx.org>
Subject: Public Comment 2016 Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) Submission to TWDB

W031623-080515
8/5/2015 7:37:00 PM

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Signature

Aug 6, 2015
Date

GEORGE M. WELCH
Printed Name

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Eugene M Wells — 1 Aug 2015
Signature — Date

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Printed Name

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John M Wells
Signature

8/1/15
Date

John M Wells
Printed Name

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Subject: Public Comment 2016 Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) Submission to TWDB
Date: Thursday, August 6, 2015 7:53:32 PM Central Daylight Time
From: My Schertz Support
To: cruiz@sara-tx.org

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8/6/2015 7:52:00 PM

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7/30/2015 10:03:00 AM

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Douglas G. White 8/16/15

Signature Date

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STEVEN F. WHITE
Printed Name

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7/30/2015 9:16:00 AM

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Signature

July 30-15
Date

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Signature — Date

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Signature

8/6/2015

Date

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Signature — Date

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Lana D Anderson
Signature

31 July 2015
Date

LANA D. ANDERSON
Printed Name

[redacted]
Address

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[redacted]

From: Stewart Adams <NationalWildlifeFederation@nwf.org>
Date: August 13, 2015 at 6:04:28 PM CDT
To: San Antonio River Authority <cruiz@sara-tx.org>
Subject: Region L Water Plan must consider needs of fish and wildlife
Reply-To: Stewart Adams <adams_stu@hotmail.com>

Aug 13, 2015

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TX

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Date: Thursday, August 13, 2015 10:33:39 AM Central Daylight Time

From: Doug Brown

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From: Marjorie Brake

To: Cole Ruiz

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Mrs. Marjorie Brake
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Date: August 14, 2015 at 12:38:56 PM CDT
To: San Antonio River Authority <cruiz@sara-tx.org>
Subject: Region L Water Plan is a disservice to Texas and Texans
Reply-To: Tyson Broad <tysonbroad@gmail.com>

Aug 14, 2015

San Antonio River Authority
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This current IPP, unfortunately, does not represent progress. Rather, it is a poster child for a broken process. The planning group was not provided an opportunity to truly vet different projects and create a plan that represents the best interest of Texas from an economic and ecological perspective. Rather, this regional water plan is an excessive laundry list of water projects, heaped together by water suppliers pursuing SWIFT funds and gaming the process.

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To: San Antonio River Authority <cruiz@sara-tx.org>
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Reply-To: John Carrola Jr. <jcarrola@swri.org>

Aug 14, 2015

San Antonio River Authority
TX

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Sincerely,

Mr. John Carrola Jr.



From: Karen Carnahan <NationalWildlifeFederation@nwf.org>
Date: August 14, 2015 at 12:39:02 PM CDT
To: San Antonio River Authority <cruiz@sara-tx.org>
Subject: Region L Water Plan must consider needs of fish and wildlife
Reply-To: Karen Carnahan <karencarnahan@hotmail.com>

Aug 14, 2015

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Karen Carnahan



Subject: Region L Water Plan must consider needs of fish and wildlife

Date: Thursday, August 13, 2015 4:34:12 PM Central Daylight Time

From: Susan Canales

To: Cole Ruiz

Aug 13, 2015

San Antonio River Authority
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Ms. Susan Canales
[redacted]

From: Joann DeLuna <NationalWildlifeFederation@nwf.org>
Date: August 14, 2015 at 4:09:41 PM CDT
To: San Antonio River Authority <cruiz@sara-tx.org>
Subject: Region L Water Plan must consider needs of fish and wildlife
Reply-To: Joann DeLuna <jbpdeluna@aol.com>

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Mrs. Joann DeLuna



From: Teresa Delaney <NationalWildlifeFederation@nwf.org>
Date: August 13, 2015 at 5:34:24 PM CDT
To: San Antonio River Authority <cruiz@sara-tx.org>
Subject: Region L Water Plan must consider needs of fish and wildlife
Reply-To: Teresa Delaney <delaney.t@att.net>

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Teresa Delaney
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Subject: Region L Water Plan must consider needs of fish and wildlife

Date: Thursday, August 13, 2015 12:33:56 PM Central Daylight Time

From: Jon Ellis

To: Cole Ruiz

Aug 13, 2015

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Ms. Jon Ellis



From: Gena Fleming <NationalWildlifeFederation@nwf.org>
Date: August 13, 2015 at 6:34:33 PM CDT
To: San Antonio River Authority <cruiz@sara-tx.org>
Subject: Region L Water Plan must consider needs of fish and wildlife
Reply-To: Gena Fleming <genafleming@gmail.com>

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Ms. Gena Fleming



Subject: Region L Water Plan must consider needs of fish and wildlife
Date: Thursday, August 13, 2015 11:03:43 AM Central Daylight Time
From: Kathy Gibbs
To: Cole Ruiz

Aug 13, 2015

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Sincerely,

Ms. Kathy Gibbs
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From: Benjamin Hutchins <NationalWildlifeFederation@nwf.org>
Date: August 13, 2015 at 8:04:39 PM CDT
To: San Antonio River Authority <cruiz@sara-tx.org>
Subject: Region L Water Plan must consider needs of fish and wildlife
Reply-To: Benjamin Hutchins <hutchbt2@yahoo.com>

Aug 13, 2015

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Dr. Benjamin Hutchins



Subject: Region L Water Plan must consider needs of fish and wildlife
Date: Thursday, August 13, 2015 1:03:52 PM Central Daylight Time
From: Annie Kellough
To: Cole Ruiz

Aug 13, 2015

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Sincerely,

Ms. Annie Kellough


Subject: Region L Water Plan must consider needs of fish and wildlife

Date: Thursday, August 13, 2015 1:33:58 PM Central Daylight Time

From: Edward Kern

To: Cole Ruiz

Aug 13, 2015

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Dr. Edward Kern
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From: Jo Ellen Korthals <NationalWildlifeFederation@nwf.org>
Date: August 14, 2015 at 7:38:24 AM CDT
To: San Antonio River Authority <cruiz@sara-tx.org>
Subject: Region L Water Plan must consider needs of fish and wildlife
Reply-To: Jo Ellen Korthals <kortay@grandecom.net>

Aug 14, 2015

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Sincerely,

Ms. Jo Ellen Korthals
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Subject: Region L Water Plan must consider needs of fish and wildlife

Date: Thursday, August 13, 2015 10:33:39 AM Central Daylight Time

From: Kathi Lyons

To: Cole Ruiz

Aug 13, 2015

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Kathi Lyons
[redacted]

From: Bryan Lowry <NationalWildlifeFederation@nwf.org>
Date: August 14, 2015 at 10:08:42 AM CDT
To: San Antonio River Authority <cruiz@sara-tx.org>
Subject: Region L Water Plan must consider needs of fish and wildlife
Reply-To: Bryan Lowry <bryanclowry@gmail.com>

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Mr. Bryan Lowry

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Subject: Region L Water Plan must consider needs of fish and wildlife
Date: Thursday, August 13, 2015 4:34:12 PM Central Daylight Time
From: Tom Van Lear
To: Cole Ruiz

Aug 13, 2015

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Mr. Tom Van Lear
[redacted]

From: "Wm. MacAulay" <NationalWildlifeFederation@nwf.org>
Date: August 13, 2015 at 7:04:33 PM CDT
To: San Antonio River Authority <cruiz@sara-tx.org>
Subject: Region L Water Plan must consider needs of fish and wildlife
Reply-To: "Wm. MacAulay" <scotgrays8@aol.com>

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Mr. Wm. MacAulay



Subject: Region L Water Plan must consider needs of fish and wildlife
Date: Thursday, August 13, 2015 1:03:52 PM Central Daylight Time
From: Lacey McCormick
To: Cole Ruiz

Aug 13, 2015

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Ms. Lacey McCormick
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Subject: Region L Water Plan must consider needs of fish and wildlife

Date: Thursday, August 13, 2015 2:04:00 PM Central Daylight Time

From: bertha mear

To: Cole Ruiz

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Sincerely,

Ms. bertha mear
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From: Richard McBride <NationalWildlifeFederation@nwf.org>
Date: August 13, 2015 at 10:36:00 PM CDT
To: San Antonio River Authority <cruiz@sara-tx.org>
Subject: Region L Water Plan must consider needs of fish and wildlife
Reply-To: Richard McBride <docdik@mygrande.com>

Aug 13, 2015

San Antonio River Authority
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Dear River Authority,

There are too many short-comings of the draft Region L Water Plan. This draft of the Plan blatantly fails to provide for the water needs of fish and wildlife. We need a comprehensive plan that considers ALL needs. The water needs of fish and wildlife must be provided for as are the other water user categories. Our rivers MUST have adequate continual flows which will be drastically reduced if we dam up every water course in the area.

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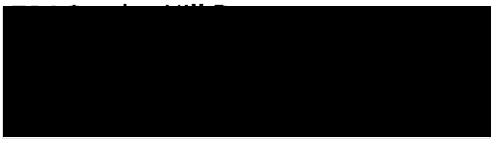
Dr. Richard McBride



From: Maureen McCauley <NationalWildlifeFederation@nwf.org>
Date: August 14, 2015 at 3:07:09 AM CDT
To: San Antonio River Authority <cruiz@sara-tx.org>
Subject: Region L Water Plan must consider needs of fish and wildlife
Reply-To: Maureen McCauley <maureent40@yahoo.com>

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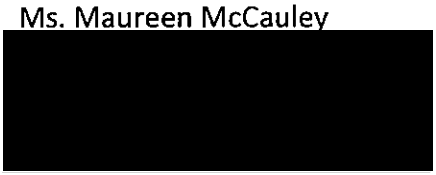

From: Meredith McGuire <NationalWildlifeFederation@nwf.org>
Date: August 14, 2015 at 7:08:16 AM CDT
To: San Antonio River Authority <cruiz@sara-tx.org>
Subject: Region L Water Plan must consider needs of fish and wildlife
Reply-To: Meredith McGuire <mmcguire@trinity.edu>

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Dr. Meredith McGuire
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From: Gina MacAitis <NationalWildlifeFederation@nwf.org>
Date: August 14, 2015 at 7:38:24 AM CDT
To: San Antonio River Authority <cruiz@sara-tx.org>
Subject: Region L Water Plan must consider needs of fish and wildlife
Reply-To: Gina MacAitis <gina273@hotmail.com>

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Gina MacAitis



From: Gabrielle Moore <NationalWildlifeFederation@nwf.org>
Date: August 14, 2015 at 10:38:47 AM CDT
To: San Antonio River Authority <cruiz@sara-tx.org>
Subject: Region L Water Plan must consider needs of fish and wildlife
Reply-To: Gabrielle Moore <gabrielle@thegrls.info>

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Date: August 14, 2015 at 12:38:56 PM CDT
To: San Antonio River Authority <cruiz@sara-tx.org>
Subject: Region L Water Plan must consider needs of fish and wildlife
Reply-To: Tony Miller <texas.tony.miller@gmail.com>

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From: Rhonda Miller <NationalWildlifeFederation@nwf.org>
Date: August 14, 2015 at 1:39:23 PM CDT
To: San Antonio River Authority <cruiz@sara-tx.org>
Subject: Region L Water Plan must consider needs of fish and wildlife
Reply-To: Rhonda Miller <rhonda.miller@lgbs.com>

Aug 14, 2015

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Sincerely,

Ms. Rhonda Miller


Subject: Region L Water Plan must consider needs of fish and wildlife

Date: Thursday, August 13, 2015 11:03:48 AM Central Daylight Time

From: Kathy Newman

To: Cole Ruiz

Aug 13, 2015

San Antonio River Authority
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Ms. Kathy Newman
[redacted]

From: Michael Ohlendorf <NationalWildlifeFederation@nwf.org>
Date: August 14, 2015 at 7:38:24 AM CDT
To: San Antonio River Authority <cruiz@sara-tx.org>
Subject: Region L Water Plan must consider needs of fish and wildlife
Reply-To: Michael Ohlendorf <mike@cagi.com>

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Mr. Michael Ohlendorf



Subject: Region L Water Plan must consider needs of fish and wildlife
Date: Thursday, August 13, 2015 1:04:02 PM Central Daylight Time
From: Jeanna Phare
To: Cole Ruiz

Aug 13, 2015

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Ms. Jeanna Phare
[redacted]

From: Ana Perez <NationalWildlifeFederation@nwf.org>
Date: August 13, 2015 at 9:04:51 PM CDT
To: San Antonio River Authority <cruiz@sara-tx.org>
Subject: Region L Water Plan must consider needs of fish and wildlife
Reply-To: Ana Perez <anaso91@yahoo.com.mx>

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Ms. Ana Perez



From: Claudia Roman <NationalWildlifeFederation@nwf.org>
Date: August 14, 2015 at 4:07:35 AM CDT
To: San Antonio River Authority <cruiz@sara-tx.org>
Subject: Region L Water Plan must consider needs of fish and wildlife
Reply-To: Claudia Roman <isabel.roman94@hotmail.com>

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Ms. Claudia Roman



From: Annalisa Peace <NationalWildlifeFederation@nwf.org>
Date: August 13, 2015 at 6:34:27 PM CDT
To: San Antonio River Authority <cruiz@sara-tx.org>
Subject: Region L Water Plan must consider needs of fish and wildlife
Reply-To: Annalisa Peace <annalisa@aquiferalliance.org>

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Ms. Annalisa Peace



Subject: Region L Water Plan must consider needs of fish and wildlife
Date: Thursday, August 13, 2015 2:04:00 PM Central Daylight Time
From: Terry Rohrbach
To: Cole Ruiz

Aug 13, 2015

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Sincerely,

Mr. Terry Rohrbach
[redacted]

Subject: Region L Water Plan must consider needs of fish and wildlife
Date: Thursday, August 13, 2015 10:33:39 AM Central Daylight Time
From: Dora Rushing
To: Cole Ruiz

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Sincerely,

Miss Dora Rushing



From: Maggie Reagan <NationalWildlifeFederation@nwf.org>
Date: August 14, 2015 at 3:39:38 PM CDT
To: San Antonio River Authority <cruiz@sara-tx.org>
Subject: Region L Water Plan must consider needs of fish and wildlife
Reply-To: Maggie Reagan <dmag.reag@gmail.com>

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Mrs. Maggie Reagan



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Date: Thursday, August 13, 2015 3:04:04 PM Central Daylight Time

From: Daniel Sotello

To: Cole Ruiz

Aug 13, 2015

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Sincerely,

Mr. Daniel Sotello
[redacted]

From: jill stillwagon <NationalWildlifeFederation@nwf.org>
Date: August 13, 2015 at 5:04:25 PM CDT
To: San Antonio River Authority <cruiz@sara-tx.org>
Subject: Region L Water Plan must consider needs of fish and wildlife
Reply-To: jill stillwagon <jew6649@gmail.com>

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Mrs. jill stillwagon



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Date: Thursday, August 13, 2015 10:33:39 AM Central Daylight Time
From: Tatjana Walker
To: Cole Ruiz

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Tatjana Walker
[redacted]

From: Betty Watkins <NationalWildlifeFederation@nwf.org>
Date: August 14, 2015 at 9:38:37 AM CDT
To: San Antonio River Authority <cruiz@sara-tx.org>
Subject: Region L Water Plan must consider needs of fish and wildlife
Reply-To: Betty Watkins <tedbettyw@austin.rr.com>

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Signed: Barbara J Brown

Date: June 30, 2015

From: Barbara J Brown

[redacted]

To: South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group
Attn: Cole Ruiz
Administrative Agent for Region L, SARA
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Signed: Dusty Burrier

Date: July 8, 2015

From: _____

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Signed: Chad Hartman

Date: 6/30/15

From: Chad Hartman
[redacted]

To: South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group
Attn: Cole Ruiz
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Signed: Melanie J Hartman

Date: 6-30-15

From: Melanie J Hartman

[redacted]

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Signed: Elizabeth Hartman

Date: 6-30-2015

From: Elizabeth Hartman

[redacted]

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Date: 7-23-15

From: Andy Hastings

[redacted]

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Signed: Bernice Hastings

Date: 7-1-15

From: BERNICE HASTINGS
[redacted]

To: South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group
Attn: Cole Ruiz
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Signed: Kevin Hastings
Sheilah Hastings

Date: 6.26.15

From: Kevin & Sheilah Hastings
[redacted]

To: South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group
Attn: Cole Ruiz
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Signed: Linda Hasting

Date: 7/1/15

From: Linda Hastings
[redacted]

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Signed: Lonnie R. Hastings

Date: July 1, 2015

From: Lonnie Hastings

[redacted]

To: South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group
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Signed: Lauren M Lankford

Date: 6-26-15

From: Lauren Lankford
[redacted]

To: South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group
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Signed: Ronald Lankford

Date: 6/26/15

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[redacted]

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Date: 7/17/15

From: Chris Osborne

Property Address: [redacted]

To: South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group
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Signed: Edward Rangel Jr.

Date: 7/8/15

From: _____

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Signed: Dennis Werley

Date: 7-1-15

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[redacted]

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Signed: Patti Werley

Date: 7-1-2015

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This plan does not address:

1. The sustainable health of the Carrizo aquifer;
2. The effects of transfer of water on rural communities;
3. The rules of the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District;
4. The effect on agriculture in Wilson County;
5. The Modeled Available Groundwater for the aquifer;
6. The Desired Future Condition of the aquifer;
7. Future water needs of Wilson County;
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From: [redacted]

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San Antonio Texas 77902

TO: South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group

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Signed: Frank Bain

Date: 7/20/2015

From: FRANK L. BAIN, JR.

[redacted]

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From: John Cann

[redacted]

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From: TRACY Cann Tracy Cann

[redacted]

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From: Sandra Cannon



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From: Martin M Childs

[redacted]

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From: ALEX DELEON

[redacted]

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From: Justine Gabaysch

[redacted]

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From: Priscilla Gonzalez
[redacted]

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From: Richard W. Hill

[redacted]

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Signed: Henry J. Kopecki

Date: 8-3-15

From: Henry J. Kopecki

[redacted]

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Signed: Lucille Kopecki

Date: 8-2-15

From: Lucille Kopecki

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Signed: Michael J Kopecki

Date: 8-3-15

From: MICHAEL KOPECKY

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Signed: Patricia Kopecky

Date: Aug. 3, 2015

From: PATRICIA KOPECKY
[redacted]

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From: Irene Nitsche

[redacted]

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From: Kenneth Witsche [redacted]

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From: Maxine Pavlicek

[redacted]

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From: Austin Rogers
[redacted]

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From: Ida Rogers

[redacted]

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From: Matthew Rogers

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From: Sam Rogers

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From: Julie G Rowell Julie G Rowell

[redacted]

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From: Jerry D Russell

[redacted]

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From: James Roy TABone

[redacted]

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From: MARY ANN Tabone
Maryann Tabone
[redacted]

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From: Erica Vreed

[redacted]

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From: Benjamin Williams
[redacted]

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Regina Williams

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[redacted]

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From: Christine F. Wright

[redacted]

X Christine F Wright

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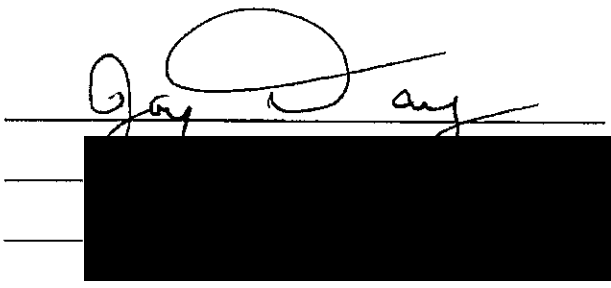
From: 
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From: Mike and Janis Wenzel
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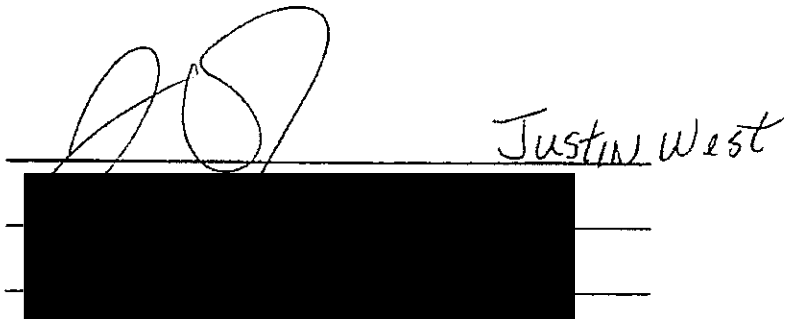
From:  Justin West

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TO: South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group

Wilson County water is best used and conserved in Wilson County.

I oppose Cibolo Valley Local Governments Corporation's proposal to pump water from the Carrizo aquifer in Wilson County and transfer it to Guadalupe and Bexar Counties.

Please remove this proposal from the 2016 Region L Initially Prepared Plan.

From: Norman McClure
[redacted]

To: South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group
c/o Steven J. Raabe
Administrative Agent for Region L, SARA
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Please remove the CVLGC Wilson Co. Carrizo project from the 2016 IPP. At some (probably near) future point in time, we in W. Co. will need to pull more water from our aquifer than we are currently pulling. I'd hate to find that the water is not there because it was sold to a group that does not need it + is only going to sell it to someone else. Thank you for your consideration of all the proposals in the IPP + the time + effort you put into this work on our behalf. Please remove the CVLGC plan.

From: Heather Hansen

[redacted]

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August 14, 2015

Steven J. Raabe
Administrative Agent for Region L San Antonio River Authority
P.O. Box 839980 San Antonio, Texas 78283-3692

Emailed to: Cole Ruiz <cruiz@sara-tx.org>

RE: Comments from the Alamo Sierra Club on the Region L Water Plan draft

Dear Mr. Raabe:

Please accept these comments on the Region L Plan from the Alamo Group of the Lone Star Chapter Sierra Club. Due to limited time, we include more problems and fewer promises in the SCTRWP. Some assumptions and the lack of sufficient studies and innovation in the evaluation of alternatives are at the root of the problems. Also, as a partner of the Hill Country Alliance, we fully support the more detailed comments the HCA submitted.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments on behalf of the Alamo Group.

Sincerely,

Margaret Day
Executive Committee Co-Chair

SCTRWP assumptions and recommendations with problems:

1. Accepting a 75% increase in regional population in just 50 years is unsustainable. Since the major regional city, San Antonio, and its water utility SAWS have committed to "sustainable" planning, then understanding and addressing the forces driving this unsustainable growth is a must. This current water planning focus is too narrow to effectively manage for a steady state. A set of sustainable principles and criteria are needed to keep recommendations on track to achieve this goal.

2. The recommended water projects are too many and not compared studiously or by broader risks and benefits. Also, while it is important to build in some redundancies, this level of over supply will be more costly, fuel population growth, and will undermine efforts to conserve and use water more equitably and efficiently. A guiding principle of net zero water would be ideal.

3. More conservation efforts could help the region reduce water needs by far more than the 22% goal. The recommended guidelines (8.5.1) to reach 140 gpcd followed by a .25% reduction per year seem lax and already greatly exceeded by SAWS since 2011.

4. We question the yield distribution of new sources and the limited study and innovation that went into these recommendations. As examples, 23% is expected from seawater desal. Were the required resources, energy, CO_2, and many other impacts incorporated into the comparative analysis? Might increasing reuse, greywater, stormwater and rainwater catchment more sustainably meet needs? 15% is expected from surface reservoirs, yet surface sources are already over allocated and evaporation is a serious and growing issue. It is claimed (6.7) seawater desal is more desirable than surface water, but the claim appears anecdotal, when it should be data driven.

5. The recommendations for groundwater sustainability (8.3.2) are insufficient. They only call for monitoring, protecting and enhancing recharge, and conservation, which are insufficient to prevent drawdown exceeding recharge, or the continued mining and eventual depletion of Texas aquifers. Also, the interconnectivity of surface and groundwater as a system ought to be another guiding principle.

6. The plans, unfortunately, do not resolve conflicts between the rule of capture (and its own internal conflicts) and GCD powers, in fact they allow the problems of over allocation, over use, and water wars to magnify. First, section 8.9.3 allows for "flexibility" with rules to allow increased water use for rapid population/economic activity, such as fracking, instead of designing water controls as a needed constraint on boom and bust economics. Then groundwater management (8.3.1) increases potential problems with rule of capture vs GCD DFCs by (8.3.1 #5) allowing permit holders to pump in excess of DFCs and (#6) allowing GCDs to the issue more permits and pumping in excess of their modeled available groundwater (MAG). Also, draft participants may be unaware of recent state legislative changes in MAG guidelines, a sleight-of-hand calculation that greatly increases available groundwater without scientific agreement, which is predicted to increase drawdowns.

7. The scope of the Environmental Benefits and Concerns (6.7) is too limited and anecdotal, requiring more expansive analysis of costs and benefits.

8. A recommendation for sharing groundwater resources among regions (8.3.3) includes notification of those districts and provision of reports--an economic analysis of the impact to communities, instream flows, and bay and estuary systems incurred by movement of the groundwater. Two controversial WMS, Vista Ridge and Forestar, are interbasin groundwater export projects, and we know from experience that current provisions are inadequate to address the conflicts. The types of studies now recommended have not been provided, but even if they were, more should be required, such as public hearings.

9. Voluntary Redistribution of Water From Rural and Agricultural Areas (6.4) only requires that sellers are compensated and transfers are voluntary, but ignores that in many cases, such as the Vista Ridge pipeline, only a minute percent of landowners volunteered and are compensated, while all other landowners did not volunteer and are not compensated, yet their water will be lost to them and they bear the impact.

10. SAWS' Vista Ridge partnership is a Region L recommended WMS, listed as drawing 34,894 acfty, one of 7 regional water transfer projects totaling 107,632 acfty. Section 6.4 admits 3rd party negative economic impacts will occur, but these are not evaluated or addressed in the plan. Vista Ridge partners own water leases for about 70,000 acfty, with a SAWS contract to deliver 50,000 acfty, so according to

recommendations under 8.3, they will be able to pump and export more if the GCD issues them more permits, and they intend to go to the courts and to the state legislature to insure this, to protect their investment, if they are not permitted, according to FoI-obtained documents.

11. There is evidence throughout the SCTRWP that environmental needs are not well addressed and not going to be met. Specific cases are found in concerns identified by the Texas Living Waters Project.

SCTRWP recommendations we support:

1. Recommendation 8.10.4. Counties desperately need more authority for land use planning and for regulation development based on water availability and protection of water resources and need to education to enable them to make sustainable choices.

2. Recommendation 8.7.5. More environmental studies on impacts to water and ecosystems are needed. However some holistic studies are also needed, otherwise studies may be too narrow to capture all the elements and dynamics of creating a sustainable regional economy.

From: Faye Taylor [n **Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2015 1:03 PM **To:** Cole Ruiz **Subject:** Evergreen states opposition to Cibolo, Schertz water plan

As a Wilson county rancher and farm owner, I stand with Evergreen on this issue. We do not have enough information to know the long term effects of this.
If Bexar county and any other counties have not planned well enough for their current and future needs, why should we as an outlying county provide that for them? Who will provide for our needs if we run low on water?
One thing we need to have learned from the prior years is we can never predict a drought or the duration of a drought and once that happens it can take a lot to recover. Just ask the people around Medina Lake.
Why would 21 counties need to take water from one county? Did they not plan well for their own needs?

Faye Taylor

Thursday, August 6, 2015 10:34:30 AM Central Daylight Time

Subject: FW: IPP Comments Re: Carrizo for Cibolo Valley
Date: Monday, June 29, 2015 10:38:29 AM Central Daylight Time
From: Cole Ruiz
To: Sonia Jimenez (sjimenez@xa-sa.com)
CC: mmartinez@xa-sa.com

The comments below regarding the Cibolo Valley LGC Carrizo Project

Cole Ruiz|Intergovernmental Relations Coordinator
San Antonio River Authority|100 East Guenther|San Antonio, TX 78204|
Main:210.227.1373|Direct:210.302.3293|cruiz@sara-tx.org

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From: WILSON, MELBA D GS-07 USAF AETC 59 MDSP/SG07A |
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 10:10 AM
To: Cole Ruiz
Subject: Carrizo for Cibolo Valley

This issue has come up before dealing with the city of San Antonio and Bexar County.
Wilson County said NO then and it still stands at NO. Poor planning on Cibolo and Schertz part should not be a problem for us to solve.
We are noted as one of the fasting growing counties in the state and we need to protect our own water supplies for our future needs.

No, No, and NO.

Life
long resident of Wilson County,

M. DIANE WILSON

[redacted]

From: Keevin Holcomb [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 10:31 AM
To: Cole Ruiz
Subject: SARA and Wilson county

We do not want water pumped from Wilson county to support Cibolo, and Schertz or any city's

Keevin Holcomb
Ronnie Holcomb [redacted]
Scott Holcomb c

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From: Sherman Baker <[redacted]> **Date:** June 28, 2015 at 11:26:35 PM CDT **To:** "cruiz@sara-tx.org" <cruiz@sara-tx.org> **Subject: No!!!!**

No!!!! Do not sell or give our water to San Antonio or anyone else!!! They should have planned better many years ago. My husband and I have lived here for over 48 years and do not want to see our county robbed!! We vote NO,NO, NO!!! Elaine and Sherman Baker Sutherland Springs, Tx

From: Barbara Hopson [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2015 1:41 AM
To: Con Mims; Cole Ruiz; David Carter; The Honorable Bert Cobb; The Honorable Will Conley; The Honorable Ray Whisenant; The Honorable Debbie Ingalsbe; The Honorable Mark Jones; Mark Kennedy; Daniel Guerrero; David Wilson; Steve Thurber; Mike Steinert
Subject: Forestar Project evaluated in Region L IPP

It makes no sense for Hays County to pay for a very expensive pipeline for Forestar from Lee County to Hays County -- because, at the most (in 2070), Forestar, under MAG projections, will be able to deliver only 16,334 acft of Carrizo-Wilcox water per year -- not the 45,000 acft/yr Hays County Commissioners Court is contracting with Forestar to deliver.

Hays County Commissioners Court should cancel the contract with Forestar before the Oct. 1, 2015 renewal date. Forestar cannot deliver what they agreed to. Furthermore, as slowly as the Forestar project is progressing, SAWS Vista Ridge pipeline, or another pipeline, will probably be in operation long before Forestar can come online.

Here is confirming information from the 2016 IPP for Region L:

"The envisioned project size of 45,000 acft/yr of [Forestar] groundwater exceeds the remaining amount of water under the MAG for the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer in Lee County in every decade [2020-2070]....Accordingly, the MAG-limited (and recommended) size for the Hays County Project is 12,356 acft/yr in 2020, growing to 16,334 acft/yr by 2070." (from Region L 2016 IPP, vol.2, chapter 5, section 5.2.24.2 -- page 310)

TWDB has told all the Regions not to recommend WMS which, in total, exceed the remaining available MAG for an area. We should not hook up with a company which would have to ignore the MAG in order to fulfill its contract obligations to us.

Barbara Hopson
Wimberley

Thursday, August 6, 2015 10:30:37 AM Central Daylight Time

Subject: FW: Cibolo Valley Project (Public Comments)
Date: Thursday, July 16, 2015 4:24:52 PM Central Daylight Time
From: Cole Ruiz
To: Sonia Jimenez (sjimenez@xa-sa.com), mmartinez@xa-sa.com

Please see the public comment below regarding the Region L IPP.

Best,

Cole Ruiz | Intergovernmental Relations Coordinator
San Antonio River Authority | 100 East Guenther | San Antonio, TX 78204 |
Main:210.227.1373 | Direct:210.302.3293 | cruiz@sara-tx.org

SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY

From: Colin [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 12:36 PM
To: feedback@regionltexas.org
Subject: Cibolo Valley Project

Members, South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group, Region L. Re: Cibolo Valley Project.

I just read article in Wilson County News this AM (7016015) regarding the Cibolo Valley Project which is being proposed by a corporation owned by the cities of Schertz and Cibolo. If those two cities want to sell their water they should get on with it—their claim they need the additional water for local growth in Guadalupe and Bexar counties is just a little disingenuous. They should not be granted authority to rob water from Wilson County—they are selling what they feel they can get by without and they apparently believe they have the right to reach out and take water from Wilson County. If they need the water for development they should stop selling their water to the city of San Antonio.

I believe the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group, Region L, should absolutely refuse to allow this to happen and should deny the authority to pull water from the Carrizo Aquifer system.

The welfare of Wilson County residents should be paramount in this matter—not the fact those who are pushing the Cibolo Valley Project want another revenue source.

Colin Matthews
[redacted]

[redacted]

From: JC Hrubetz [redacted] **Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2015 2:11 PM **To:** Cole Ruiz **Subject:** Region L Water Plan

Mr Ruiz,

I have been given your contact information as a party with San Antoino River Authority who is accepting input on the Region L Water PLanning.

As a land owner with agricultural production I am vehemently opposed to Carrizo, Wilcox or Carrizo-Wilcox auqifer waters being included in planning for San Antonio suburbs needs.

The reason they (Cibilo-Schertz group) are looking for alternatives to fullfill their water needs is bad planning. WE in Wilson County don't with to be suffering the same fate when our kids are community leaders and land owners.

For those reasons please note my objection to including Wilson county water for San Antonio Metropolis water needs planning!

Sincerely,

JC Hrubetz
GM/Controller
Freeman Coliseum & Expo Hall
[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Alan Cockerell [redacted] **Sent:** Friday, July 17, 2015 2:38 PM **To:** Cole Ruiz **Cc:** art rodriguez; regina franke **Subject:** Fwd: Resolution

Cole,

Please see the attached resolution regarding the Region L IPP.

Thanks,

R. Alan Cockerell General Manager Schertz-Seguin Local Government Corporation PO Box 833 Seguin, TX 78156 Office: 830-401-2403 Cell: 830-433-0551 acockerell@seguintexas.gov ATTENTION ELECTED OFFICIALS: A "Reply to All" on this e-mail could lead to violations of the Texas Open Meetings Act. Please reply only to the sender. CONFIDENTIAL NOTICE: The information in this e-mail may be confidential and/or privileged. This e-mail is intended to be reviewed by only the individual or individuals named above. If you are not the intended recipient or an authorized representative of the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any review, dissemination or copying of this e-mail or the information contained herein is prohibited. If you received this e-mail in error, please immediately notify the sender by return e-mail and delete this e-mail from your system.

From: "bridget gallegos" <bridget.gallegos@co.guadalupe.tx.us> **To:** "Alan Cockerell" <acockerell@seguintexas.gov>, "art rodriguez" <arodriguez@txadminlaw.com> **Cc:** "Jim Wolverton" <wolverton@co.guadalupe.tx.us>, "doreenl" <doreenl@co.guadalupe.tx.us> **Sent:** Friday, July 17, 2015 2:17:59 PM **Subject:** Resolution

Good afternoon,

The attached is a signed copy of the Resolution that was approved in Commissioners Court July 14th. It is being sent on behalf of Commissioner Wolverton.

Thank you,
Bridget Gallegos
Guadalupe County
Commissioners Assistant
211 West Court Street
Seguin, TX 78155
830-303-4188 Ext. 1273

"Every day is special! Thank you for being part of it!

COMMISSIONERS COURT §
§
GUADALUPE COUNTY §

NO. 07142015-6D

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF THE COUNTY OF GUADALUPE ("COUNTY") SUPPORTING THE CIBOLO VALLEY LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORPORATION'S WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN WILSON COUNTY AND ITS INCLUSION IN THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD'S SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS (REGION L) REGIONAL WATER PLANNING AREA'S REGIONAL WATER PLAN.

WHEREAS, the cities of Cibolo and Schertz, both located within the County, created the Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation ("CVLGC"); and

WHEREAS, CVLGC is charged with seeking new water development projects for the cities of Schertz and Cibolo; and

WHEREAS, CVLGC identified and is investigating the feasibility of a groundwater development project in Wilson County; and

WHEREAS, the Wilson County Project is located within the planning area of the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Area ("Region L") of the Texas Water Development Board; and

WHEREAS, CVLGC has developed a plan to produce water out of the Carrizo/Wilcox formations in Wilson County for delivery to its members; and

WHEREAS, CVLGC presented its projected project to Region L for inclusion in the planning group's 2016 Initially Prepared Plan to determine Potentially Feasible Water Management Strategies; and

WHEREAS, Region L voted to include the CVLGC project for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the County supports the inclusion of the CVLGC project for all Region L planning purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY COUNTY OF GUADALUPE, TEXAS:

Section 1. The recitals contained in the preamble of this Resolution are determined to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as a part of this Resolution.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption hereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED the 14th day of July, 2015.

COMMISSIONERS COURT GUADALUPE COUNTY TEXAS

Kyle Kutscher
County Judge

ATTEST:

Teresa Kiel
County Clerk

[redacted]

From: Tom Koch [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2015 3:39 PM
To: Steve Raabe; Cole Ruiz; Brian Perkins
Cc: Mark Janay; Wendy Foster
Subject: Submittal of TWA Written Comments on Location of TWA Customers and need to realign TWA pipelines

Steve, Cole and Brian,

Here is a written comment from Texas Water Alliance regarding the location of TWA Wholesale Customers and need to realign TWA pipelines to serve needs of those customers.
I will be at the IPP hearing tonight at SAWS and will make a short statement saying that TWA has submitted a written comment on pipeline alignments necessary to serve TWA Wholesale Customers in West Hays County.

Mark Janay and I will also be attending the Wednesday Hearing in San Marcos and making the same statement.

Thanks so much.

Tommy

C. Thomas Koch, Inc. Land and Water Resources Consultant

Address: [redacted]

Phone:

Email:



Hand Delivered

DATE: June 8, 2015

TO: Mr. Steve Raabe, Administrative Agent for Region L
San Antonio River Authority
P.O. Box 839980
San Antonio, TX 78283-3692

RE: Statement of Texas Water Alliance, Limited
PUBLIC HEARING – REGION L – INITIALLY PREPARED PLAN

Dear Mr. Raabe:

This letter is written on behalf of Texas Water Alliance, Limited ("TWA"). The purpose of this letter is to request changes in the alignment of the Recommended TWA Regional Carrizo Project Pipeline that is included in the Initially Prepared Plan ("IPP") that was submitted to the Texas Water Development Board on May 1, 2015. The requested changes in alignment are necessary in order to convey TWA water to customers in Hays County that now comprise a portion of the TWA Water Demands in the IPP. There are six (6) attachments to this letter:

ATTACHMENT #1 – Alignment of TWA Regional Pipeline in IPP.
ATTACHMENT #2 – Recommended Changes to Description of TWA
ATTACHMENT #3 – Clarification of TWA Demands in Comal and Hays Counties
ATTACHMENT #4 – Recommended Alignment of TWA and Hays County Pipelines
ATTACHMENT #5 – Recommended Description of TWA Pipeline Segments
ATTACHMENT #6 – Recommended Description of Hays County Pipeline Segments

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact me at (830) 833-4133 or Mr. Mark Janay at (408) 621-9031.

Submitted by

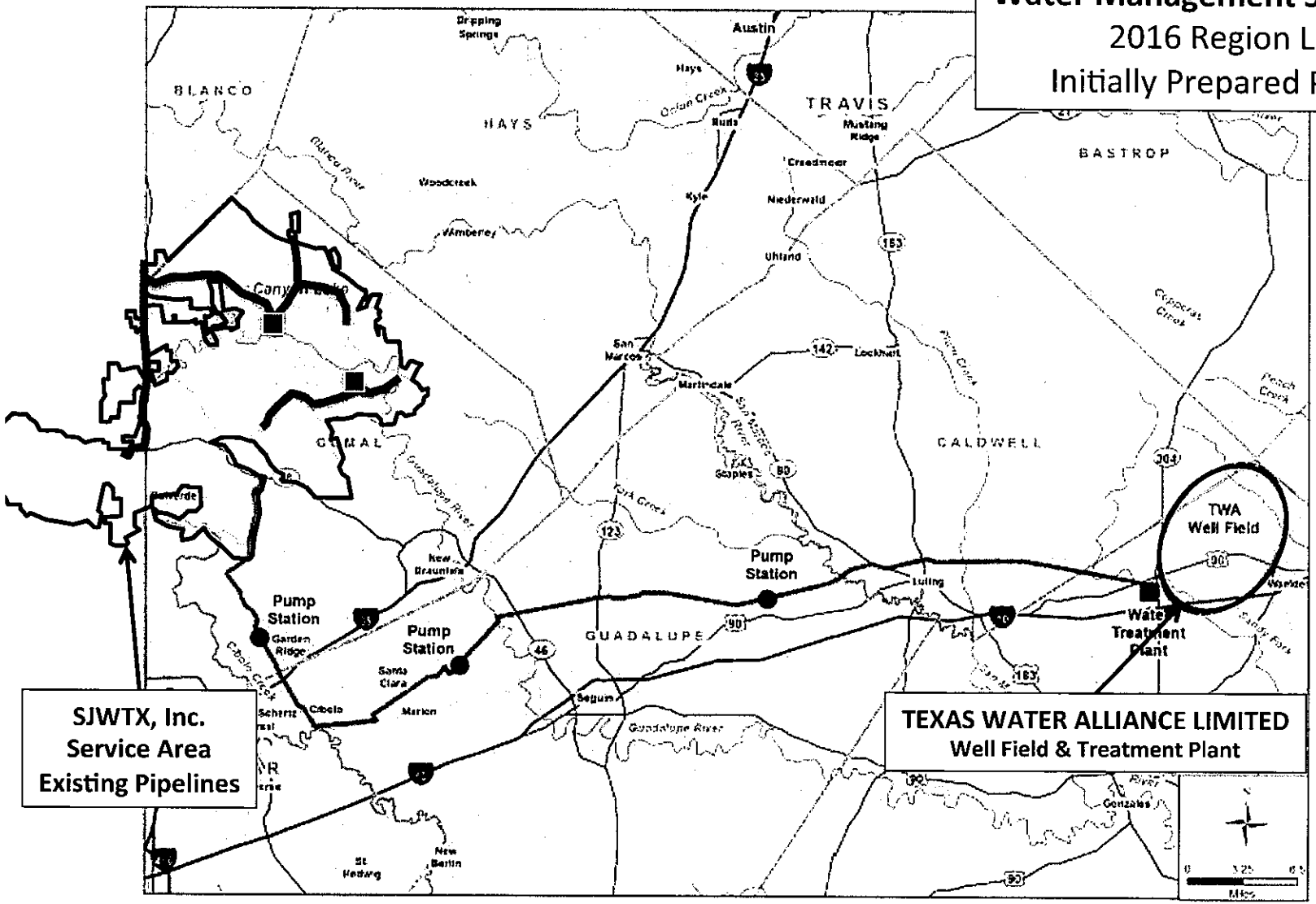
For C. Thomas Koch Inc Date

Approved by

For Texas Water Alliance, Ltd Date 6/8/15

Attachment #1
TWA Regional Carrizo
Water Management Strategy
2016 Region L
Initially Prepared Plan

Figure 5.2.26-1 TWA Regional Carrizo Conceptual Layout



ATTACHMENT #2
Wholesale Water Provider Description for Texas Water Alliance

2.10.6 Texas Water Alliance

The Texas Water Alliance (TWA) is a group of landowners located in northeast Gonzales County organized for the purpose of selling groundwater on a wholesale basis to wholesale water providers (WWPs) and water user groups (WUGs) most likely located in the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Area (Region L). To date, all of the WUGs listed in Table 2-15, as well as some WWPs (e.g., SAWS, GBRA, and HCPUA), have shown some measure of interest in groundwater supplies potentially available from northeast Gonzales County. Although TWA has obtained groundwater production permits from the Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District (GCUWCD), it is uncertain at this time which entities will enter into water supply agreements with the TWA and/or other proximate landowners for use of this groundwater. The estimated amounts of water needed by TWA to meet potential customer demands are shown in Table 2-15 and total 4,000 acft/yr in 2020, 6,620 acft/yr in 2040, and 20,000 acft/yr in 2070.

Recommended Wholesale Water Provider Description

Texas Water Alliance Limited ("TWA") is a wholly owned subsidiary of SJW Corp that was created to develop a sustainable and cost effective water supply solution for its sister utility, SJWTX, Inc., and other systems within in both Region L and Region K. TWA has leased the water rights associated to over 40,000 acres from more than 150 landowners in northeastern Gonzales County and has secured a permit from the Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District to produce and export 15,000 acre feet of Carrizo aquifer groundwater. The estimated amounts of water needed by TWA to meet potential customer demands are shown in Table 2-15 and total 4,000 acft/yr in Year 2020, 6,620 acft/yr in Year 2040 and 20,000 acft/yr in Year 2070.

Attachment #3
Clarification of TWA Water Demands (1 of 2 pages)

Water Demands Contained in Region L – Initially Prepared Plan

Table 2-15 Texas Water Alliance Water Demand Projections

Water Purchaser	Year					
	2020 (acft)	2030 (acft)	2040 (acft)	2050 (acft)	2060 (acft)	2070 (acft)
Canyon Lake WSC / SJWTX	0	521	2,210	3,926	5,640	7,291
Comal County Rural Areas	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kendall Co Rural Areas	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wimberley	0	0	410	1,020	1,712	2,502
Woodcreek	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hays County Rural Areas	0	0	0	585	3,357	6,207
Region K Demands	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Total Demand	**4,000**	**4,521**	**6,620**	**9,531**	**14,709**	**20,000**

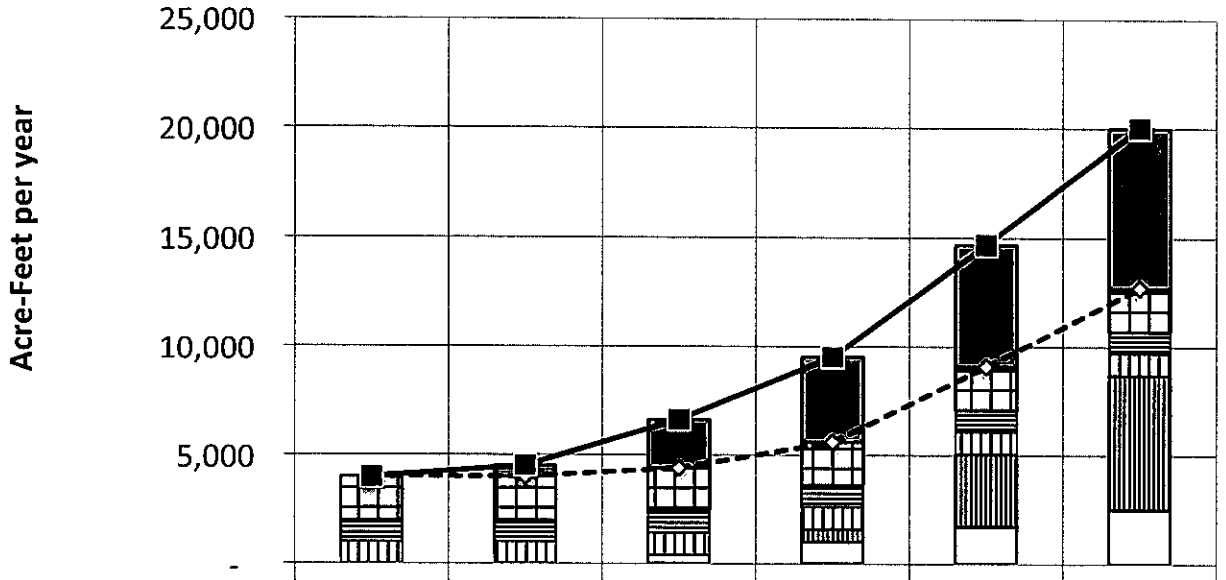
Water Demands Contained in Region K – Initially Prepared Plan

Table 5-74: Hays County Pipeline Water Supplies

WUG Name	County	River Basin	Importing From			Water Management Strategies (ac-ft/yr)					
			Region	County	Aquifer	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070
County-Other	Hays	Colorado	L	Gonzales	Carrizo-Wilcox	0	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Dripping Springs WSC	Hays	Colorado	L	Gonzales	Carrizo-Wilcox	0	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
West Travis County PUA	Hays	Colorado	L	Gonzales	Carrizo-Wilcox	0	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000

Attachment #3
Clarification of TWA Water Demands (2 of 2 pages)

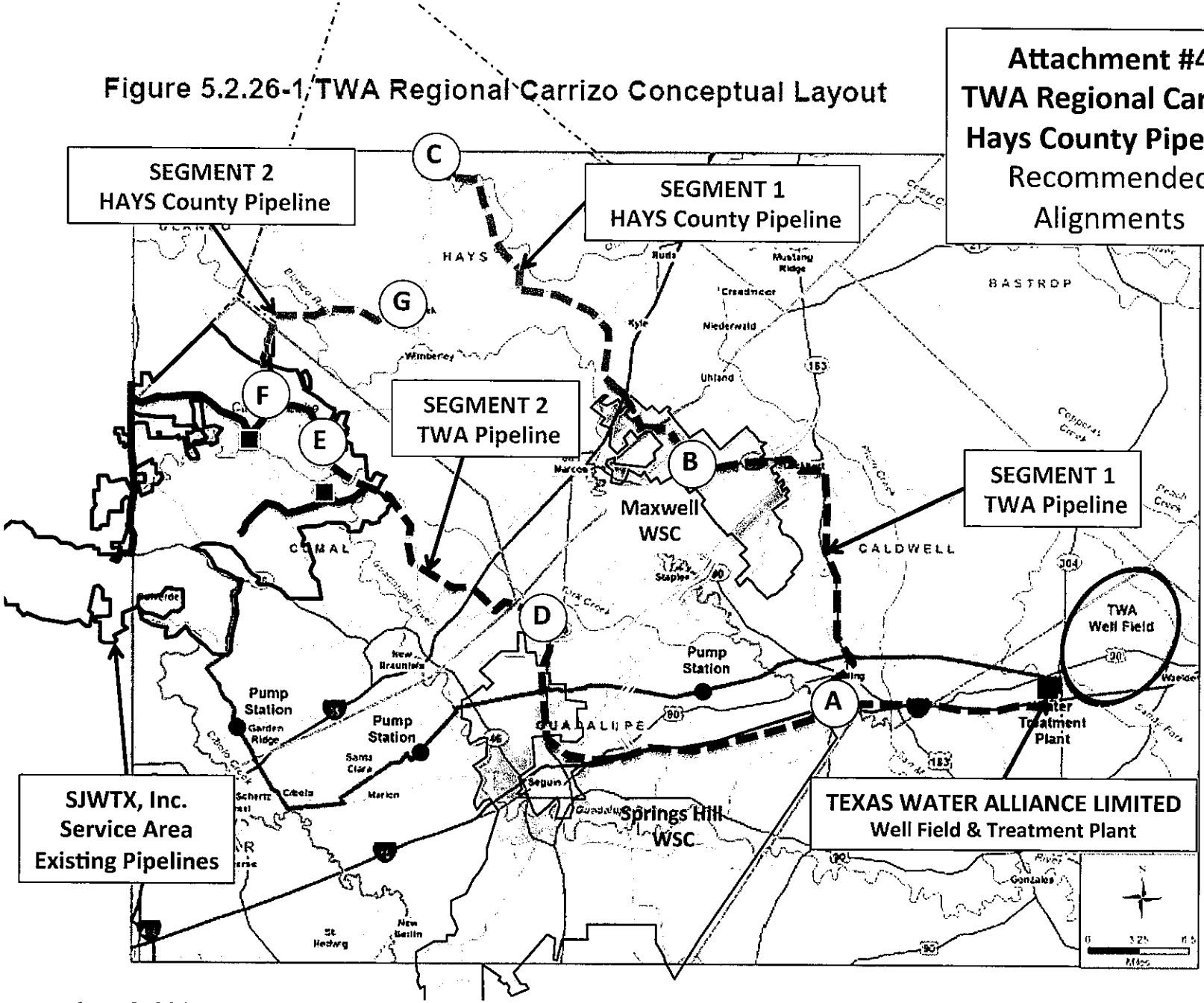
Texas Water Alliance Customer Demands



	YR 2020	YR 2030	YR 2040	YR 2050	YR 2060	YR 2070
L-COMAL-WSC	-	521	2,210	3,926	5,640	7,291
K-HAYS-RURAL	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
K-HAYS-WEST TRAVIS PUA	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
K-HAYS-DRIPPING SPRINGS WSC	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
L-HAYS-RURAL	-	-	-	585	3,357	6,207
L-HAYS-WOODCREEK	-	-	410	1,020	1,712	2,502
HAYS-PIPELINE-TOTAL	4,000	4,000	4,410	5,605	9,069	12,709
TOTAL	4,000	4,521	6,620	9,531	14,709	20,000

Attachment #4
TWA Regional Carrizo
Hays County Pipeline
Recommended
Alignments

Figure 5.2.26-1 TWA Regional Carrizo Conceptual Layout



Attachment #5
Recommended Description
TWA Regional Carrizo Project

5.2.26 TWA Regional Carrizo

5.2.26.1 Description of Strategy

The Texas Water Alliance (TWA) has secured groundwater leases and permits in northern Gonzales County to deliver up to 15,000 acft/yr of Carrizo Aquifer groundwater to entities in Gonzales, Guadalupe, and Comal Counties (Figure 5.2.26-1). The TWA Regional Carrizo project would deliver 14,500 acft/yr to Springs Hill WSC (3,000 acft/yr) and Canyon Lake Water Service Company (11,500 acft/yr). Another 500 acft/yr would be treated and made available at the water treatment plant (WTP) for Gonzales County WSC. The 75-mile transmission pipeline route illustrated in Figure 5.2.26-1 represents the most advantageous route between the well field and the delivery points.

Recommended Description - 2016 Initially Prepared Plan – Region L

The Texas Water Alliance (TWA) has secured groundwater leases and permits in northern Gonzales County to deliver to entities in Gonzales, Guadalupe, Comal, Blanco, Caldwell and Hays Counties. The TWA Regional Project would deliver water from the well field and treatment plant to near Luling.
Water would then be delivered from Luling in two separate pipeline segments.

Pipeline Segment One would deliver water from Luling through Caldwell County and intersect with the Hays County Pipeline near Uhland. The Hays County pipeline would then deliver water to TWA Customers in Dripping Springs Area.

Pipeline Segment Two would deliver from Luling through Guadalupe County and deliver water to near Zorn. The pipeline would then be extended into Comal County to deliver water to the SJWTX service near Fischer. At that point the pipeline would intersect with the Hays County Pipeline that would then deliver water to TWA Customers located in the Woodcreek/Wimberley Area.

Attachment #6 (1 of 2 pages)
Recommended Changes to Hays County Pipeline Project

Description Contained in Region K – 2016 Initially Prepared Plan

5.2.4.3.1. Hays County Pipeline

This strategy encompasses two regions, Region K and Region L. It involves bringing water from a delivery point near the San Marcos area to Western Hays County. It is not itself a source of supply, but rather provides the infrastructure required to import potential water supplies from multiple areas around Central Texas.

The Region L portion of this strategy includes a pipeline capable of conveying 15,000 acre-feet per year from multiple potential sources to Wimberley. The Region K portion of this strategy would upsize this pipeline to allow conveyance of an additional 4,000 acre-feet per year, or 19,000 acre-feet/year total. It would also add an additional pipeline capable of conveying the 4,000 acre-feet per year from Wimberley to Dripping Springs. This strategy for Region K assumes the 4,000 acre-feet/year of water is from the Carrizo-Wilcox aquifer in Gonzales County.

Description Contained in Region L – 2016 Initially Prepared Plan

Hays County

Hays County is currently securing water agreements for future supply to meet the needs of the Wimberley/Woodcreek area (Region L), the Dripping Springs area (Region K), and the Hays County-Other category (both Regions L and K). Several water management strategies have been identified to meet the growing needs of the county, however, those strategies deliver water to a common point near San Marcos. Hays County is including a Hays County Pipeline Project as a facilities expansion in order to help move these future supplies into and around the county in order to meet the needs over a widespread area. There are two pipeline route options being considered. Costs included in Table 5.2.3-1 represent the cost associated to meet only the needs for the Region L portion of Hays County. It is anticipated that Region K will have a facilities expansion project that will include an upsizing an extension of the Region L strategy in order to meet the needs of Region K.

Attachment #6 (Continued – Page 2 of 2)
Recommended Changes to Hays County Pipeline Project

Recommended Description - 2016 Initially Prepared Plan – Both Region K & Region L

This strategy encompasses two regions: Region K and Region L. It involves two pipelines that would bring water to Western Hays County. It is not itself a source of supply, but rather provides the infrastructure required to import potential water supplies from multiple areas and sources in Central Texas.

One pipeline would deliver water from a delivery point located in Caldwell County near the SH 21/ FM1966 intersection to near Dripping Springs. The pipeline route would generally follow the alignment of FM 150. The pipeline would deliver water to Water User Groups in Hays County located along the alignment of the pipeline. The Region L portion of this strategy includes a pipeline capable of conveying 15,000 acft/yr to near Driftwood. The Region K portion of this strategy would upsize this pipeline to allow conveyance of an additional 4,000 acft/yr or 19,000 acft/yr total. It would also add an additional pipeline capable of conveying 4,000 acft/yr from Driftwood to Dripping Springs. This strategy for Region K assumes the 4,000 ac-ft/yr is from the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer in Gonzales County.

A second pipeline would deliver water from a delivery point located in Comal County near Fischer to Woodcreek and Wimberley. The pipeline would provide water only to Water User Groups located in Region L. No water would be delivered to Region K. The pipeline would be capable of conveying 1,500 acft/yr and would primarily be used to replace existing withdrawals from the Trinity Aquifer in order to protect river base flows and spring flow in the Blanco River/ Cypress Creek watershed.

The recommend alignment of the two pipelines comprising the Western Hays County Pipeline Integration project is presented on the following page.

[redacted]

From: Barbara Hopson [redacted] **Sent:** Sunday, July 19, 2015 7:27 AM **To:** Con Mims; Steve Raabe; Cole Ruiz; David Carter; Suzanne Scott; Dianne Wassenich; Roland Ruiz; The Honorable Will Conley; john.kight@co.kendall.tx.us; david.meesey@twdb.texas.gov; Greg Sengelmann **Subject:** Region L: "Hays County Pipeline" into Wimberley

The 2016 Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) for Region L gives very little information about a WMS (water project) Region L is
calling only the "Hays County Pipeline." The short discussion of this project hastens to say that it was included at the urging
of "Hays County" (i.e., Will Conley, Hays County Commissioners Court's official representative to Region L).

Unlike for most projects of Region L, there is no map shown for the route of the Hays County Pipeline, but there *are* two
possible routes, designated only as "Option A" and "Option B." This will be a pipeline from San Marcos or Kyle to Wimberley.

The costs for this mysterious pipeline are, predictably, horrendous. Hays Caldwell PUA (San Marcos, Kyle, Buda) and West
Travis County PUA (Dripping Springs, Bee Cave) customers are struggling to pay the costs of their pipelines. Look at the cost of the Hays County Pipeline, both
Options A and B:

HAYS COUNTY PIPELINE

	Size	To Transport This No. Acre/Feet Per Year	ProjectCost	Annual Cost of Operation & Per Year Maintenance
Option A	19 miles, 36" diameter pipeline	15,314	$49,026,000	$6,080,000
Option B	18 miles, 36" diameter pipeline	15,314	$52,174,000	$6,535,000
Very Important Question: How many people will be struggling to pay the cost of this enormously expensive pipeline that will be only 18 or 19 miles long? Divide the number of people served in that relatively small area into $49,026,000 or $52,174,000 to find the per person cost to build the pipeline. Then those same few people will be paying over $6 million dollars yearly for maintenance and operation on top of the construction costs. Plus the cost of the water itself, of course.				

I don't think Central Hays County wants, or can afford, this.

Barbara Hopson
Wimberley

From: Bob & Marie McGahee [redacted] **Sent:** Saturday, July 18, 2015 3:06 PM **To:** feedback@RegionLTexas.org **Cc:** [redacted] **Subject:** CVLGC water project

To:
South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group c/o San Antonio River Authority P.O. Box 839980 San Antonio, Texas 78282

In March 2015 I attended a meeting in Stockdale regarding a proposed project by Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation to pump water from the Carrizo Aquifer in Wilson County north to Bexar and Guadalupe counties. I oppose sending our Carrizo water north to be sold. I understand that The Wilson County Commissioners Court has passed a resolution in opposition to CVLGC 's project, as have other Wilson County cities, water providers and civic groups. I also stand in opposition to CVLGC's project.
Respectfully,

Robert J. McGahee
[redacted]

From: Barbara Hopson [redacted] **Sent:** Friday, July 31, 2015 11:11 AM **To:** Steven J. Raabe; Con Mims; John Burke; The Honorable Will Conley; Dianne Wassenich; Cole Ruiz; John Dupnik **Subject:** "Hays County Pipeline" in Region K and Region L Initially Prepared Plans

Dear Members of Region K and Region L,

Truly, there is very little in print about a Hays County Pipeline in the IPPs. There is no map to show the route of the pipeline.
There is no indication of what entity will build the pipeline.

This vague and incomplete pipeline plan seems to have been added to the Region K and L IPPs as a place holder -- with
unknown details to be added. Unusual and **not** a good idea!

IN REGION L (San Marcos to Wimberley)

Go to www.regionltexas.org
Then click on "2016 Initially Prepared Plan" on the right, under "2016 Planning Cycle."
Then click on "...Volume II."
Click on "5.2.3 Facilities Expansion" on the sidebar at left.
Enlarge to 125% for easier reading.
Go to pp. 45-46 for "Hays County."
Go to p.47 for costs.

IN REGION K (Wimberley to Dripping Springs)

Go to www.regionk.org
Click on "Region K Ch 5 2016 Plan IPP"
Put cursor in middle bottom of screen. Pop-up will let you
ask for a certain page.
Hold "Shift" and "Control" and Press "N."
Put in "95" for that page.
You will see "5.2.4.3.1 Hays County Pipeline."
Page 96 shows costs.

Respectfully,

Barbara Hopson
Wimberley

[redacted]

July 16, 2015

Steven J. Raabe
Administrative Agent for Region L San Antonio River Authority
P.O. Box 839980
San Antonio, Texas 78283-3692

Re: Public Comment 2016 Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) Submission to TWDB

Dear Mr. Raabe,

The purpose of the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (SCTRWPG), Region L, is to provide comprehensive regional water planning. I live in the City of Schertz, located within the Region L planning area. In 2013, the City had a population of about 36,000, a 13% increase over the 2010 decennial census.

The water needs of the City of Schertz are projected to continue to increase. In addition, the economic viability of the region depends upon having a safe and reliable source of drinking water. As President of the Berry Creek Homeowners Association, comprising of approximately 120 homes, our residents are concerned with the continued growth and economic opportunities for the area. Water is a vital component of this continued growth. Thus, it is without question that new and economically feasible water resources must be developed. We are particularly supportive of the following projects:

- Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation - approximately 10,000 ac-ft/yr in Wilson County

- Expanded Carrizo Project for Schertz Seguin Local Government Corporation - 6,500 ac-ft/yr of Carrizo/Wilcox in Guadalupe County

- Brackish Wilcox for Schertz Seguin Local Government Corporation Project Expansion - 5,000 ac-ft/yr Brackish Wilcox project in Gonzales County

The above plans are a win-win for all involved and were included in the Region L 2016 IPP. The Berry Creek Homeowners Association supports the inclusion of the projects in the 2016 IPP. The plans should remain in the IPP unchanged. Inclusion of the projects in the plan will ensure a safe and reliable drinking water supply for a growing area in the State of Texas.

Sincerely,

Signature: [signature]

Print Name: Danny J. Williams

Address: [redacted]

The State of Texas
House of Representatives

JOHN KUEMPEL DISTRICT 44 • GUADALUPE & WILSON COUNTIES

July 15, 2015

Steven J. Raabe
Administrative Agent for Region L
San Antonio River Authority
P.O. Box 839980
San Antonio, Texas 78283-3692

Re: Comment on 2016 Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) Submission to TWDB

Dear Mr. Raabe,

As you know, my District encompasses counties within the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (SCTRWPG), Region L and includes the City of Cibolo and portions of the City of Schertz. The communities of Cibolo and Schertz have proactively sought to develop new water resources in order to address needs in the future. Such forethought is vital to the continued success of the region and the State of Texas. The cities have taken a cooperative and regional view of water development and created the Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation to accomplish the goal. This type of regional planning is helpful and should be encouraged.

Further, it is important to ensure that water resources are used responsibly. It is imperative that the state planning groups, like Region L, incorporate legitimate water needs into their Initially Prepared Plans in order to ensure that resources are properly planned.

Region L has consistently placed in its plan projects that are considered "limited." Such inclusion is necessary for proper resource planning. I understand that Region L voted to include a project by Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation in the 2016 Initially Prepared Plan and designated it as "limited."

The planning process should be an open process that includes all viable projects in order to ensure that the State is properly planning for the future water needs of its residents. Because the planning process is a dynamic process that should strive for inclusion, the Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation project should remain in the plan.

I am more than happy to discuss this issue further should you have any questions or concerns. My door is always open if I may be of assistance in any way.

Sincerely,

Rep. John Kuempel

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7-29-15

Cole Ruiz
P.O. Box 83980
San Antonio, TX 78283

Sir,
We object to any Water leaving Wilson County.
With our growth, Wells that will be effected.
We need our water.

Sincerely,
Mark H Wilson
Beulah Wilson
[redacted]

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SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS
INDEPENDENT CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

July 29, 2015

South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group
Cole Ruiz
c/o San Antonio River Authority
P.O. Box 839980
San Antonio, Texas 78282

Dear Region L Planning Group Members,

The South Central Texas Chapter of Independent Cattlemen represents men and women involved in cattle production in Wilson, Bexar, Atascosa, and Frio counties. As landowners we are resource owners; as cattlemen we are dependent on water for our livestock and our livelihood. Agriculture provides the most basic and necessary of services to the population of this region and must be given consideration in water planning.

The South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group's 2016 Initially Prepared Plan ignores the needs of agriculture. The plan assumes that all other water users will have increased needs but agriculture will not. Increased population calls for increased production of food and fiber. All statistics in the plan pertaining to agriculture appear to be outdated, subject to question, or incorrect.

We strongly object to Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation's Wilson County Carrizo project. This project is speculative, has questionable need, no immediate need and is extremely controversial. It would remove much needed water from the Carrizo Aquifer in Wilson County.

We support the right of any land owner to lease water rights, as well as the right of his neighbor to protect himself from the abuse of the rule of capture by Wholesale Water Providers who transport water out of our rural communities.

As resource owners we are concerned for the health and sustainability of our aquifers. The IPP includes proposals that clearly exceed the Desired Future Conditions. Projects that have Zero firm yield or exceed the DFC should be removed from the IPP.

The Texas Water Code recognizes agriculture as an important stakeholder in water planning. The SCTRWP/Region L assigns 3 seats for agriculture. One of the agriculture seats has been vacant for a part of this planning cycle. Another agriculture seat is held by Alan Cockrell, General Manager of Schertz Seguin Local Government Corporation and the Executive Director of Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation. Both of these entities have proposed projects in the Region L 2016 Initially Prepared Plan.

We find this conflict of interest has contributed to a plan that ignores the needs of agriculture. In strongest terms, we urge removal of this individual immediately, prior to any vote on this plan, and his replacement with a qualified agricultural producer.

In short, we find that 2016 IPP does not meet the statutory criteria for long or short term water planning in South Central Texas. The plan fails to protect agriculture, rural communities, and the region's water resources.

South Central Texas Independent Cattlemen's Board of Directors,

Brad Cotton, President; Gus Gonzalez, Vice President; Susan Gonzalez, Secretary; A.L. "Windy" Miller, Treasurer Directors: Laurie Miller, Richard Jackson, Pat Kuykendall, Alton Kuykendall, Marshall Livingston, Larry Wiley, Gary West, Kristie West, Bryan Mills, Dr. Glen Tate

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Steven J. Raabe
Administrative Agent for Region L
San Antonio River Authority
P.O. Box 839980
San Antonio, Texas 78283-3692

Re: Public Comment 2016 Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) Submission to TWDB

Dear Mr. Raabe,

The purpose of the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (SCTRWPG), Region L, is to provide comprehensive regional water planning. I live in the City of Schertz, located within the Region L planning area.

In carrying out its mission, Region L included in the 2016 IPP the following projects:

1) Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation well field in Wilson County to produce 10,000 ac-ft/yr from new water wells in the Carrizo/Wilcox Aquifer

2) Expanded Carrizo Project for Schertz Seguin Local Government Corporation - 6,500 ac-ft/yr of Carrizo/Wilcox in Guadalupe County

3) Brackish Wilcox for Schertz Seguin Local Government Corporation Project Expansion - 5,000 ac-ft/yr Brackish Wilcox project in Gonzales County

I support the inclusion of the above-listed projects in the 2016 IPP. The projects should remain in the IPP unchanged. Inclusion of the projects in the plan will ensure a safe and reliable drinking water supply for a growing area in Texas.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Walter W. Meyer
[redacted]

RESOLUTION NO. CVLGC2015-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CIBOLO VALLEY LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORPORATION ("CVLGC") SUPPORTING THE CVLGC WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN WILSON COUNTY AND ITS INCLUSION IN THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD'S SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS (REGION L) REGIONAL WATER PLANNING AREA'S REGIONAL WATER PLAN.

WHEREAS, CVLGC is a local government corporation, created and existing under the provisions of Subchapter D of Chapter 431, Texas Transportation Code, as amended, and Chapter 394, Texas Local Government Code and has and may exercise all of the rights, powers, privileges, authority, and functions given by the general laws of the State of Texas to non-profit corporations incorporated under the Act including, without limitation, the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, Chapter 22, Texas Business Organizations Code; and

WHEREAS, CVLGC is charged with seeking new water development projects for the cities of Schertz and Cibolo; and

WHEREAS, CVLGC identified and is investigating the feasibility of a groundwater development project in Wilson County; and

WHEREAS, the Wilson County Project is located within the planning area of the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Area ("Region L") of the Texas Water Development Board; and

WHEREAS, CVLGC has developed a plan to produce water out of the Carrizo/Wilcox formations in Wilson County for delivery to its member; and

WHEREAS, CVLGC presented its projected project to Region L for inclusion in the planning group's 2016 Initially Prepared Plan to determine Potentially Feasible Water Management Strategies; and

WHEREAS, Region L voted to include the CVLGC project for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the combined populace that CVLGC may serve is over 60,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, CVLGC encourages Region L to continue its inclusion of the CVLGC project for all proper planning purposes; and

WHEREAS, CVLGC does not believe that it should be treated differently from a planning perspective as other similarly situated projects considered "limited" under the Texas Water Development Board's modeled available groundwater; and

WHEREAS, CVLGC continues to support the inclusion of the CVLGC project for all Region L planning purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CIBOLO VALLEY LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORPORATION:

SIGNED ORIGINAL(S): 1

RESOLUTION NO. CVLGC2015-07

Section 1. The recitals contained in the preamble of this Resolution are determined to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as a part of this Resolution.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption hereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED the 25th day of JUNE, 2015.

Justin Murray, President

Attest:

Lesley Pedde, Secretary

OR

R. Alan Cockerell, Assistant Secretary

SIGNED ORIGINAL(S): 1

CIBOLO VALLEY

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORPORATION

August 14, 2015

Steven J. Raabe
Administrative Agent for Region L
San Antonio River Authority
P.O. Box 839980
San Antonio, Texas 78283-3692

Re: Public Comment 2016 Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) Submission to TWDB

Dear Mr. Raabe,

The Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation ("CVLGC") was organized by the cities of Cibolo and Schertz to explore new water resources in anticipation of future growth for the cities and surrounding areas. Like other cities across the state, water resource planning is a key component to ensuring the long-term economic viability of the I-35 corridor. CVLGC has studied water resource availability and hopes to develop a water supply source in Wilson County.

To that end, CVLGC has worked cooperatively with dozens of property owners in Wilson County in order to lease water rights within the Carrizo/Wilcox aquifers. Said property owners stand to gain the opportunity for additional income by proceeding with CVLGC's plans to develop an additional source of water supply. The property owners we have talked with indicate that the project is beneficial. To some, the additional income means the ability to keep the property in the family.

Likewise, the cities CVLGC serves are benefitted by a Carrizo/Wilcox water project. The project will ensure a long-term, reliable water supply to a growing area along the I-35 corridor. Because of this win-win with our landowners and residents, CVLGC submitted its plan to be included in the 2016 IPP.

As Region L's charge is to solely look at planning for the future water needs of the area and to not opine on the merits of any particular project, the CVLGC project should remain in the IPP unchanged. CVLGC additionally has passed a resolution supporting the inclusion of the CVLGC in the IPP. A copy of the resolution is included herewith.

108 W. MOUNTAIN, SEGUIN, TEXAS 78155
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If you or members of Region L have any questions about the CVLGC plan, we would be happy to meet with you. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Justin Murray, President

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July 13, 2015

Mr. Con Mims
Chair, South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group
P.O. Box 349
Uvalde, TX 78802

RE: Opposition to Region L Initially Prepared Plan for 2016

Dear Mr. Mims:

S.S. Water Supply Corporation recently considered the 2016 Initially Prepared Plan for Region L Water Planning and we, the Board of Directors are opposed to the specific project in the plan that allows Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation to pump water from the Carrizo Aquifer and transport the water for use in the cities of Cibolo and Schertz. The Board of Directors requests this project to be removed from the Initially Prepared Plan for the following reasons:

First, the Groundwater Availability Model (GAM) shows no yield to support this project. If this project remains in the approved plan, it will be eligible for Texas State funding at tax payer's expense, when in fact the local Ground Water Conservation District will never be able to issue a transportation permit to move the water, since there is no water available.

Next, this project will have a devastating effect on the Carrizo Aquifer and impact the water for our customers. The GAM already predicts that in 60 years the drawdown in our service area will be 100 to 120 feet. We are very concerned about our own planning and have developed our own alternative plan to service our customers. If this project is successful, we estimate that our wells could be impacted within 20 to 30 years and our customers will need to spend $Millions to acquire and transport a new water source.

Additionally, S S Water Supply Corporation has implemented a realistic planning model based on historical and factual data. Our projections for the next 60 years show an 87% increase over the Water Development Board's projections. Our members are placing their trust in State planners to protect this resource and ensure its supply meets the needs of this district for as long as possible.

Finally, S S Water Supply Corporation and many other organizations within Wilson County are not convinced that this organization has even showed a requirement for this water in the future. Parts of this organization are co-mingled with other Local Governmental Corporations, wholesale providers and Water Districts with many water related agreements. This organization seems to be involved in a power or political play to secure water, so that in the future they are better prepared to strong arm other water purveyors.

Sincerely,

JOHN LARRISON, PRESIDENT

LOYCE MCCARTER, VICE-PRES

SEAL

CHARLES RICE, SEC/TREAS

JOHN FOX, DIRECTOR

LARRY BRATTEN, DIRECTOR

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PAULA SANDLIN, DIRECTOR

Bexar County Green Party

August 7, 2015

Greetings San Antonio Water System, Mayor, and City Council of San Antonio,

Bexar Greens believe that having a safe ample water supply is a basic Human Right. Water privatization has butted up against that Right where it has been tried. We oppose the Vista Ridge Pipeline Project as unnecessary to meet our water needs, because it is more expensive than better alternatives, and because San Antonio Water System (SAWS) will be buying water from a private corporation that is fencing water that it has dry-gulched from its unwilling regional owners.

Interestingly, the SAWS Board has not provided an explanation for rejecting its own staff's recommendations. SAWS staff concluded that we can get the water we need from Aquifer Storage, Desalination, Landscaping changes, and a Grey Water System for commercial use. On saws.org, SAWS tells us that an acre foot of Desalinated [brackish Bexar County] Water will cost $1177, while an acre foot of Vista Ridge water will cost $2300, about twice as much.

In fact, no true cost comparison study was done or publicized. And there was no study of the energy costs, including the large amounts of electricity that will be necessary to run the 142 mile pipeline and accompanying facilities. Neither is there mention of sources from which to obtain this energy.

Unlike most projects around the nation which now include a Carbon Impact Assessment, no such assessment was done or publicized for the Vista Ridge Pipeline project.

The project's monetary cost will be paid for by saddling SAWS customers with at least an 18% water rate increase for the 30 year life of the $3.4 Billion contract. This increase is in addition to any other increases in the coming years and decades, and will go largely to pay for a corporate middleman's profits. Water rate increases, estimated by SAWS to be 42.6% by 2020, hit retirees and low income families hardest.

The cheapest water of all is obtained from conservation, but the SAWS Board feels its bottom line threatened by water management practices such as conservation and re-use. Instead, it prefers to become a water trafficker, selling water wrested from Central Texas sources. At the same time, SAWS will burden San Antonians with decades of resentment and bad will from fellow Texans whose environment has been harmed, and whose basic Human Right to safe clean water has been violated.

We urge SAWS and City Council to cancel the Vista Ridge Pipeline contract. Cheaper alternatives are available to obtain the water San Antonians need, without our becoming a water bully.

Rachell M. Tucker
Co-Chair, Bexar County Green Party

Antonio Diaz
Co-Chair, Bexar County Green Party

Subject: Submitting a Statement

Date: Thursday, August 13, 2015 1:29:09 PM Central Daylight Time

From: Rachell Tucker

To: Cole Ruiz

Greetings Mr. Cole Ruiz,

I am Rachell Tucker, Co-Chair of the Bexar County Green Party, and I am writing to you because a fellow Green advised me you were the contact person to submit position statements on the Region L plan, specifically the Vista Ridge pipeline (now renamed to Regional Water Supply Project -RFCSP). Attached you will find our statement to be submitted to the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (region L who is reporting to he Texas Water Development Board). My apologies in advanced if this is not the proper procedure for submittal, if this is so, I appreciate your time and would be grateful if pointed in the right direction. This statement is very important to us and we would really like our stance as a group to be heard.

Thank you and have a great day,

Rachell M. Tucker
BCGP Co-Chair

[redacted]

From: **Cole Ruiz** cruiz@sara-tx.org
Subject: Fwd: Region L Water Plan is a disservice to Texas and Texans
Date: August 14, 2015 at 4:42 PM
To: mmartinez@xa-sa.com, **Sonia Jimenez** sjimenez@xa-sa.com

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Tyson Broad <NationalWildlifeFederation@nwf.org>
Date: August 14, 2015 at 12:38:56 PM CDT
To: San Antonio River Authority <cruiz@sara-tx.org>
Subject: Region L Water Plan is a disservice to Texas and Texans
Reply-To: Tyson Broad <[redacted]

Aug 14. 2015

San Antonio River Authority
TX

Dear River Authority.

I have been involved in the Region L process since 2006. Over the course of the last two planning sessions. I have submitted detailed criticisms and praises of the plan in an effort to improve the process.

This current IPP, unfortunately, does not represent progress. Rather, it is a poster child for a broken process. The planning group was not provided an opportunity to truly vet different projects and create a plan that represents the best interest of Texas from an economic and ecological perspective. Rather, this regional water plan is an excessive laundry list of water projects, heaped together by water suppliers pursuing SWIFT funds and gaming the process.

Until this process begins to truly develop a plan that prioritizes projects and evaluates and meets the water needs of fish and wildlife, it is providing a disservice to Texans. Numerous entities and individuals have devoted countless hours and resources to truly trying to meet the water needs of Texas and Texans; this draft plan is a disservice to their efforts.

Sincerely,

Mr. Tyson Broad
[redacted]8

[redacted]

From: Jason James <[redacted]
Date: August 14, 2015 at 12:12:06 AM CDT
To: "Cruiz@sara-tx.org" <Cruiz@sara-tx.org>
Subject: Comment of Opposition to Proposed CVLGC Carrizo Water Project

To All It May Concern,

I have researched and analyzed the proposed water project to take Wilson County water to a storage facility in Cibolo. As a citizen of Stockdale, Texas, I completely and wholeheartedly oppose the plan. I firmly believe that water within and under Wilson County should be used for the long-term well-being of Wilson County.

There is a great amount of evidence that pulling large amounts of water in the Gonzalez water project has had a significant impact on the water level in and around those well sights. As a concerned citizen and land owner within 5 miles of the water well site, I would be greatly concerned that water much needed to support a beef cattle ranch may not be available for the long-term. Also, I am concerned that a large pumping operation could expose our water to unknown contamination or major degradation of our water quality. When I moved to Wilson County about 16 years ago, I chose Stockdale, Texas as my home because of a vast resource of quality water to support my family and ranch for the long-term.

I am greatly concerned that a negative impact on land valuations will almost certainly take place because land values are directly tied to their resources. Land with natural resources like natural gas, oil, and even water for future periods increase land values. With the future in doubt and knowing that water levels are going to be decreased due this project will certainly have an impact on long-term appreciation of land values. This is going to impact everyone in Wilson County because continuous appreciation of land values is a significant part of our property tax collections. If only a small section of property known as the well site is collecting revenue, but the entire county suffers

from a degrading water supply, the county's schools, roads, and infrastructure suffers.

Water is our greatest resource. It does not have to be refined like oil and in fact can be pumped and used immediately to support families, animals, and crops. Water should not be transported and stored. In this scenario, it is all but certain that water will be wasted and contaminated between the well sight and the storage facility. The environmental impact to our county between the pumping, transporting, and building of pipelines is not in the favor of our county. The county has already been overwhelmed as mostly a pass-through county to the Eagle Ford Shale. Water is a shared resource and does not have clear and defined boundaries. What happens to the water resources in the county should be voted on by the county, especially large pumping projects such as the one being proposed.

Please except my comments as opposition to the CVLGC Water Project,,

Jason W. James



[redacted]

From: Joe Jones <[redacted]
Date: August 13, 2015 at 7:26:34 PM CDT
To: "cruiz@sara-tx.org" <cruiz@sara-tx.org>
Subject: Carrizo water project

Ms. Cruiz,

I have lived in Wilson County over 25 years and have had no issues with my water wells. I have struggled to get trees and grass to grow both in my yard and pastures. If the proposed water project does become a reality, who would I hold responsible to either 1. Drill a new deeper well and install larger pumps to bring my water from my property to maintain my land? Or 2. Pay my monthly water bill to maintain my property?

As you can tell by my above statements, I for one will vote NO for this project.

Respectfully

Joe N Jones

Sent from my iPad

From: [redacted]
Date: August 13, 2015 at 7:33:05 PM CDT
To: <cruiz@sara-tx.org>
Subject: Against RegionL Plan and Schertz/Cibolo/San antonio Bexar Countys To Steal Wilson Countys Land Owners Water

San Antonio River authority, ATTN: Cole Ruiz

Subject: Against Big Money Outside Water Corporations Stealing Wilson countys Water to Promote irresponsible Unplanned Growth in Guadalupe, Bexar and other adjoining Counties.

The home and property owners of Wilson County own this water and a MEGA Well will Pump the Water from underneath All Wilson County Property Owners. What's a house worth without Water-----ZERO dollars. Water also is part of the supporting Structure that prevents ground Collapse from weight bearing above the Aquifer. Wilson Countys land will become unstable without its underground Water support structure. Just google other Aquifers, that have been Pumped dry and sink holes/earth collapse is common. We, as most Texas residents believe its State Regulators and State Government is bought by big business. We can't wait to pay for shale oil waste water clean-up that the industry is generating and San Antonio's Plastic Water bottle plant that demands 18 million gallons of water per day! Go to H!#^, go elsewhere and steal water. Inform Schertz, Cibolo, Seguin, San Antonio start building Water Infrastructure--Look, where it rains in East Texas....When the Aquifers are Pumped Dry irresponsible Growth is OVER.

Respectfully, Leave our Water Aquifer alone

Terry Roach, Retired US Army

[redacted]

From: Mark Wehe <[redacted]
Date: August 14, 2015 at 9:47:07 AM CDT
To: "cruiz@sara-tx.org" <cruiz@sara-tx.org>
Cc: '[redacted]
Subject: Cibolo Valley Local Government Corp. Wilson County Carrizo Proposed Project
Reply-To: Mark Wehe [redacted]

Mr. Ruiz,

I am writing you to inform you that my son and I are animatedly opposed to this plan. We irrigate coastal Bermuda grass as a livelihood to sell hay to the horse industry and would not like our wells depleted. I have one well in Atascosa County where the pump cannot be lowered any further. Your attention to this opposition in greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Mark Wehe
[redacted]

From: Roger Biggers [redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2015 4:26 PM
To: Perkins, Brian
Subject: RE: Region L - Implementation of the 2011 Regional Water Plan

Brian, the NBU ASR project is estimated at storing 14,000ac-ft including the buffer zone and is estimated to cost $22,000,000 in initial construction. The Trinity Well field will produce 4,000ac-ft/year and will cost $13,000,000 to construct. The reuse project will produce 970ac-ft to start with at a cost of 1$12,000,00, however we have said that we will expand this project and have other reuse projects in the future so that we anticipate no discharge by 2070, but I don't know how best to cost that out per ac-ft. Once the initial capital expenditure is made it will cost $200,000 per year to operate and maintain the reuse system.

From: Roger Biggers [redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2015 3:00 PM
To: Perkins, Brian
Subject: RE: Region L - Implementation of the 2011 Regional Water Plan

Brian, in the 2016 IPP the dollar and ac-ft numbers of the NBU ASR, Reuse project and Trinity Well Field Project are significantly under quoted due to old information. What do we do to get these numbers corrected in the IPP.

Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance

Member Organizations

Alamo Group of the Sierra Club
Aquifer Guardians in Urban Areas
Austin Regional Sierra Club
Bexar Audubon Society
Bexar Green Party
Boerne Together
Cibolo Nature Center
Citizens Allied for Smart Expansion
Citizens for the Protection of Cibolo Creek
Environment Texas
First Universalist Unitarian Church of San Antonio
Friends of Canyon Lake
Friends of Government Canyon
Fuerza Unida
Green Party of Austin
Headwaters at Incarnate Word
Hays Community Action Network
Helotes Heritage Association
Helotes Nature Center
Hill Country Planning Association
Guadalupe River Road Alliance
Guardians of Lick Creek
Kendall County Well Owners Association
Kinney County Ground Zero
Leon Springs Business Association
Lone Star Chapter of Sierra Club
Medina County Environmental Action Association
Native Plant Society of Texas – SA
Northwest Interstate Coalition of Neighborhoods
Preserve Castroville
Preserve Lake Dunlop Association
San Antonio Audubon Society
San Antonio Conservation Society
San Geronimo Nature Center
San Geronimo Valley Alliance
San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance
San Marcos River Foundation
Save Barton Creek Association
Save Our Springs Alliance
Scenic Loop/Boerne Stage Alliance
Securing a Future Environment
SEED Coalition
Solar San Antonio
Sisters of the Divine Providence
Texas Water Alliance
Travis County Green Party
West Texas Springs Alliance
Water Aid – Texas State University
Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation
Wimberley Valley Watershed Association

PO Box 15618
San Antonio, Texas 78212

August 13, 2015

Steven J. Raabe
Administrative Agent for Region L
San Antonio River Authority
P.O. Box 839980 San Antonio, Texas 78283-3692

Dear Mr. Raabe,

Please accept these comments on the Region L Plan on behalf of the 51 member organizations of the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance. The Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance (GEAA) promotes effective broad-based grassroots advocacy for aquifer protection throughout the 21 county Edwards Aquifer region. GEAA works with 51 member organizations to build statewide support for conservation and sustainable management of our water resources. Our overall goal is to protect the Edwards and Trinity aquifers, contributing watersheds, and the flora and fauna, history and culture of the Texas Hill Country.

It is the consensus of our member organizations that the citizens of our region will be best served by a Plan that recognizes the need to conserve and preserve our regional water resources. We echo the comments, to follow, of Dianne Wassenich, our representative on the Region L Planning Group.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments.

Sincerely,

Annalisa Peace
Executive Director

From: Annalisa Peace <[redacted]
Date: August 13, 2015 at 6:53:35 PM CDT
To: <cruiz@sara-tx.org>
Subject: GEAA Comments on Region L Plan

Dear Mr. Cruz and Mr. Raabe,

Please accept the attached comments on behalf of the 51 member groups of the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance.

If sending comments to this e-mail address is not acceptable, please advise at your earliest convenience.

Thank you,

Annalisa Peace
Executive Director
Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance
210-320-6294
www.aquiferalliance.org

Check out **GEAA's Face Book page**

Comments on Region L 2016 Initially Prepared Plan
by
Wayne LePori

Personal Identification

Name: Wayne LePori, Professor Emeritus, Biological and Agricultural Engineering Department, Texas A&M University

Professional Experience: Teaching and Research, College Station – 37 years. Teaching provided me the opportunity to have taught a number of individuals that are active in Region L water management activities (SARA, SSLGC, Wilson County GCD).

Current Activity: Owner /Manager, Neville Switch Ranch, Gonzales County.

Primary Concerns

Board Membership:

The list of Board Members does not include affiliations of several members. To maintain credibility Region L needs to list all affiliations. In particular, the listing of Mr. Alan Cockerell as an agriculture representative, but failure to even acknowledge that he is Manager of the Schertz Seguin Local Government Corporation opens the Region L plan to criticism that it is biased toward meeting the projected needs of large Municipalities. Schertz Seguin Local Government Corporation is one of the major proponents of moving groundwater from rural agricultural areas to larger municipalities located great distances from the source of water.

Does Mr. Cockerell really represent the interests of providing sustainable water supplies for small rural agricultural communities, or is his primary interests in promoting SSLGC's water movement/exporting listings in the the Region L plan? Since Mr. Cockerell's job depends on protecting the interests of SSLGC, it is doubtful that he can adequately represent the interests of agriculture. Region L should not allow individuals with conflicts of interest such as this to to be a member of the Board misrepresenting a large clientele group

Basic Premise of Water Use Plans:

The water use strategies are based on the premise that growth will occur in specific areas and that water must be moved to those areas. What is lacking is considering the alternative water use strategies based on a premise of establishing policies and incentives to attract industries and population growth in areas where water is available. These areas include many small rural towns that would welcome growth and increased local jobs. Such policies and incentives would likely be less expensive than moving large quantities of water and create less environmental problems. To be complete and fair to rural areas, the Region L plan needs to include some analysis of the alternative premise.

Specific Water Use Strategies:

GMA 13 has reported that the Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District had granted more water permits than would allow meeting the Desired Future Conditions. Despite this, the Region L plan includes many proposed new water use strategies to greatly expand the exportation of water from the GCUWCD. While Texas Water Alliance, Hays Caldwell Public Utility, Shertz-Seguin Local Government Corporation, Canyon Regional Water get permits to hold water in reserve even though the proposed needs are not needed until many years in the future. The Region L plan should not allow inclusion of new water use strategies to be included like Texas Water Alliance who does not even have a buyer for the permits that they already hold.

At the same time that the above strategies are allowed, Region L has neglected to help develop strategies on irrigation that would benefit rural agriculture. The excuse that it is complicated and diverse is no excuse. There are agencies and studies available that can provide assistance to Region L

to develop such strategies. In view of the world concerns about population growth and demand for future increased food production needs, there are questions about the accuracy of Region L's projected future irrigation needs. Strategies on preserving irrigation water needs is as important and perhaps more important than other strategies.

Projections of demand for livestock water in Gonzales County may be low. Poultry is included in livestock and Gonzales County is a major poultry and egg producing area. Water demands for poultry should be listed separately. Poultry housing includes fan/pad evaporative cooling or fogging to prevent overheating. The amount of water required for cooling can be 3 times that required for drinking water. It is not clear if this water is included in the demand estimates.

Strong Points of the Region L Plan

Increasing emphasis on Aquifer Storage and Recovery, and Desalination of Brackish and Seawater is a welcome part of this Plan. These will undoubtedly increase availability of new water sources.

From: Wayne A LePori [redacted] **Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 3:22 PM **To:** Steve Raabe **Subject:** Region L 2016 IPP comments

Dear Steve,

It was good to briefly talk to you on the phone and I look forward to seeing you here at the Texas section meeting and the BAEN Centennial celebration. I am attaching a few comments about the 2016 Region L IPP. I appreciate the opportunity to .make comments and suggestions that may help strengthen the final report from Region L on this critical issue of water sustainability for Region L.

Sincerely,

Wayne LePori

[redacted]

From: James Murphy <[redacted]
Date: August 14, 2015 at 4:50:30 PM CDT
To: Cole Ruiz <cruiz@sara-tx.org>
Cc: Con Mims <cmims@nueces-ra.org>
Subject: Re: Region L IPP Public Comment - GBRA

The Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority(GBRA) has reviewed the 2016 Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) for the South Central Texas Water Planning Region and offers the following comments.

REGIONAL PLANNING

The 2016 IPP attempts to integrate a shopping list of individual, stand-alone projects into a local water plan that also encourages the development of a regional approach to the water supply presently available from within the Region L area. The 2016 IPP is therefore hampered by inherent constraints that affect the outcome.

The regional planning process is a "design by committee" effort and cannot satisfy every project preference. For example, Region L members disagreed over the GBRA Lower Basin Storage Project regarding the hydrologic assumptions related to return flows. The solution was to analyze the project under two different hydrologic assumptions. While GBRA and its principal opponents found the solution acceptable, this incident reflects the difficulty the Region L planning process faces when attempting to weigh or evaluate policy.

Another constraint flows from the size and composition of the Region L membership. Over thirty members from throughout Region L, meeting irregularly for relatively brief meetings, means that smaller, self-selected work groups, with the aid of the regional administration staff, will prepare an agenda that is presented to the full group shortly before the meeting date. Given time constraints, it is perhaps inevitable that the full group will ratify the recommendations prepared by work group with little discussion on some items and a surplus of attention on others.

The decision to operate on a "consensus" basis also limits the ability to reach decisions and move on to other topics. Consensus is a useful tool; it is sometimes achieved at the expense of clarity. The 2016 IPP would've been better served by narratives clarifying the different approaches to regional development, with a concentrated focus on what ground, surface and seawater is available within the region and how that water supply can be regionally distributed. As drafted it's difficult to read a regional approach into what is ostensibly a regional plan.

A further constraint on the Region L planning process is the focus on incremental municipal water supply needs. The present Region L process is dominated my urban and suburban needs along the Interstate 35 corridor and the development needs in the lower basin are accounted for in a perfunctory manner. The potential for and importance of industrial development along the Texas Coastal Bend is not directly reflected in the 2016 IPP and this omission should be corrected in some manner.

REUSE PROJECTS

GBRA objects to the inclusion of potable reuse as a recommended water supply strategy in the 2016 IPP. Several projects were added to the 2016 IPP at the final Region L meeting before the TWDB submittal deadline. SAWS and other political subdivisions seek to develop reuse projects consuming 100% of their municipal wastewater. None of the strategies included discussion of alternatives, or what needs they would complement or replace in the current water plan. Rivers, bays, and estuaries, as well as holders of water rights in the San Antonio and Guadalupe Basins will all suffer from these ill-conceived projects.

It is important that these reuse projects should be listed in the category "needs further study" if included at all. There is no evidence that any of these so-called reuse projects are either cost effective or imminent in implementation. Should these projects move towards viability, the Regional Plan can be amended at that time, allowing the full planning group to evaluate the specific project(s) at that time. There are specific considerations that need to be addressed before wide-spread reuse of municipal wastewater can be implemented as a regional water supply strategy:

1.) In Texas the interaction of surface water and groundwater has not been legally resolved. Pumpage of groundwater within a watershed will have an impact on river flows. Combining this impact with the fact that many entities want to reuse 100% of their wastewater will create an even larger deficit in river flow during a repeat of the Drought of Record.

2.) Many senior water rights were granted based upon continued discharge of municipal and industrial return flows. It was not until the late 1970's water rights were issued without reliance on reuse. The reuse of water which has historically been available for senior water right holders will place a greater strain on surface water resources.

3.) The IPP does not take the necessary step of clearly demonstrating how the reliability of existing water resource projects will be impacted if return flows are no longer available for appropriation. The impact on the yield of existing projects needs to be clearly outlined if reuse projects are going to be considered in the plan.

4.) Wastewater return flows make up a significant portion of the streamflow during prolonged drought periods. Without the availability of these return flows, the Guadalupe River flow will be reduced to a trickle during droughts.

GROUNDWATER ISSUES

The 2016 IPP should clearly reflect that all water supply strategies predicated on groundwater comply with limits proposed by local Groundwater Conservation Districts. Water strategies predicated on groundwater supplies that exceed DFC's should be relegated to the category of

"needs further study"

The 2016 IPP should clearly reflect negative impacts on stream flow and surface water supplies associated with groundwater projects.

OUT OF BASIN WATER SUPPLY

The SAWS Vista Ridge Project, and other projects that rely on sources of water that are located outside of Region L should be listed in the "needs further study" category. While the Vista Ridge Project has been in the news, both in San Antonio and in the rural areas impacted by this project, it made it's first appearance before the Region L planning group in the penultimate meeting before the 2016 IPP filing deadline. The interregional impacts of this project are significant and there are far too many unanswered questions regarding Vista Ridge for it to be listed as a viable recommended strategy. At a minimum the Region L group should make a formal determination that there are insufficient sources of water supply within Region L before recommending such projects for inclusion in the 2016 Regional Plan.

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Subject: Region L Plan

Date: Thursday, August 13, 2015 4:54:29 PM Central Daylight Time

From: [redacted]

To: Cole Ruiz

Mr Ruiz - I'm writing you in regards to the proposed Region L Plan. I've been a resident of Wilson county for the past twenty years and during that time have seen the county grow at an alarming rate along with a corresponding increase in water consumption. I'm sure you are more aware of the ever dwindling supply of clean drinking water nationwide and especially here in South Texas than I am. I'm sure you also understand that moving water from less populated counties to overpopulated counties is at best an interim fix that cannot be sustained over the long run. My question to you is what's the long term plan for water conservation once all the counties surrounding Bexar, etc are forced to use mandated water restrictions like the Edwards aquifer currently has? V/R James Matthess

Sent from my iPad

Subject: Wilson County Water

Date: Thursday, August 13, 2015 4:32:40 PM Central Daylight Time

From: Melissa Laffey

To: Cole Ruiz

[redacted]

The following projects **Threaten**:

(1) Wilson County's primary source of water across all usage categories
(2) Sustainability of the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer
(3) The welfare of Wilson County and surrounding residents
(4) The future growth of Wilson County.

I request removal from the Plan
The Cibolo-Valley Local Government Corporation Carrizo Project (for 10,000 acre-feet of Wilson County Carrizo water).

I request disallowance of the construction in Wilson County of treatment facilities, pumping stations, pipelines and all related infrastructure proposed by two projects directly linked to the CVLGC Carrizo project that target up to 11,500 additional acre-feet of Carrizo water from Gonzales and Guadalupe Counties.

Melissa Laffey
Stockdale, TX

Subject: Cibolo water

Date: Thursday, August 13, 2015 4:28:49 PM Central Daylight Time

From: [redacted]

To: Cole Ruiz

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This issue reminds me of a quote from Horatio Bunce to Davy Crockett concerning peoples tax money. It goes like this, "It is not yours to give." The same principle applies to water under other peoples land. Your board and evergreen wcd have man made authority on water tables but the reality is taking the water or allowing the sale of the water is theft from the people that don't agree to exploit the natural resource for an area that chooses to over develop itself.
Charles Scribner

[redacted]

Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation and statistics in the IPP fail to prove that a need exists for the proposed Wilson County Carrizo Project. This project should be removed from the 2016 IPP and receive no further state funding.

The project is opposed by Wilson County Commissioners Court, the City Councils of every city in the county, the water supply corporations and the residents of Wilson County.

Additionally, we urge the removal of Alan Cockerell from the Region L board, SCTRWPG, and the Carrizo Aquifer Work Group and his replacement with someone who can represent agriculture, not wholesale water providers. His presence on this board since 2011 has favored the projects of his employers to the detriment of agriculture.

Sincerely,

Carmen Mero

Subject: Water from the Carrizo project or Region L Plan

[redacted]

Date: Thursday, August 13, 2015 2:11:41 PM Central Daylight Time

From: Laura Dylla

To: Cole Ruiz

Dear Cole,
Please excuse the intimacy but we are desperately seeking help in Wilson County to STOP THE STEALING OF WATER FROM THE CARRIZO AQUIFER by the Cibolo Valley group. They intend to essentially steal water from the Carrizo to sell and use for their obnoxious growth in Guadalupe and Comal , and north eastern Bexar county.
When they had already purchased millions of gallons from Guadalupe River and they then sold to San Antonio city. So now looking to,a large Carrizo water shed to fulfill excess growth in Bexar county and surrounding northern counties.

Wilson co has a large agriculture industry that needs this water...esp western areas of Wilson. Personally I know of a man who already sells 4000. Worth of water a month near Nixon to San Antonio from a well on his private property. Do all of these private property wells sales to big cities get reported.
Now another entity public ally wants to steal water ? When will all this water be enough for San Antonio ???

Sincerely, Paul and Laura Dylla
Adkins, Texas
Wilson County Residents

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad

[redacted]

RESOLUTION NO. 1508

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CIBOLO, TEXAS SUPPORTING THE CIBOLO VALLEY LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORPORATION PROJECT IN WILSON COUNTY AND ITS INCLUSION IN THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD'S SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS (REGION L) REGIONAL WATER PLANNING AREA'S REGIONAL WATER PLAN.

WHEREAS, the City of Cibolo is a member city of the Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation ("CVLGC"); and

WHEREAS, CVLGC is a local government corporation, created and existing under the provisions of Subchapter D of Chapter 431, Texas Transportation Code, as amended, and Chapter 394, Texas Local Government Code and has and may exercise all of the rights, powers, privileges, authority, and functions given by the general laws of the State of Texas to non-profit corporations incorporated under the Act including, without limitation, the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, Chapter 22, Texas Business Organizations Code; and

WHEREAS, CVLGC is charged with seeking new water development projects for the cities of Schertz and Cibolo; and

WHEREAS, CVLGC identified and is investigating the feasibility of a groundwater development project in Wilson County; and

WHEREAS, the Wilson County Project is located within the 21 1/2 county planning area of the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Area ("Region L") of the Texas Water Development Board; and

WHEREAS, CVLGC has developed a plan to produce water out of the Carrizo/Wilcox formations in Wilson County for delivery to its member; and

WHEREAS, CVLGC presented its projected project to Region L for inclusion in the planning group's 2016 Initially Prepared Plan to determine Potentially Feasible Water Management Strategies; and

WHEREAS, Region L voted to include the CVLGC project for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the City, with a population of over 25,000 encourages Region L to continue its inclusion of the CVLGC project for all proper planning purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City does not believe that the CVLGC should be treated differently from a planning perspective as other similarly situated projects considered "limited" under the Texas Water Development Board's modeled available groundwater; and

WHEREAS, the City supports the continued inclusion of the CVLGC project for all Region L planning purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF CIBOLO:

Section 1. The recitals contained in the preamble of this Resolution are determined to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as a part of this Resolution.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption hereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 9TH DAY OF JUNE, 2015.

Lisa M. Jackson, Mayor
City of Cibolo

ATTEST:

Peggy Cimics, TRMC
City Secretary

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San Miguel Cattle Company
Karen (Kay) Love
[redacted]
Stockdale, Texas 78160

August 4, 2015

SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL
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RE: COMMENTS 2016 IPP

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group's 2016 Initially Prepared Plan is not consistent "with long-term protection of the state's water resources, agricultural resources, and natural resources".

The planning process for Region L has failed to represent all stakeholders. The composition of the board favors large scale projects for Wholesale Water Providers. The commoditization of water will impact all Texans, but agriculture and rural communities will feel the impact first. Rate payers pay twice for water when projects are funded with tax dollars. They pay a third time in increased costs of agricultural products.

The IPP fails to protect agricultural resources by the use of biased statistics and water transport projects that remove water from rural areas to the detriment of aquifers, natural resources, agricultural resources, and local economies.

Sec.8.2.1 of the IPP encourages a review of the Texas Water Code to include funding to Texas Water Development Board for comprehensive studies to respond to water transport proposals, stating, "The technical studies and scientific data are essential to fully evaluate the effects of the proposals on local communities, the environment, property owners, and the economy."

This recommendation is an admission that the SCTRWPG 2016 IPP contains insufficient current and and reliable scientific data to evaluate the effects of the water transport proposals it contains and that the group has failed to fully evaluate the IPP's effects on agriculture, rural communities, and the Carrizo aquifer.

I urge the removal of all proposed water transport projects from the 2016 IPP that affect Wilson County due to the lack of data provided and the unstudied effects of these projects. Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation's Carrizo Project is an example of a project, backed by

inadequate evaluation, that is inconsistent with the protection of the state's water resources, agricultural resources, and natural resources. This project should be removed from the plan as a water management strategy and as an alternative strategy. It should receive no further study and no further state funding.

I support notification of county officials before proposals are included in the planning process, as suggested in the plan, at 8.3.2. Region L should amend its Bylaws to include a notification process and urge modification of the Texas Administrative Code to provide for local notification. Local participation is key to effective planning.

PLANNING PROCESS AND POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

SECTION 8.1- 8.3, Policy Recommendations. The content of this section supports criticism of the plan and the process.

The SCTRWPG planning process is seriously flawed. There is little effort given to a cohesive region-wide long-range plan. It has become merely submission and approval of projects, with particular favor given to Wholesale Water Providers and large users.

Recommendations #1-6, Section 8.3.1 would have been better applied to individual proposals during the planning process than added as disclaimers in the IPP. The inclusion of "Alternative Strategies" fosters uncertainty and confusion. Allowing MAG limited projects to survive the planning process places a burden on the water districts. The districts face expensive and time consuming challenges to their local control.

WATER TRANSPORT

The IPP includes water transport proposals that have not received adequate study by admission of this plan in Section 8.2.1.

Wilson County will have numerous negative impacts from proposed projects. The plan assumes that water can be drawn from a county without a cost to the community as a whole. Impacts include, but are not limited to, a loss in land values, loss of tax base, curtailment of agriculture, loss of future development, and impact on rural water systems.

Water transport abuses the rule of capture. In water planning the SCTRWPG must recognize the rule of capture includes the right of neighbors to protect themselves from abuse by transport and commercial users. Local groundwater conservation districts should fill this role with the help of the planning group.

I urge greater scrutiny of projects proposed by the Wholesale Water Providers that involve water transport. Wholesale Water Providers' projects such as Cibolo Valley Local Government Carrizo Project, the Canyon Regional Water Authority's Wells Ranch project, Schertz Seguin Local

Government Corporation Gonzales Carrizo Expansion and the Texas Water Alliance's Carrizo Project, show an avaricious grab of Carrizo water by the water purveyors. That Wholesale Water Providers hold seats on the SCTRWPG makes it imperative that a balance of power be re-established that gives an adequate voice to agriculture, counties, the public, and the environment.

Niagra Bottling was lured to Seguin after San Antonio City Council responded to environmental and water concerns. The company will need 2,500 acre feet of water annually for the first of several phases of development. Grupo Siro was recruited by Seguin and will build a plant adjacent to Niagra Bottling. Its water use will also be significant.

The SCTRWPG must not allow one community to prosper at the expense of another through water transport projects. Water transport moves economic prospects from rural to urban economies.

SUSTAINABILITY OF ACQUIFERS

There is no attention given to the sustainability of affected aquifers.

The planning group is tasked with producing a plan that is "consistent with the desired future conditions adopted under Section 36.108 for the relevant aquifers located in the regional planning area." This plan fails to do by including projects that exceed the guide posts set by the MAGs and DFCs.

AGRICULTURE

SECTION 8.1, IPP, finds that it "is not practical" for the SCTRWPG to develop strategies for agriculture, that the complexity "limits the ability" of the planning group to evaluate future needs of agriculture. Agriculture is affected by multiple strategies in the plan, but the needs of agriculture and rural communities are ignored or discounted.

Statistics used for agriculture and irrigation throughout the plan are questionable and predict that there will be no increased need in the future. Agriculture will be deprived of water and future development restricted by the proposals in the plan. The current state of aquifers in California should highlight the importance of an agricultural region in close proximity to the population center of the region.

The effect of water transport on rural communities, such as Wilson County, is ignored and unstudied in the plan.

The composition of the Carrizo Aquifer Water Management Strategy Work Group is problematic. There was no representation for agriculture on the group that developed the irrigation statistics. Alan Cockerell does not represent agriculture.

ERRORS AND OMISSIONS

2.10.6 Texas Water Alliance

Texas Water Alliance is NOT a group of landowners. TWA is a wholly owned subsidiary of San Jose Water Company a publicly traded California corporation who has leased or bought water rights in Gonzales County.

2.10.8 Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation

Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation is characterized as a "partnership between the Cities of Cibolo and Schertz created to develop more groundwater supplies within the local area."

CVLGC Carrizo project is NOT a "local" project but a water transport project.

Section 6.4 Impacts of Voluntary Redistribution of Water from Rural and Agricultural Areas.

The IPP proposes seven projects totaling over 100,000 acre feet annually to be drawn from rural areas of Wilson County yet makes no attempt to study or report the socioeconomic impacts of moving water from rural areas.

Section 6.5 Social and Economic Impacts of Not Meeting Projected Water Needs

Obviously the IPP is incomplete without the information that should be found in this section. The public should have the opportunity to comment during the initial comment phase.

Section 6.7. Environmental Benefits and Concerns

This section assumes only environmental benefits from the seven projects that propose to remove 107, 632 acre feet of water from the Carrizo Aquifer? The pipelines alone present a negative environmental impact. Surely this is an inadvertent omission. There are unstudied environmental concerns.

Section 8.1.1 Irrigation Water Needs.

Agriculture needs are ignored throughout the plan. Projects proposed in the 2016 IPP obviously affect agriculture. Rather than require WWPs to provide strategies to protect agriculture when their plans affect rural areas or deny water transport projects, SCTRPG asks TWDB to study the

issue and develop strategies. Table 6-11 summarizes unmet agricultural needs. This illustrates again the power of WWPs over the resource owners.

Section 8.3 Groundwater

This section, full of caveats, disclaimers, and recommendations illustrates the fact that the composition of the board has been allowed to favor the cities and wholesale water providers over resource owners, the environment, and agriculture. The IPP threatens the sustainability of the Carrizo aquifer.

8.10.4 County Authority

The plan suggests counties "should have additional authority for land use planning and for regulating development based on water availability and protection of water resources" yet makes no suggestions and proposes no action. Local control of resources is paramount. Wilson County asks SCTRWPG to acknowledge the value of local control.

Conclusion

In conclusion, water planning in Texas has reached a critical point. The plan for state wide regional planning has been co-opted by Wholesale Water Providers, and large users. The Water Code tasks planning groups with protection of water resources, agricultural resources and natural resources. Only by a more equitable representation of those resources in the planning process can water planning succeed in developing a consensus that protects the resource and plans for the future. There must be protection for rural counties who favor local control of their resource.

All water transport projects affecting Wilson County should be removed from the plan. Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation's Wilson County project should be rejected with prejudice.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Kay Love

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August 12, 2015

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RE: Comments on Initially Prepared 2016 Region L Plan

Dear Mr. Mims:

Springs Hill Water Supply Corporation (SHWSC) appreciates the opportunity to provide written comments on the Initially Prepared Regional Water Plan for our area. We realize that the plan is subject to revisions and it is with those revisions in mind that I am writing this letter.

On Tuesday of this week the Guadalupe County Commissioners Court passed a resolution supporting a Common use carrier line moving across Guadalupe County along the I10 corridor. They would like to see TWA and HCPUA build one pipe line versus our county having multiple lines running through the county. I have always supported this approach and have relayed this to CRWA,HCPUA, GBRA and TWA. It would benefit all end users meaning the population who is served by all these entities in lowering the total cost. As the SH 130 develops SHWSC will need to take water on the East side of the CCN and hopefully there will be a vendor to work with on that side of the county.

I have attached the Guadalupe County Commissioners resolution and an exhibit showing the approximate alignment of the Common Carrier Pipe line.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. Please contact me at 830-379-7683 if you have any questions. SHWSC looks forward to a continuing working relationship with the South Central Regional Planning Group during this and future planning cycles.

Yours truly,

Jeanne Schnuriger

Jeanne Schnuriger, General Manager
Springs Hill WSC

COMMISSIONERS COURT	§	
	§	**NO. 08112015-**
GUADALUPE COUNTY	§	

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONSOLIDATING WATER PROJECTS THROUGH GUADALUPE COUNTY

WHEREAS, On May 1, 2015, the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (SCTRWPG) submitted the Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) to the Texas Water Development Board and to the public for comments and recommendations; and,

WHEREAS, one recommended IPP project, the Texas Water Alliance ("TWA") Regional Carrizo Project, will transport 15,000 acre-feet of permitted Carrizo Aquifer Water from its proposed water treatment plant in Gonzales County with a proposed pipeline going through Guadalupe County to provide water to wholesale customers located in Comal, Blanco and Hays County; and,

WHEREAS, the alignment of the TWA Regional Carrizo Project can also provide a reliable source of long-range supply of water for the rapidly urbanizing SH 123 corridor between Seguin and San Marcos; and

WHEREAS, the alignment of the TWA Regional Carrizo Project intersects the alignment of another recommended IPP Project, the Hays Caldwell PUA Regional Carrizo Supply project, which seeks to provide water to cities in Hays County and Guadalupe County; and,

WHEREAS, both the TWA Regional Carrizo Project and the HCPUA Regional Carrizo Project originate from the same water treatment plant site in Gonzales County and planned pipelines traverse separate but nearly parallel paths and intersect near the city of Geronimo;

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Guadalupe County Commissioners Court supports the consolidated alignment of the TWA Regional Carrizo Project and the HCPUA Regional Carrizo Project where both pipelines are in close proximity running through Guadalupe County. A combined pipeline would be practical and prudent and satisfy the needs and objectives of both entities and would additionally insure a reliable water supply along the SH 123 corridor between Seguin and San Marcos and provide tapping opportunities to serve the SH 130 growth corridor; and,

2. Precinct 1 Commissioner Greg Seidenberger is appointed to represent the Guadalupe County Commissioners Court in negotiations with neighboring counties and water entities located along the rapidly urbanizing SH123 Corridor between Seguin and San Marcos to avoid the duplication of pipelines and to encourage potential sharing of pipeline capacities.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 11TH day of August **2015.**

Kyle Kutscher
County Judge

Greg Seidenberger
Commissioner, Pct. 1

Jack Shanafelt
Commissioner, Pct. 2

Jim Wolverton
Commissioner, Pct. 3

Judy Cope
Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest:

Teresa Kiel
County Clerk

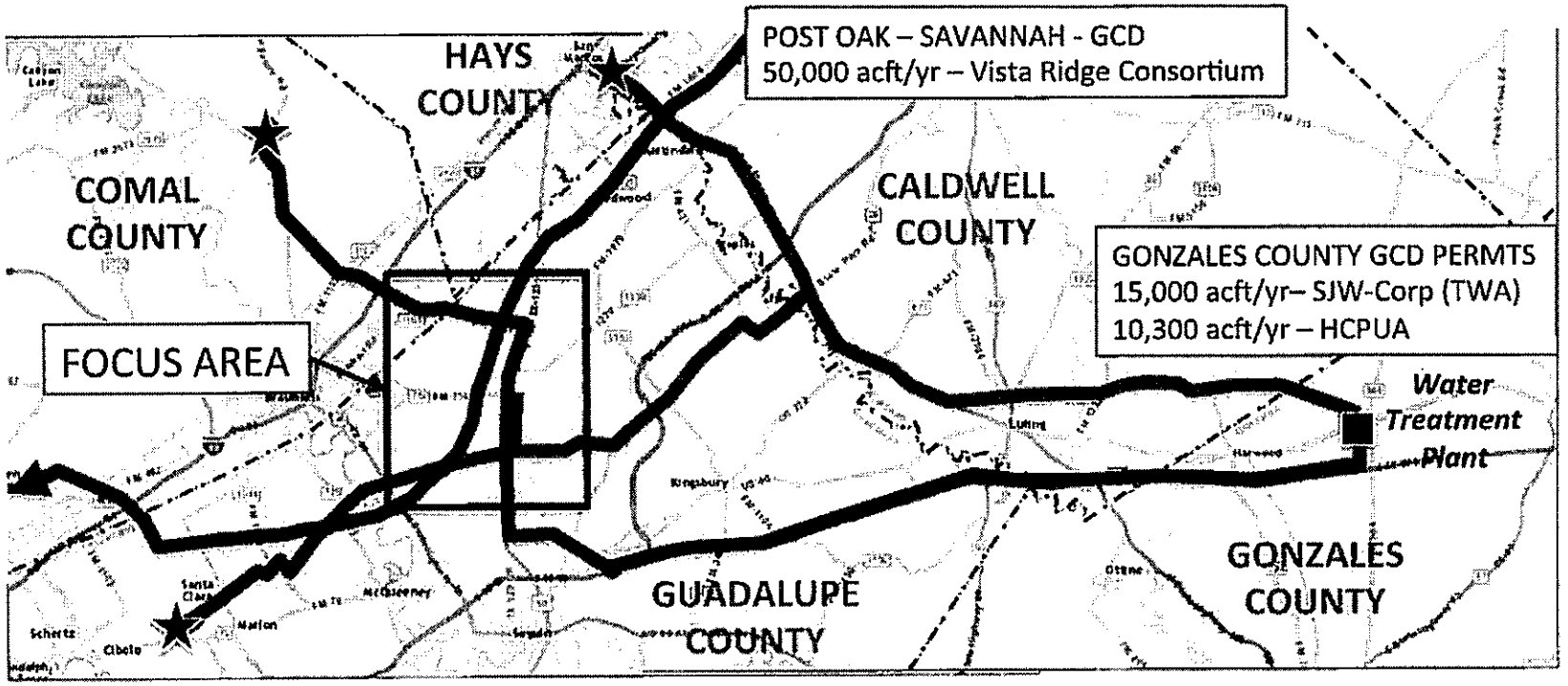
2016 Initially Prepared Plan – Region L

Proposed Regional Water Pipelines through Guadalupe County

60 " Water Pipeline
Central Texas Regional WSC
to SAWS (Comal/Bexar Counties)

36" Water Pipeline
SJW-Corp (TWA)
to Comal County

36" Water Pipeline
Hays Caldwell PUA (CRWA)
To Green Valley SUD; and,
Crystal Clear SUD



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August 10, 2015

To: Region L Planning Group Members

Ref: Proposed Cibolo Valley Project in Draft IPP

Dear Planning Group Members:

It is a remarkable irony that in August 2015, the Planning Group is possibly faced with a decision to include or exclude a Carrizo Aquifer water project proposed in Wilson County within the 2016 Draft Regional Water Plan. The irony is that approximately 10 years ago, the 2006 Draft Regional Water Plan was faced with a major controversy regarding a similarly sized proposed Carrizo Aquifer pumping project in Wilson County. The 2005 project was being proposed by the San Antonio Water Systems and it was for 11,000 ac/ft/yr.

I refer to the controversy of the 2005 project as "major" because there were two significant votes that occurred within that Planning Cycle. The first vote was in regards to approving the draft Initially Prepared Plan which included the controversial SAWS Wilson County Carrizo Project. The Planning Group approved the draft plan by 1 vote. Significant to the vote totals were the positions of the Edwards Aquifer interests whom voted in favor of the draft Plan because they claimed that any water source that reduced reliance on the Edwards Aquifer was a good thing. Those interests on the losing side of that first vote warned that if the controversial Carrizo Project were not pulled from the draft Plan, a second vote regarding the submission of the Final Draft Plan to the TWDB would almost assuredly be needed.

It is important to recognize that there were three (3) principal arguments against including the 2005 SAWS Wilson County Carrizo project at that time and these were: 1) even without the Carrizo Project, the plan would have a surplus in excess of 60% of the projected water demand such that the project was not necessary to meet the demands; 2) hydrologic modelling performed by SAWS depicted alarming drawdowns of the water table in eastern Wilson County; and 3) there existed significant public opposition to the project as well as opposition to the project on the Regional Planning Group itself.

When the Regional Planning Group voted in the fall of 2005 to submit the 2006 Draft Regional Water Plan, the votes against exceeded the votes in favor of submitting the Plan. This was the first time and has since been the only time a Regional Planning Group did not submit a draft Final Regional Water Plan at the required deadline. Some may consider this a dark mark against the Region L Planning Group. Others justifiably feel the reverse. It should however be an important reminder that although the Planning Group should strive for consensus, the point of the Planning Group is not a rubber stamped process and that when reasoned opposition and public comment are present, consideration must be given to doing what is right versus what is expedient. The current Chairman of the 2015 Water Planning Group knows this well as in 2005, he voted with the majority of Planning Group members to not submit the 2005 Plan containing the SAWS Wilson County Water Supply Project to the TWDB.

So what is different between the 2005 proposal by SAWS and the 2015 Cibolo Valley Project? Several key things including:

1) Unlike which exists in 2015, in 2005, there was not a Groundwater Management Area that had determined the Managed Available Groundwater through application of modeled Desired Future Conditions.

2) Unlike which existed in 2005, water availability of projects within the 2016 Plan is a function of what the Groundwater Management Areas indicate as available (which is zero for this project).
3) Unlike which SAWS presented as part of their comprehensive Proposal in 2005 for their Wilson County Carrizo Aquifer pumping project, the 2015 Cibolo Valley project has presented no technical data related to the effects of proposed long term pumping.

What these two projects, approximately 10 years apart, do have in common however are the following:

1) United and reasoned opposition from Wilson County residents and elected officials as well as significant concerns expressed by the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District.
2) Ample additional water supply opportunities apart from the proposed project to meet the project sponsor's needs.

It may also be noteworthy that it was the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District's willingness starting in 2006 to promulgate Brackish Carrizo-Wilcox desalination rules with the San Antonio Water Systems that supported some of the early foundation for SAWS eventual development of its Brackish Water Desalination in south Bexar County. This fact should be evidence alone that the people of Wilson County and the Evergreen Groundwater District in particular recognize the need for partnerships and collaborative research in meeting the Region's growing water demands.

It should also be pointed out that the Regional Planning Group's allowance for projects with no firm yield based upon the Groundwater Management Areas projection of available supplies to still be in the Plan and considered equivalent to projects with firm yields (with respect to State Funding options) is problematic for several reasons. First off, a project sponsor has the same right as anyone else to pursue changing the Managed Available Groundwater through petitioning or influence of the particular Groundwater Management Area. No one is questioning that. However, one has to believe that the intent of the Legislature in developing the Groundwater Management Area's authority in Regional Planning was such that a particular project's estimated firm yield was accommodated by the Groundwater Management Area's available supplies at the time the project is proposed to the Regional Planning Group and not instead to require modification of the Groundwater Management Area's available supplies after the Plan is approved. If that were the case, the usefulness of the Groundwater Management Area's available supplies is of no real significant value to the Regional Planning process. The alternative and more reasonable path is that a project sponsor should successfully petition the Groundwater Management Area for a change in managed available groundwater which would accommodate their project, and then submit the project as part of the next Regional Planning cycle. Point is, the Cibolo Valley project sponsors have every right to submit their project in the next Planning Cycles should they successfully modify the Managed Available Groundwater in a manner that accommodates their request. In this manner, the Regional Planning group is actually working with a project that has met the necessary criteria for establishing a "firm yield" for a project.

For the reasons outlined above, I respectfully request the Region Planning Group exclude the above referenced Cibolo Valley project from the Initially Prepared Plan.

Sincerely,

Darrell T. Brownlow, Ph.D.

Wilson County Director San Antonio River Authority

Former Governor's Appt to Evergreen Groundwater District (2000-2010)

Former Regional Water Planning Group Member (1999-2011)

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Re: 2016 South Central Texas Region L Initially Prepared Plan

Dear Mr Raabe,

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 South Central Texas Region L Water Planning Area (SCTRWPA). 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.

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The population of the 20 county SCTRWPA is estimated to grow from about 3.0 million in 2020 to about 5.2 million by 2070. Water needs are expected to more than double during this time period but water conservation, including drought management, and water reuse are expected to meet 34 percent of future water needs. In addition, the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan (EAHCP) is identified as both an existing supply and a future water management strategy. Full implementation of the EAHCP provides future water supply while protecting springflows at Comal and San Marcos Springs, thereby protecting associated ecosystems and the federally threatened and endangered species that are found there. The IPP includes the development of two seawater desalination projects, comprising 23 percent of future supplies. Four new aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) projects are recommended in the IPP to provide approximately 9 percent of future supplies in the region. From the perspective of environmental impacts, ASR projects are generally preferred over surface reservoirs since habitat impacts can be minimized. Finally, new surface water development projects such as the GBRA Lower Basin Project are expected to meet 1 percent of future needs.

The IPP includes a detailed quantitative reporting of environmental factors. Volume II of the IPP discusses technical evaluations of strategies and presents water management strategy summary sheets that include acreages impacted by each strategy. An analysis of cumulative environmental impacts, as well as comparisons to cumulative impacts from past plans, is also included. Where applicable, newly adopted SB3 environmental flow standards are used to evaluate environmental flow requirements.

The IPP includes a description of natural resources including fish and wildlife resources. A detailed table listing threatened and endangered species by county with notations concerning their habitat preferences and protected status is presented in Appendix G of the IPP. Major springs are also described and potential threats to natural resources were evaluated. TPWD recommends including a discussion of aquatic exotic species including but not limited to tilapia and sailfin catfish.

Quantitative environmental assessments are presented for proposed water management strategies included in the 2016 IPP as well as for the 1984, 1990, 1997, 2002, 2007 and 2012 Water Plans. While necessarily broad in scope, this quantitative analysis comparing each water plan highlights some interesting trends. For example, while the overall environmental impact score for the 2016 IPP is in the midrange compared to previous water plans for the region, it has a higher potential to impact endangered, threatened, and species of concern due to the number of projects and pipelines traversing sensitive areas. The 2016 IPP is also projected to have less impact than previous plans on vegetation and wildlife habitat, largely due to the absence of large main-stem reservoirs included in earlier plans. Finally, the 2016 IPP appears to project moderate water quality and aquatic habitat impacts. Overall the 2016 IPP is projected to have slightly greater cumulative impacts than the 2012 plan for this region. While specific conclusions cannot be made at this point, TPWD staff tends to agree with the statement that the predicted impacts associated with the smaller (but more numerous) strategies in the 2016 IPP may be more easily avoided and/or mitigated than the large scale impacts associated with reservoirs in earlier water plans.

The SCTRWPG is to be commended for its strong emphasis on water conservation, reuse and drought contingency planning. The IPP includes municipal water conservation water management strategies. Water conservation in the industrial and steam-electric power generation use categories are encouraged as well. According to the IPP, per capita water use in Region L is projected to

decline over the planning period from 140 gallons per person per day in 2020 to 130 gallons per person per day in 2070, bringing it under the Texas Water Conservation Task Force goal of 140 gallons per person per day.

While TPWD is pleased to see that many of our earlier comments have been addressed, concerns remain regarding potential impacts associated with several strategies. Several water management strategies are recommended for stream segments identified by TPWD as ecologically significant. Increased groundwater development may impact small springs and adversely impact groundwater-surface water interactions. New appropriations from the Guadalupe River and/or increased use of previously unused water rights from the Guadalupe River will impact instream flows and freshwater inflows to San Antonio Bay that will likely reduce long-term inflows and increase bay salinities, potentially leading to complex estuarine community changes. Both seawater and brackish groundwater desalination can be ecologically advantageous strategies, as long as issues such as impingement and entrainment at intake locations and brine disposal options are carefully considered. Continued consultation with TPWD staff will help to ensure that fish and wildlife impacts can be avoided or minimized. Please be advised that HB 2031 passed by the 84th legislature requires consultation with TPWD and the General Land Office regarding siting of seawater desalination intakes and discharges.

The 2016 IPP is a well written and organized report. TPWD highly commends SCTRWPG's efforts that have resulted in the successful designation of five segments recommended in the IPP as ecologically unique. Recognition is deserved for drought management as a water management strategy, aquifer storage and recovery projects, seawater desalination, use of off-channel reservoirs, use of recycled water for non-potable uses for several water user groups, and an ecological analysis of the impact of the 2016 plan. No major on-channel reservoirs are proposed within the region at this time.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. TPW 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.

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BY CERTIFIED MAIL

Dear Mr. Raabe:

Enclosed are the comments of the Region L Water Captains on the Region L IPP. Thank you for the opportunity to be involved in the water planning process. Please feel to contact me if you have any questions or need more information.

Yours truly,

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Attachment: "Sustainability, Equity, Preservation, Accountability"

"Sustainability, Equity, Preservation, Accountability"

A White Paper on the 2016 Region L Initially Prepared Plan and State Water Plans
By
Texas Interfaith Center for Public Policy
And
San Antonio Interfaith Power & Light "Water Captains"

"Let justice roll on like a river, and righteousness like a never-failing stream" *Holy Bible*, Amos 5:24 (New International Version)

"...access to safe drinkable water is a basic and universal human right, since it is essential to human survival and, as such, is a condition for the exercise of other human rights. ...but water continues to be wasted, not only in the developed world but also in developing countries which possess it in abundance. This shows that the problem of water is partly an educational and cultural issue, since there is little awareness of the seriousness of such behaviour within a context of great inequality." - Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* May 24, 2015, Paragraphs 28 and 30.

1.0 Introduction

1.1 These comments are the result of a public "Water Captains" workshop jointly sponsored by the Texas Interfaith Center on Public Policy and San Antonio Interfaith Power and Light that was held on May 16, 2015. The workshop featured 10 speakers, including two Region L Planning Group Members, who discussed various aspects of water and water planning in Region L. There were 42 attendees from a cross-section of people and interests in the Region. Details of the Workshop are in Appendix A. The workshop was made possible by funding from the Meadows Center for Water and the Environment in San Marcos, through a grant from the SWIFT program at the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), for which we are very grateful. Subsequent White Paper planning sessions occurred on May 21, June 6 and June 29 in San Antonio. Input has been provided via email by those who attended the workshop. Some of us attended the 2016 Region L Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) Hearing in San Antonio on June 8 and provided oral comments there. This White Paper expands on those comments. Some of these comments are

specific to Region L, and some apply to the entire State level. **Recommendations are in bold.**

1.2 **As people of faith, we believe that everyone has a right to safe and sufficient supplies of water.** This right was affirmed by the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in stating, "The human right to water is indispensable for leading a life in human dignity. It is a prerequisite for the realization of other human rights." The United Nations defines the right to water as "...the right of everyone to sufficient, safe, acceptable and physically accessible and affordable water for personal and domestic uses".[1] The UN designated the years 2005-1015 as the International Decade of Action 'WATER FOR LIFE'.[2]

1.3 **As people of faith, we believe there is a moral responsibility for the Region L and Texas State Water Plans to be driven above all by the needs for sustainability, equity, preservation of the environment and accountability on the part of both planners and municipal water systems.** In 1987 the United Nations Brundtland Commission defined sustainability as "...meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."[3] According to the United Nations Development Programme's *Human Development Report 2011*, sustainability is "...inextricably linked to basic questions of equity — that is, fairness, social justice and greater access to a better quality of life...".[4]

1.4 Sustainability is not mutually exclusive to growth and development. People tend to equate growth with jobs, but growth presents many demands on the utility infrastructure which may not correspond directly to creation of jobs. There will be growth and development in Texas even if no one moves here, due to births of people already here. Indeed, according to the City of San Antonio Planning Office, more than 50% of San Antonio's growth during the past 10 years has been due to births, not influx. **So the critical question is not if there will be growth and development, but how can they be sustainable and equitable even for the most marginalized groups of people and wildlife.**

1.5 The current water planning process is based on an economic formula of projected worst-case supply and demand among different stakeholders in a

business model. **It would be more equitable if it addressed the "Triple Bottom Line": the three-legged stool of concern for people, especially the disadvantaged, the economy, and the environment.**

2.0 Sustainability and Conservation

2.1 Conservation is the least expensive and most rapid way to provide more water, and we note that there are wide variations in per capita water usage across Region L, with significant numbers of residential consumers in mature urban neighborhoods averaging less than 50 gallons per capita-day (gpcd), while persons in newer neighborhoods with automatic lawn sprinklers average 114 gallons per capita-day.

2.1.1 **Conservation programs should honor the capacity of every Texan, even very small or disadvantaged consumers, to be part of a collective strategy.** Water rates should reflect these priorities, and ratepayer incentives should be an integral part of the conservation planning process.

2.1.2 **A tiered rate structure should promote even more residential water conservation, while still being fair to residents.** Many water-frugal residences in San Antonio are already using less than 45 gpcd, so rate tiers set at intervals of 30, 40, 50, etc. would encourage other households to curb their overuse.

2.1.3 The greatest injustice is the way fixed minimum charges and fees are structured. In 2013, the heads of the Mayors Water Council (U.S. Conference of Mayors) decried this kind of regressive pricing for water.

2.1.3.1 Fixed minimum charges hurt lower and middle-income households far more than higher-income households. For instance, that family of four, disqualified from the lowest rate, would likely face fees and fixed minimum charges making up more than half their bill.

2.2 **We accordingly support the Best Management Practices for municipal conservation in the SCRWPA 2016 IPP, but feel the timetable for meeting the goal of 140 gallons per capita-day (gpcd) should be more aggressive than proposed in the IPP and urge the TWDB to consider even more aggressive targets. We also support the implementation of HB 4(2007) Water Conservation Advisory Committee as recommended in the SCRWPA 2016 IPP and believe that these goals should be incorporated immediately into ongoing planning efforts, as well as future planning.**

2.2.1 This is particularly important with respect to water delivery infrastructure salvage, extension, and reconstruction; so that economies of scale may be achieved by building in separate piping structures sub-divided into uses as the infrastructure and subdivisions are built. **Different meters could be installed to monitor different uses such as domestic potable water, irrigation, and common meters for treated waste water for entire neighborhoods.** This would be an incentive for conserving water.

2.2.2 Furthermore, municipal water providers should set consistent priorities for water conservation and make clear connections between impact fees for new developments, water rate tiers, and water conservation objectives.

2.2.3 **We encourage other municipal water districts to develop and implement effective conservation programs such as those by SAWS in San Antonio.** As advocated by Dr. Calvin Finch, municipal water districts should also develop zero-discharge (re-use of waste water) as a conservation measure, to repair "lost water" leaks in their distribution lines, and to incentivize individual rainwater harvesting and re-use of gray water, especially in new developments.

2.3 While waste minimization is emphasized by the US Environmental Protection Agency, downstream protection is also very important. Re-use of treated waste water (zero-discharge) is an effective local conservation measure and reduces downstream contamination, but it does not provide for downstream recharge.

2.3.1 The EPA's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) framework is based on reducing introduction of water contaminants downstream of point discharges. However, we propose that reduction of discharge volume may be a significant factor in itself. **Whenever a community wants to implement zero discharge, it should be required to consider the potential effects on people, agriculture, estuaries and wildlife downstream in a formal Environmental Impact Statement.**

2.4 For surface water withdrawal rights, sustainability should be accounted for in terms of total possible river flow. Currently the total of withdrawal permits for all the surface waters of the State exceed the possible carrying capacity of those waters. The surface water withdrawal permitting process needs to be simplified to account for this, perhaps in terms of percentage of current real-time flow rate. This can be easily measured by remote-transmitting stream gauges. **Therefore we recommend that more stream gauges be installed to account for flow in all the permitted surface waters of the State.**

2.5 **Inter-county and inter-regional transfer of water from agricultural to urban regions should be discouraged** because the rural areas may need the water for growing food and to support their own human, livestock and wildlife populations. Let's follow the Golden Rule.

2.6 Preservation of unpaved, minimally developed land in environmentally sensitive areas from development is critical to preservation of sustainability of 'sufficient' water quantity and 'acceptable' quality over the long run. **More state funds should be available for conservation easements and purchase of urban lands suitable for open space.**

3.0 Sustainable Landscaping

3.1 **Urban agriculture, native plantings, and edible landscaping, which are selected from species which are drought tolerant and use less water than turf grass, should be encouraged and pilot demonstration projects should be eligible for public funding.**

3.1.1 A model for this is the State of California, which recently adopted a new rule limiting turf grass to 25 percent of the total area of lawns of at least 500 square feet.[5]

3.2 **The San Antonio Food Policy Council and more people representing environmental and minority interests should be on the Region L Planning Council.**

4.0 Water Quality and Security

4.1 Water quality is equally important for sustainability as water quantity and should be a part of water planning. Conventional wisdom has minimized the importance of contaminant transfer in the Edwards Aquifer, but a recent study by the USGS found agricultural chemical contaminants to be present, and that they may be transported in as little as *two years*.[6]

4.1.1 Agricultural chemicals are applied at higher rates in urban than in rural areas, and urban streams tend to be more polluted.[7]

4.1.2 Publically funded educational programs on proper use of agricultural chemicals (pesticides and fertilizers) and training for organic gardening for gardeners in chemical free gardening, rain water harvesting, and micro-irrigation techniques would be helpful in preventing pollution of waterways, as well as encouraging natural means of pest control and creating habitat for beneficial insects and birds.

4.2 Surface reservoirs are less efficient, more expensive and more undesirable than aquifer storage and recovery for at least three reasons:

- On-line surface reservoirs impact the flow of water downstream – negatively in drought and positively in floods, often to the detriment of wildlife living there.
- Much water is lost to evaporation.
- Surface impoundments are more susceptible to unintentional and intentional contamination (water terrorism) than Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR).

4.2.1 **Therefore we recommend that aquifer storage and recovery be built preferentially to surface reservoirs for developing additional storage capacity.**

5.0 Transparency and Accountability

5.1 **The TWDB and the Region L Planning Commission need to be explicit in how they arrive at numbers for the plans.** For example, is the 140 gallons per capita per day residential and commercial water use in Region L an average of all users? If so, it would be skewed by the few highest users. And where do the population projections come from that the TWDB provides to the regions? Are all municipalities using the same figures? **The source and methods used to derive the projections of demand and use should be transparent and accessible directly from the IPP.**

5.2 **We want transparent, truthful costs of water in terms of society, economics and business, environment and social aspects, and for these costs to be sustainable over time.** Water providers may not always know the costs, but better cooperation among government entities may help. Municipalities and water providers should provide break-downs of all costs for proposed new projects, including the costs of energy transfers and associated increased water use for power generation.

5.3 All Regional and State water plans should be required to balance projected uses and projected availability, *i.e.* to achieve sustainability, preferably in 5-year increments, for each stakeholder group within each area. As shown in the WUG CATEGORY SUMMARY of Appendix A, the projected water deficit for the entire Region L ranges from 207,115 acre-feet/year in 2020 to 494,468 in 2070.

5.3.1 At the HDR presentation in the Region L hearing on June 8, 2015, figures given for the projected total water deficit were only about half those shown in the WUG CATEGORY SUMMARY in Appendix A. Proposed projects were indexed toward meeting the lower expected deficits. **The difference between the projected water deficits and**

capacity of proposed projects to make up those deficits needs to be reconciled.

5.3.2 **The TWDB should perform analyses to determine how sustainability can be achieved for each user group in each watershed commonwealth for Region L and the State, preferably without resorting to transporting water from rural to urban areas or from one area of the State to another.**

5.4 Communities need to be held more accountable for their past performance toward achieving water conservation goals. **When they apply for public benefits, including not only other SWIFT-funded projects and applications for rate increases, but also when applying for affordability subsidies from the public purse, their water conservation goals should be a more important consideration of the SWIFT eligibility criteria, weighted toward receiving maximum points for successful implementation.** We understand that the evaluation of implementation will depend on better record-keeping, transparency, and accountability at a local level, and these should be built into the planning process.

5.5 To prevent access to water from becoming a speculative commodity and to reduce the incentive for expensive-to-maintain sprawl and to develop building delivery infrastructure, **the fair share of short-term public investment costs attributable to individual projects as well as the cost of extending infrastructure to deliver water and dispose of wastewater for new developments, should be applied to the new developments themselves as impact fees** and not by disproportionately or unfairly increasing water rates and fees to tenured customers.

5.6 Long-term, all customers will need to pay for the increased cost of finding and delivering new sources of water. To avoid the manifold indignities and transactional expenses of forcing persons to apply for public assistance to pay their water bills, **municipalities should develop 'reverse mortgage' fee schedules aligned with the length of time neighborhoods have been invested in their water infrastructure and collective water conservation.**

5.7 **We support the development of a Model Industrial/Mining Water Conservation Plan by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Water usage for fracking should not be exempt from conservation or rationing measures applied to other uses.**

5.8 Water rates should be balanced to be low enough to be affordable for the disadvantaged, while at the same time high enough to encourage conservation. This is difficult to do, but more aggressive rate increases for high-volume users may help. **We recommend a state-wide study of water rates and water transfer costs to determine if all costs are accounted for on the one hand and are not excessive (*i.e.* profitable) on the other.**

5.9 **Implementation of new and even experimental technologies such as large-scale condensation of water from air should be actively encouraged by the SWIFT program, so long as they do not damage the environment or contribute to inequalities.**

5.10 **Insofar as possible, public water districts should use only the water in their watershed commonwealth.**

5.11 **All aquifer levels should be monitored and published on-line for public access.** Notably, the failure to publish levels of the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer makes it impossible to determine how hydraulic fracturing (fracking) has affected water supply in that area.

5.12 **Existing systems should have higher priority for access to water than new ones. All new commercial and residential developments should be required to specify where the water to support them will come from, and there should be oversight to ensure that designation of water supplies is not duplicated among developments. If there is insufficient water in a worst-case scenario, the development should not be approved. New developments should be required to adopt Best Management Practices, including native plants in landscaping and elimination of irrigation systems.**

5.13 **Preservation of land from development in environmentally sensitive areas is critical to sustainability of water quantity and quality.**

6.0 Looking Ahead

6.1 **More effective cooperation between different state agencies with respect to water needs to occur**. According to Table 1-10 in the IPP, agriculture used 37.8% of the total Texas water in 2012, and Best Management Practices such as micro-irrigation can save tremendous amounts of water for this use, especially important for agricultural projects which tap into 'clean' potable water supplies. **Where appropriate, farmers should be required to implement Best Management Practices for agricultural water outlined in the SCRWPA 2016 IPP in order to qualify for drought relief subsidies.**

6.2 With California and states in the arid Southwest on the brink of running out of water within a year, the burden of raising crops for the US will fall to other states such as Texas (and other countries such as Mexico). Water planning needs to account for this likelihood. In other words, **planning within sectors should be done on a multi-state level and with due consideration of the effect of international treaties and trade agreements.**

6.3 We note that the ratemaking process as administered by the Public Utilities Commission of Texas (PUCT) does not appear to interact with the water planning process, so stakeholders in the planning process may not have a way to consider how alternative scenarios could impact ratepayers. Likewise, water ratemaking is generally disconnected from broader environmental impacts, leading to incoherent planning, especially in the area of conservation. **Therefore we propose linkage between water ratemaking and planning, including considerations of environmental impacts and sustainability as well as social equity.**

6.4 **We urge the TWDB to develop a rating model for each proposed water management strategy which is capable of evaluating impact fees and water unit costs in relationship to different combinations of other water management alternatives, with enhanced conservation strategies comprising the foundational elements.** To help ensure that affordable water is available in the future and that Texans trust the process, **the**

model should be transparent, coherent, scalable, and available in a user friendly format on the internet.

6.5 **Perhaps all water regulation tasks currently performed by the TWDB, PUCT, TCEQ and other agencies should be combined into one state agency. As a minimum, a Water Advocate Liaison could be funded by the Legislature to help the public navigate the increasingly complex territory of multiple agency water regulation.**

6.6 **Legislation should allow land use planning to be integrated at the municipal, county, and state level,** for without this there can be scant hope for sustainability in water planning.

6.7 **Texas water law needs to be based on science and the inter-connectedness of all water in the Hydrologic Cycle,** and not on the outdated notion that groundwater is "occult" and discrete from surface water. **Regulations on withdrawal of groundwater should be based on the same principles as those for surface water – *i.e.* all withdrawals, even for private use, should be permitted and regulated.**

6.7.1 Critical to this new paradigm is giving aquifers the same standing as rivers, and giving more authority to the Underground Water Districts and Edwards Aquifer Authority. **We recommend that the State Legislature establish a study commission to evaluate changes in the State water law during the next legislative session.**

7.0 Conclusion

7.1 We would be happy to help you in implementing any or all of these ideas. As people of faith, we are not here to share our religion with you. Instead, we are here because we have faith in the process, faith in the future of water for Texas, and faith that The Region L and Texas Water Plans can make significant contributions to the sustainability, equity, preservation and accountability of access to water in our State for all Texans, human and wild.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this public input.

- Region L Water Captains August 4, 2015

End Notes

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Appendix A
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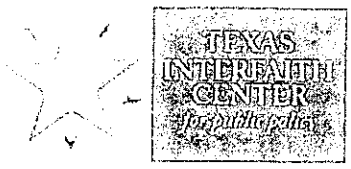

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Agenda

Water Captains: How to Be Effective Advocates in the Regional Water Planning Process

Water Planning in Region L (South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group)

Saturday, May 16, 2015 - 9 AM - 3 PM

William R. Sinkin Eco Centro (1802 North Main Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78212)

9:15 AM: Check-in, networking with coffee & juice

10:00 AM: Welcome followed by:

- **Water in Our God-Drenched Universe** - Linda Gibler, O.P., Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Science and Religion & Associate Academic Dean, Oblate School of Theology
- **Opportunities and Innovations in Water Conservation** - Calvin R. Finch, Ph.D., Horticulturist and Urban Water Program Director, Texas A&M Institute of Renewable Natural Resources
- **Waterways** - Kamala Platt, Ph.D., M.F.A., educator & author
- **Conserving Land Conserves Water: What Happens on the Land Has Everything to Do with Our Future Water Supply** - Charlie Flatten, Water Policy Program Manager, Hill Country Alliance
- Discussion

12:15 PM: Lunch & Presentation:

- **Water: A Statewide Perspective--A Local Issue** - Norman Boyd, Region L Member, San Antonio Bay Ecosystem Leader, Texas Parks & Wildlife
- **How Does the Regional Water Planning Process Work** - John Kight, Region L Member, former Kendall County Commissioner
- **Marginalization, Water Rates and the Public Service of Water Systems** - Carol Mendoza Fisher, Technical Director, Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance
- **Fracking and Water Planning** - Meredith Miller, Senior Program Coordinator, The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment
- **How Can Citizens Get Involved in the Water Planning Process** - Sonia Jimenez, Ximenes & Associates

2:45 PM: Next Steps and Adjourn

- Join us on **Thursday, May 21, 2015** at **William R. Sinkin Eco Centro** (1802 North Main Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78212) to draft a white paper & citizen's' guide to water planning in Region L at one of the following times. Please **RSVP** to Diane Duesterhoeft at ddduesterhoeft@gmail.com or 210-254-0245:
  - 11 AM - 1 PM (lunch provided)
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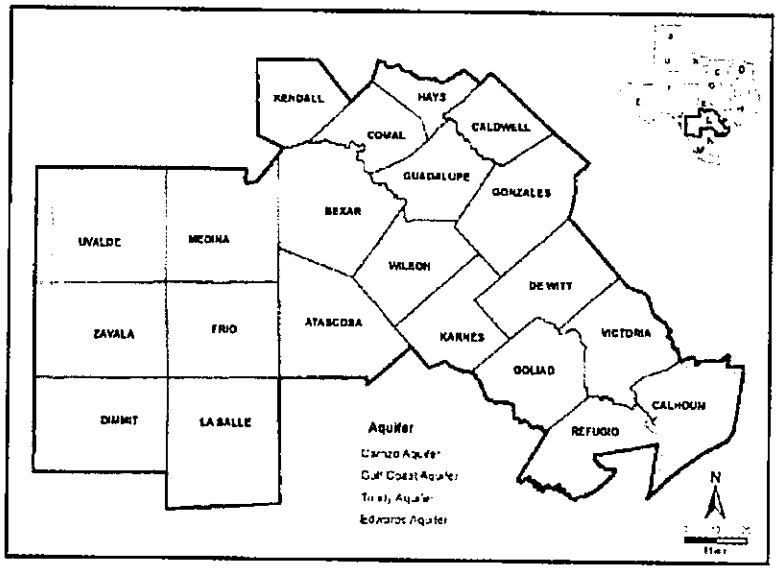
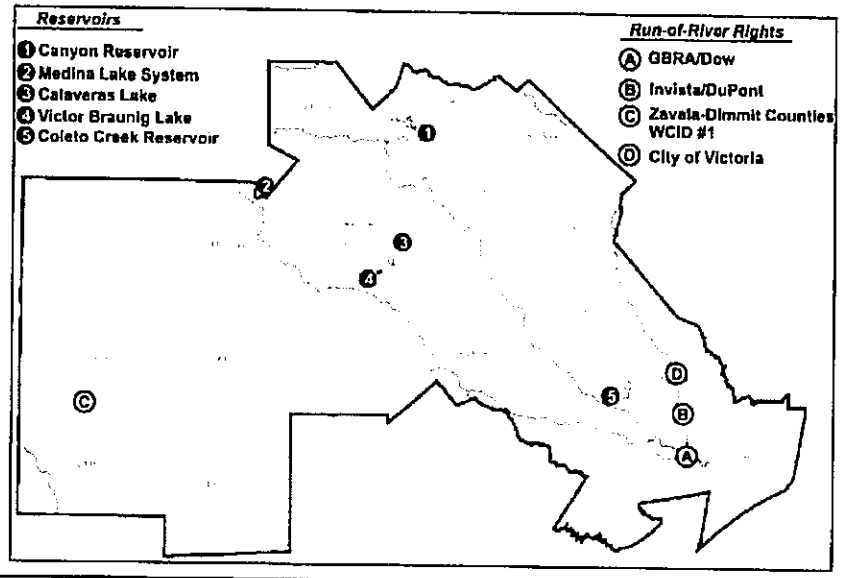
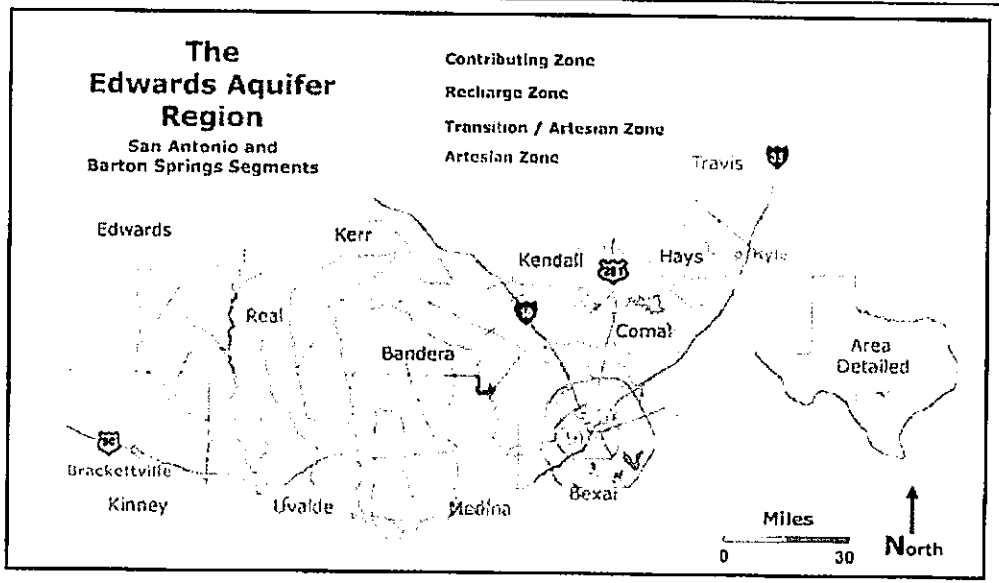
Useful Maps for Region L Water Planning



Major River Basins, Reservoirs, and Run-of-River Rights





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Resources for Water Captains

- Upcoming Hearings for Region L Water Plan. Each hearing will begin at **6 p.m.**
  - **Monday, June 8: San Antonio Water System**
    Customer Service Building, Room CR C145, 2800 US Highway 281 North
    San Antonio, Texas 78212
  - **Wednesday, June 10: City of San Marcos**
    San Marcos Activity Center, 501 E Hopkins St, San Marcos, TX 78666
  - **Thursday, June 11: City of Victoria**
    Victoria Community Center, 2905 E. North St., Victoria, TX 77902-1758

- **Region L:** http://www.regionltexas.org/
  - **2016 Initially Prepared (Draft) Region L Plan:**
    Vol I: http://www.regionltexas.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/2016-Region-L-IPP-Vol-I.pdf
    Vol II: http://www.regionltexas.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/2016-Region-L-IPP-Vol-II.pdf
  - **2011 Region L Water Plan:**

Region L 2011 RWP (Volume 1):
http://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/plans/2011/L/Region_L_2011_RWPV1.pdf
Region L 2011 RWP (Volume 2):
http://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/plans/2011/L/Region_L_2011_RWPV2.pdf
Errata for Region L 2011 RWP:
http://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/plans/2011/L/Region_L_2011_RWP_Errata.pdf
Amendment to Region L 2011 RWP:
http://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/plans/2011/L/Region_L_2011_RWP_Amendment.pdf

- **Texas Water Development Board:** http://www.twdb.texas.gov/
  - **Interactive 2010 Data for 2012 State Water Plan:** http://texasstatewaterplan.org/#/demands/2010/state
  - **2012 State Water Plan:** http://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/swp/2012/index.asp
- **San Antonio River Authority:** http://www.sara-tx.org/
- **Texas Water Captains:** http://www.texasinterfaithcenter.org/article/texas-water-captains-program
- **Edwards Aquifer Authority:** http://www.edwardsaquifer.org/
- **Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan:** http://www.eahcp.org/
- **Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance:** http://www.aquiferalliance.net/
- **Gregg Eckhardt's Edwards Aquifer Website:** http://edwardsaquifer.net
- **The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment:** http://www.meadowscenter.txstate.edu/
- **Texas Commission on Environmental Quality:** http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/
- **Texas Drought Project:** http://texasdroughtproject.org/
- **Texas Living Waters Project:** http://texaslivingwaters.org/
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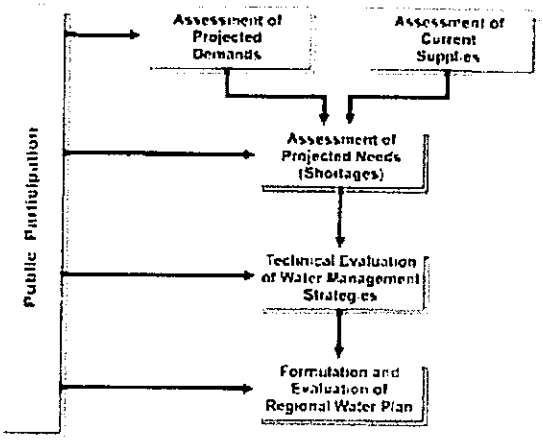
Notes and Next Steps for Region L Water Captains



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August 14, 2015

Comments on Region L 2016 Initially Prepared Plan

by

Ted Boriack
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Comments

Board Membership
The list of Board Members should include additional members from the actual farm and ranch sector -- individuals who actually have investment in family farms and ranches that are impacted by the ever increasing production of groundwater around their land.

Conservation
The Region L plan (Plan) should put much greater emphasis on the use of alternative water sources and conservation. For example, CPS of San Antonio continues to run coal power generation units which are inefficient consumers of water and fuel mmBtus relative to combined cycle gas turbines (coal plants require at least 30% more water). The result is excessive water consumption, and higher air emissions (not to mention that Texas has so much natural gas that it is now being shipped out by LNG terminals). But meanwhile San Antonio aggressively pursues groundwater from the agricultural areas such as Gonzales County for new supply. Conservation needs to be stepped up substantially by the municipalities, with less groundwater transport from the agriculture areas.

There is nothing desirable about the DFC planning method
There is nothing desirable about drawing down aquifers to some targeted lower level (the "desired future condition"). The DFC planning concept is a flawed concept and needs to be overhauled. Region L and the other planning groups should work with the lawmakers to develop a planning method based instead on applying conservation and alternative sources first to protect the aquifers to the maximum extent possible, which means minimizing draw down, not setting draw down targets. Protection of the aquifers is necessary to preserve the environment and the agriculture industry. Not only is the large scale transfer of groundwater from rural areas environmentally and economically unsustainable, it will eventually be politically unsustainable as water levels continue to decline and agriculture wells go dry. Further, water quality will also decline, thereby causing potential long term effects on farm land.

Rural Development
Many of the small towns and agriculture areas which are the target of the groundwater transport projects (ship groundwater from the country to the city), would welcome development. The plan seems to be based on decline of the rural agriculture areas to supply the perpetual growth of thirsty cities with water sources that have historically been used by farms and ranches. This will unfortunately come true if groundwater is continued to be pumped from the rural areas to the cities as projected in the plan. The plan forecasts an alarming decline in agriculture per Table 2-6 (irrigation water consumption goes from 344,629 acft/yr in 2020 to 282,760 acft/yr in 2070)

and Table 2-7 (livestock water consumption is 24,038 acft/yr from 2020 to 2070). It is not possible to grow Texas agriculture relative to the projected population growth if farms and ranches use water as forecasted in the Plan.

Specific Water Use Strategies:
GMA 13 has reported that the Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District had granted more water permits than would allow meeting the Desired Future Conditions. Despite this, the Region L plan includes many proposed new water use strategies to greatly expand the exportation of water from the GCUWCD. While Texas Water Alliance, Hays Caldwell Public Utility, Shertz-Seguin Local Government Corporation, Canyon Regional Water get permits to hold water in reserve even though the proposed needs are not needed until many years in the future. The water transporters feared that moratoriums would be placed on future permits, so they aggressively pursued permits despite lack of demand in the reasonable future, thinking they would eternally have the right to produce at some set volume of land acre per year. This has the unfortunate effect of transporters pursuing permits for groundwater which in reality they don't need, but then want to either sell or trade as an asset. For the landowners impacted by these large water projects, it is unjust and not consistent with a true planning process with legitimate water demand and evaluation of alternative sources. Eventually all these large well projects will be forced to cutback production as the aquifer levels decline, resulting in failure to repay project costs (poor allocation of capital investment).

The Texas Water Alliance Project
Per 2.10.6 of the plan, *"Although TWA has obtained groundwater production permits from the Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District (GCUWCD), it is uncertain at this time which entities will enter into water supply agreements with the TWA and/or other proximate landowners for use of this groundwater. The estimated amounts of water needed by TWA to meet potential customer demands are shown in Table 2-15 and total 4,000 acft/yr in 2020, 6,620 acft/yr in 2040, and 20,000 acft/yr in 2070."* This is an obvious example of a large water project gaming the planning system -- it should have never been in the Region L plan without having first established a legitimate destination for the produced water.

Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District Rules and Management Plan
The GCUWCD is currently modifying its rules, and will be updating its management plan. It's important that the Region plan not incorporate flawed District plans or rules which would disrupt the Plan. Concepts being considered by the GCUWCD now include aquifer management units which would allow a groundwater well be separated substantially from the land allocated to its production, and establishing water rights for municipalities by rule instead of by land purchase or leasing of water rights. Items such as these need further review.

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Subject: Comments on the Region Plan

Please see attached Region L comments.

Best regards,

Ted Boriack
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REGION L COMMENTS 6/10/15

Dianne Wassenich, I represent the Public on Region L, and I am staff for SMRF, a 30 year old nonprofit that works to preserve public access and protect the flow, natural beauty and purity of the SM River, its watershed and estuaries for future generations. So I view the Region L plan knowing that we are all served best by caring for our rivers and aquifers so that our water supplies are stable, for our public health, our economic health and for wildlife and our own quality of life as well. I thank the technical consultants, the administrative staff of Region L and our chair Con Mims for doing a herculean job in preparing the many pages of this plan, and managing a very large planning group through the years of work on it. I however have trouble supporting it in its current form for 10 reasons.

1. The extreme redundancy of the long "dream list" of recommended water projects is a problem. They may not have customers, or several projects serve the same customer or the same need. If Region L is just supposed to rubber stamp any scheme that anyone comes up with, then that is not planning. It is a waste of money to fund Region L and spend all these hours going to meetings if the group is not planning. We should be determining which projects are really needed, and when. To just throw in any project that anyone can dream up, just to be sure it is "in the plan" in order to get funding at any time that the dreamer wants it, is not planning.

2. The place for projects that are not suitably fleshed out yet is in the alternative category. And that goes especially for the Recommended projects that have 0 yield listed, because they can't get permits from groundwater districts that are trying to keep from exceeding their Managed Available Groundwater. There is no logic to recommending 0 yield projects.

3. Piping water long distances from rural counties to enable paving over our central Texas cities' aquifer recharge zones is such a serious problem that anyone should recognize it, and Region L should not approve it in the Plan.

Recommendations for development off of recharge zones should be part of any acceptance of plans to pipe water around. This growth explosion in inappropriate areas is a classic California water practice that has mined rural aquifers there, drying up rivers and farms, and we should be smart enough learn from their terrible blunders.

4. The environmental assessment is purposely very broad and uses methods that are designed to show little difference in taking more water from our rivers, which does impact our bays and estuaries.

But everyone knows there are serious problems down there at the coast, and long hours were spent at BBEST and BBASC meetings to narrow down how much flow is needed in our rivers and bays. We have waited so long to acknowledge the problem that some species can barely be found any more to study them.

Those BBEST/BBASC efforts are ignored in the way the environmental assessment is done in Region L. The assessment is an afterthought rather than looking at what the bays need and finding ways to provide that through the water planning process.

5. And that leads me to the two new GBRA lakes planned, Lower and MidBasin. Lakes which evaporate water from the very river system that already does not have enough water for years at a time to spare for the bays and estuaries, in our semi-arid climate. Lakes are a damaging and outdated type of water project, just digging the hole deeper that we are already in. Climate change is already here and we have to stop building the old, and look to the new ways of providing water. So I strongly support the ASR projects and reuse and water conservation projects in this plan.

6. I believe brush removal to create water supplies could cause us water quality and quantity problems in the long run and we need careful and selective brush management instead, creating healthy water catchments.

7. The way that demand or need is determined, by asking how much everyone thinks they will need, is not appropriate as a basis for the plan.

8. I support the Unique Stream Segments portion of the plan and support adding to those in the future, though sadly it is largely symbolic because of the conditions added to the language.

9. We need to consider the conflicts of interest that exist in almost all the regional planning groups, using the firms that want to build the projects to guide the planning process, and discuss those conflicts openly.

10. Rainwater harvesting needs to be emphasized more, it could meet the needs of a lot of aquifer recharge zone residents, and less trenches would then be blasted and sawed into the recharge zone for pipelines.

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August 14, 2015

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VIA E-MAIL: cruiz@sara-tx.org

RE: Comments on Region L 2016 Initially Prepared Plan

Dear Region L RWPG members,

Thank you for the time and hard work you as members of the Region L Regional Water Planning Group (RWPG) have committed to our State's water planning process. Please accept these comments on behalf of Save Our Springs Alliance (SOS Alliance) on the Region L 2016 Initially Prepared Plan (Region L IPP).

SOS Alliance is a non-profit environmental public interest group based in Austin, Texas. SOS Alliance works to protect the Edwards Aquifer, its springs and contributing streams, and the natural and cultural heritage of our Hill Country watersheds, with a special emphasis on Barton Springs. The Barton Springs segment of the Edwards Aquifer is located in Regions K and L.

Our main concern regarding the Region L IPP is certainly familiar to the RWPG. Again and again, the Regional and State Water Plans are criticized for operating more as "wish lists" and less like true planning documents. Rather than include all proposed projects in the Region L plan, the RWPG should work to scrutinize and prioritize the most necessary and sensible projects based on defined criteria. The criteria should be guided by prioritizing:

- **Innovative and water-neutral solutions** involving capture and reuse over outdated water management strategies, such as large reservoirs and expensive infrastructure, which bring only environmental and financial detriment to Texas.

- **Municipal water conservation efforts**, which can obviate the need for expensive infrastructure and inter-basin transfers of water, while preserving environmental flows. San Antonio has achieved significant reductions in per capita water use over a 20-year period. In 2014 the San Antonio Water System estimated that it could reduce demand with water-savings programs and save approximately 16,500 acre-feet per year by 2020, enough water to accommodate its population growth for 10-15 years through conservation alone.

- **Intra-basin transfers over unnecessary inter-basin transfers** that de-water one region to meet the speculative needs of another. Inter-basin transfers should only be considered where the water users requesting the transfer have demonstrated the "highest practicable level of water conservation and efficiency achievable" as required by state law. Respecting this mandate and

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using inter-basin transfers only after conservation and efficiency have been rigorously pursued will save our state money and our water resources for environmental and recreational use.

- **Limiting non-essential water use during drought** and incorporating other drought management strategies rather than developing expensive new and baseline water supply sources to meet non-essential water demands for short periods of time. Droughts are unpredictable and temporary, and drought restrictions, not baseload capacity, are the most fiscally responsible and water conscious ways to manage drought.

- **Environmental flows as a water demand.** Water management strategies must account for the protection of habitat for the many endangered, threatened, and recreationally and economically significant species in our State's streams, streambanks, springs, and aquifers as well as instream flows for recreational use.

- **Groundwater projects that do not exceed an aquifer's MAG limitation** rather than projects that ignore science, recharge rates, and the value of our aquifers.

- **Projects that account for the interconnectivity of surface and ground water.**

- **Projects that will not enable a community to exceed sustainable growth patterns.**

By fully examining and prioritizing the proposed projects, the RWPG will avoid redundancy and will strengthen regional planning efforts. Using the forgoing criteria, the following projects should absolutely not be included on the list of "Recommended Potentially Feasible Water Management Strategies" in Appendix E:

- **Vista Ridge Project:** This project will require San Antonio to pay for much more water that it will need for years, which means it will discourage conservation and will cause SAWS to market its excess water to other communities. The outcome will only increase sprawl in the Hill Country at the expense of an aquifer and rural community at the other end of a 142-mile long pipeline which passed through three planning regions. This project is the definition of poor water planning and should be rejected by any serious water management plan.

- **TWA Regional Carrizo:** This project will pipe water from one region to another and will lead to increased sprawl in the Hill Country. New pipelines to the Hill Country will only encourage development and increase pressure on the Edwards Aquifer in the same way the LCRA pipeline to Dripping Springs increased the number of wells in the area.

- **Hays Forestar Project:** On June 23, 2015 the Hays County Commissioners voted to terminate their contract with Forestar. Commissioner Whisenant said he voted against the contract based on the response from his precinct's residents. This demonstrates that many people in the Region do not support mining aquifers in other regions.

Innovative water-neutral solutions, along with conservation and reuse will protect our public waters and should be the top priorities in our regional and state water plans. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Say NO to and remove the Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation's Carrizo Project proposal for Wilson County

Dear Cole Ruiz and To Whom It May Concern:

I respectfully ask that the powers that be remove the Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation's Wilson County Carrizo project, and others affecting Wilson County, from the Initially Prepared Plan for 2016.

Wilson County, specifically where I live in Sutherland Springs, has been a home to people and wildlife for thousands of years. Humans, livestock, wildlife and agriculture cannot be sustained without fresh useable water. We go through cycles of rain and drought. The landscape here is directly affected by what San Antonio and other big cities upstream do to the water.

We already receive our water back from San Antonio in the form of used water. Treated sewage is returned into what used to be called the Cibolo River. That river has been the source of water and recreation for eons, and many still swim and fish in the Cibolo.

The Cibolo, the Springs were also both important to native Americans. This area is archaeologically important because the water here sustained life. The quarry near us on the Cibolo was once described as "The oldest, largest continually occupied archaeological site in north America." (to date)

It seems that every time the water planning issue comes up, some entity or corporation is after our water. WE need our water to live. Wilson County water belongs in Wilson County, Texas, not bought and sold to others who want to profit from it or who have not managed what they have. The use of our water should certainly not become the financial goal of some outside corporation, city or water brokers.

The same people who want to put oilfield waste into wells next door to farms and families wells seem to feel free to take our good water out from under us while people aren't looking. We have already had massive pumping and water use related to the oil boom in south Texas.

Keep Wilson County's water in Wilson County and don't let it turn into a political issue or one for sale to the highest bidder or the bigger village.

Leave any "stockpiles" and "surplus" (if there truly IS any) here. More studies need to be done in OUR county, by independent researchers and not those with a financial interest in the water.

There haven't been sufficient studies to determine the impact of removal of water from our aquifer on the ecosystems here. It's a very unique place, with sand hills and oaks that depend on the water, and wildlife and other plants and animals that depend on the woods and springs here. During times of drought, everything dries up, even the weeds. We shouldn't be pulling water out from the Carrizo for other communities when we NEED IT HERE. No one has addressed the impact of removal and the long time it takes to recharge our aquifer.

After the heavy rains filled our ponds and tanks to the brim, they are dry or almost dry again and the land is wilting, in need of rain.

If other areas who want to come and take OUR water don't have enough in their own backyards they shouldn't be growing and adding more people into the area – and using OUR water and with treated sewage being returned to us, if that! Wilson County water stays in Wilson County.

Take out the plan to use our water like you did before. We didn't want them to come and take our water then and we don't want it now. This is the only water we've got for everything. Recharge is slow, and we've been in a sustained drought for several years.

It's a rural area in hot South Texas that depends on water for drinking, living and agriculture, both for crops and livestock. We don't have to financial resources or the ability to buy our water from somewhere else later on.

"It sounds very touchy-feely, but at the end of the day, if we don't have water, then it's like a plant — our community withers and goes away," said Richard Perez, the president and chief executive of the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce." Well, that's how we feel in Wilson County,
too. http://www.nytimes.com/2011/03/18/us/18ttconservation.html?_r=0

Don't take our water away and don't take away our future hopes for growth and independence in Wilson County Texas with the Carrizo-Wilcox part of the Region L water plan. Thank you.

Respectfully,
Mr. and Mrs. John Doyle and Family

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TO: Mr. Cole Ruiz, San Antonio River Authority DATE: August 13, 2015

FROM: Ginger Coleman, P.O Box 70, Stockdale, Texas 78160

RE: South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group, Region L, 2016 Initially Prepared Plan

I am a residence of Wilson County. All three of my sons own property in Wilson County, some of which has been in the family for generations.

Following are my comments to the Region L 2016 Initially Prepared Plan. I sincerely appreciate the efforts of SARA and Region L, and the opportunity to communicate my concerns and request information. Given the length and complexity of the IPP, I am optimistic that at least some of my concerns will be resolved by a simple clarification of the IPP's intent.

1. I request an explanation for the inclusion of three projects in the IPP as Wholesale Water Providers that, according to Section 1.6, are not qualified but are "expected" to be qualified in any one year during the planning period. This sections implies that an entity must qualify as a WWP in order for its proposed project to be included in the IPP. If that is the case, then barring satisfactory justification for their inclusion, I object to and request removal of the following entities and all related projects from the IPP:

   a. Texas Water Alliance (TWA)
   b. Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation (CVLGC)
   c. Hays-Caldwell Public Utility Agency (HCPUA)

   In the explanation, I request (1) the supporting facts and data each of the three entities provided the Planning Group to evidence their alleged pending customers; and (2) when available, evidence that each has met all required qualifications prior to the IPP being finalized.

2. Please provide documentation of the criteria a project must meet in order to qualify for acceptance to the IPP.

3. I object to the Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation Carrizo Project and request its removal from the IPP altogether, for reasons including the following:

   a. Wilson County has projected needs in the 50-year planning horizon (2020-2070), yet the CVLGC Carrizo Project proposes pumping 10,000 acre-feet annually from the Carrizo in Wilson County to transport out of this county in order to serve Guadalupe, Bexar and Comal counties.
   b. Serving those counties includes meeting their demands for sale of water to others, e.g. the Niagara Bottling facility scheduled to be built in Seguin in 2016 – whether directly or to replenish supplies due to surface water depletion. Such a practice does not in any way, shape or form appear to be a wise or effective "water management strategy" for meeting the needs of Region L communities and businesses, and is a threat to the sustainability of our water resources and ecosystem.
   c. Implementation of the Project conflicts with other water supply projects for Wilson County that are essential to Wilson County's projected population growth and economic development.
   d. According to the established Managed Available Groundwater (MAG) limitations necessary to maintain Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) established by GMA 13 and the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District, the Plan acknowledges that the recommended supply of water for the CVLGC Carrizo Project is zero acre-feet per year.

e. Sufficient surveys and studies have not been completed to assess the potential effects of this Project on Wilson County and other affected areas, including among other things (1) agriculture; (2) sustainability of the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer; (3) cultural, environmental and other impacts caused by the transfer of water across miles of rural communities and other properties.
f. Transport of water through pipelines results in waste of water resources due in part to evaporation and leaks and the potential impacts of the infrastructure to the surrounding environment and culture have not been fully assessed. Granted, some transport pipelines are necessary; however, I see no evidence that this one is necessary except to profit CVLGC and its (apparent) partner, Schertz-Sequin Local Government Corporation and certain of their customers (existing or intended).
g. The IPP does not show a need for water for the Cibolo Schertz area until the year 2030, therefore it is more appropriate for the CVLGC Carrizo Project (if it qualifies) to be proposed in the next five-year plan rather than the current IPP. This would allow the time necessary for CVLGC to conduct appropriate studies and groundwater modeling.

4. CVLGC and SSLGC state in the IPP that they will share facilities, infrastructure, and certain costs for three proposed projects. (The SSLGC Expansion Project indicates, "The treated water will be conveyed with a shared parallel pipeline to the existing SSLGC Pipeline. In addition to the treated groundwater from the proposed well field, the pipeline is sized to convey yield from the SSLGC Brackish Groundwater project and a Carrizo groundwater project for CVLGC. The costs are proposed to be shared between the three projects.")Assuming the CLVGC Carrizo Project is excluded from the IPP, as it should be, to the extent each of the following SSLGC Projects proposes the construction in and through Wilson County of treatment facilities, pumping stations, pipelines and any related infrastructure, I object to such SSLGC Project(s): The Schertz-Sequin Local Government Corporation "Expanded Carrizo" Project; and the Schertz-Sequin Local Government Corporation "Brackish Wilcox for SSLGC Expansion" Project".
5. In any event, I oppose the construction in and through Wilson County of treatment facilities, pumping stations, pipelines and any related infrastructure, for the reason stated in 3 above and elsewhere in this memorandum; and I object to both of the above CVLGC-linked SSLGC Projects.I object to a member of the Region L Planning Group, Alan Cockerell, being allowed to serve in a capacity in which he can make decisions about whether two entities in which he has an interest (as Executive Director and General Manager) will be allowed in the IPP and potentially entitled to receive state funding. Mr. Cockerell's positions with the CVLGC and SSLGC, by their very nature, preclude his capability of making unbiased decisions on behalf of the water users he is bound by law and ethics to fairly represent. In my opinion, this is a blatant conflict and corrupts the decisions made by the Planning Group based on Mr. Cockerell's comments and other input.

7. Mr. Cockerell is a voting member of the Region L Planning Group as a representative of agricultural interests in Bexar County, according to the Region L website. Please provide Region L's justification for accepting Mr. Cockerell's own nomination for such a position and any evidence of his prior participation in decisions made by the Planning Group that involve agricultural interests, including opinions and/or votes on the IPP.

   On Mr. Cockerell's nomination form and accompanying resume, except for his degree there is no mention of involvement in agricultural activities during his past experience or current affiliations. His assertion that he is qualified due to the fact that (as General Manager of SSLGC) he "is responsible for managing SSLGC property of 4200 acres in Gonzales County" and that "all available acreage is under

grazing leases for agricultural production" does not by any stretch of the imagination qualify him to represent agricultural interests.

8. Agricultural needs do not appear to be accurately or appropriately addressed in the IPP. Please provide data and other information upon which the Planning Group based its historical and projected needs for Livestock and Irrigation. Although the data is (I suppose) in the IPP, it is not clear to me how the projections could remain practically the same, or be reduced, from decade to decade for those categories over the projected 50-year period.

9. The CVLGC Project and other projects conflict with other water supply projects essential to Wilson County's public water supplies, rural water supplies, oil and gas production, agricultural needs, projected population growth and economic development.

10. If approved in its current form, this IPP will have, in effect, served to create a market for the Wholesale Water Providers at the expense of every resident, business and municipality in Region L. If that is not legally wrong, at least when the water is slated to supply users such as Niagara Bottling who are solely in it for profit, it is at least morally and ethically wrong in my opinion. I ask that Region L counsel confirm the legality of such a practice as it is set forth in the IPP.

11. I object to the over-commitment of groundwater resources exceeding the Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) established by Texas Groundwater Management Area 13 and the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District (EUWCD), and to the inclusion in the IPP of several projects for which there is zero water availability according to the Modeled Available Groundwater (MAG) established by GMA 13 and the EUWCD.

12. I object to the fact that the public is expected to decide whether or not to object to a proposed project when almost every project is missing sufficient modeling, surveys and analyses necessary to assess potential environmental and cultural impacts and the sustainability of water resources and ecosystems – as reflected in the descriptions in Volume II. Based on this, I believe the public has not been provided appropriate documents necessary to evaluate and comment on the IPP as required by law.

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That "option" is absolutely unacceptable. Such a practice is no less than theft of a natural resource without which we cannot exist, and then putting the victims in the position of having to pay the offenders for what was rightfully the victims' in the first place. (And TWDB and Region L would be aiding and abetting the water purveyors.) The alternative to not buying out water back – no water! That sounds dramatic, I know, but is it not the truth?

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WILL CONLEY
HAYS COUNTY COMMISSIONER
PRECINCT 3

August 14, 2015

Con and Brian

This is my first experience sitting on the South Texas Regional Water Planning Group. It has been a learning experience. It was my impression that the purpose of the group was to actually do "Regional Water Planning" and the task of the fourth round of planning was to "Update the Adopted 2011 Regional Water Plan".

The Adopted 2011 Regional Water Plan contained two recommended water management strategies:

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2. The HCPUA Regional Carrizo Water Supply Project

These two projects intersected at a point in the Kyle-Buda-Lockhart area. The alignment of the pipelines provided the opportunity to export water to Region K since the intersection of the two pipelines was only a few miles from the boundary between Region K and Region L.

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It was my impression that when the Hays County Commissioners Court passed a resolution to request that both Region L and Region K include a pipeline transporting water from Region L to Region K that it would simply be a pipeline to Dripping Springs from the Kyle-Buda-Lockhart area. However, the 2016 Initially Prepared Plan describes the project as a pipeline that begins in the San Marcos Area then goes to Wimberley and then goes to Dripping Springs. This isn't consistent with Hays County's position.

Therefore, I request that you add a specific item to the agenda of the next South Central Texas Regional Water Planning group agenda scheduled for Thursday, September 3, 2016 that addresses my concerns and outlines the steps that need to be taken to amend the alignment of the pipelines in 2016 Initially Prepared Plan to follow the alignment of pipelines contained in the Adopted 2011 Regional Water Plan.

Sincerely,

Will Conley

ALIGNMENT OF REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PIPELINES

Exportation of Carrizo/Simsboro Water Supplies from Region L to Region K

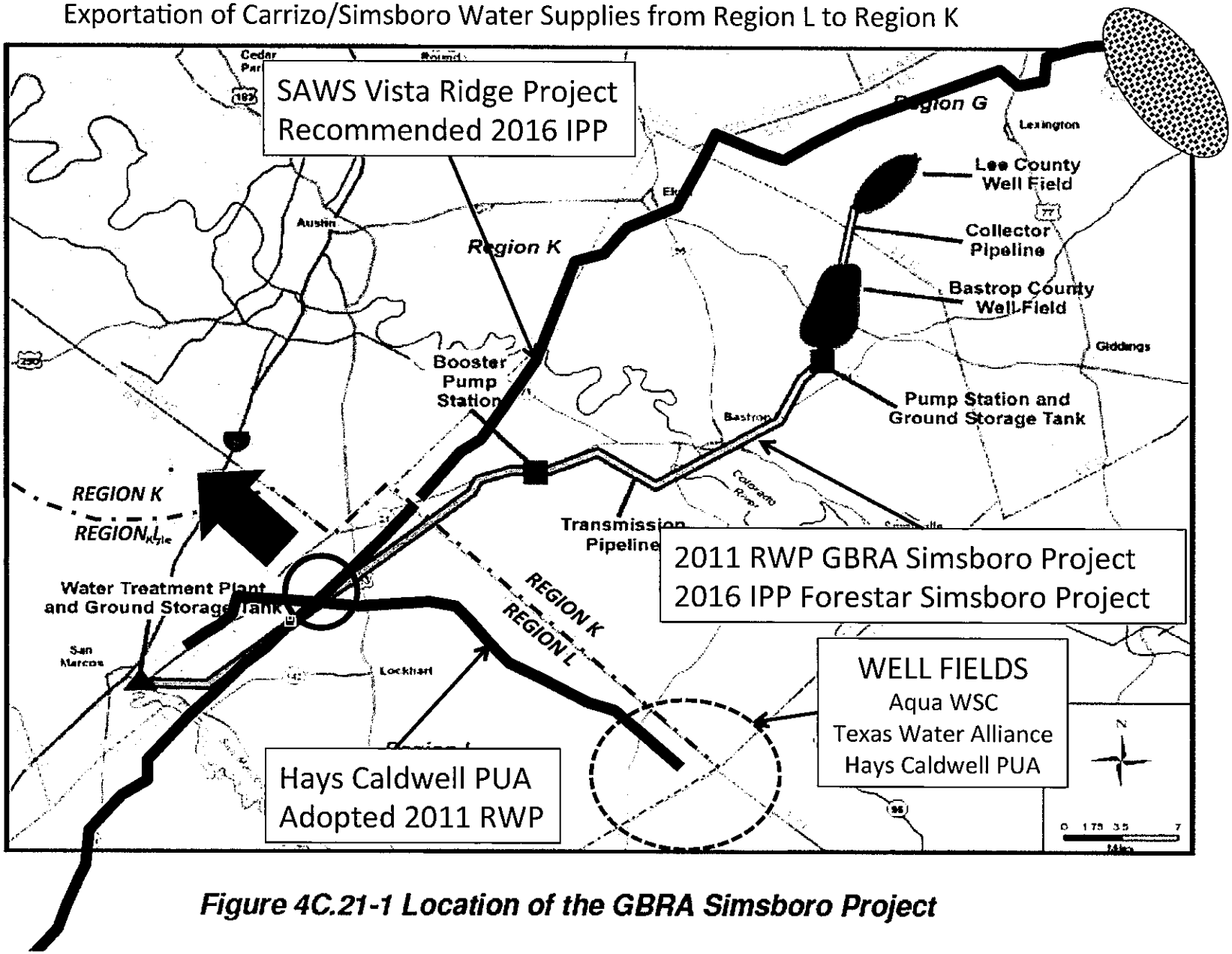

Figure 4C.21-1 Location of the GBRA Simsboro Project

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Resolution Recommending Changes in
Initially Prepared 2016 Region K & L Water Plans

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WHEREAS, The Dripping Springs Water Supply Corporation is located within the Colorado River basin and Region "K"; and,

WHEREAS, The Region "K" and "L" IPP's both recommend a new Carrizo Aquifer water supply pipeline from Region L be constructed to serve the Dripping Springs WSC, West Travis County PUC, and Hays Rural areas in Region K; and,

WHEREAS, The recommended Carrizo Pipeline in both the Region "K" and "L" IPP's follows an alignment from the Carrizo well fields in Gonzales County to San Marcos, then to Wimberley and then to Dripping Springs following RR 12; and,

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WHEREAS, The Region "L" IPP shows proposed Carrizo Aquifer pipelines delivering water the City of Buda; and,

WHEREAS, The deadline for submittal of comments to Region "L" is Friday, August 14th, 2015,

WHEREAS, The deadline for submittal of comments to Region "K" is Tuesday, September 15th, 2015,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

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ADOPTED THIS THE 3rd Day OF AUGUST, 2015

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August 12, 2015

Mr. Cole Ruiz
San Antonio River Authority
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Dear Mr. Ruiz,

As you know, Senate District 25, which I represent, includes the City of Cibolo and a portion of the City of Schertz which are both included in South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (SCTRWPG), Region L. These cities have recognized that the long-term projected water needs of the region exceed the currently available supply. In response, they have formed the Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation (CVLGC) to address the projected shortage proactively.

The State Legislature has determined that a regional approach is the most effect way to manage the State's limited water resources. I believe that all viable projects should be included in the Region L 2016 plan to be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board for possible inclusion in the 2017 State Water Plan. The CVLGC submitted a project to Region L which was included in the Region L 2016 Initially Prepared Plan. This project would ensure a 50-year supply of water for the area at a reasonable price.

The CVLGC project is a model for managing water regionally, as the CVLGC has worked with the Schertz/Seguin Local Government Corporation to secure agreements from land owners in Wilson County who wish to exercise their legal right to market the groundwater under their property. This action is commendable.

I ask that this project remain in the Region L 2016 plan. Though inclusion in the Region L 2016 plan does not guarantee its inclusion in the State Water Plan, deleting it now would make it unfeasible to restore it in the future. Thank you for your consideration. I am happy to discuss this matter further should you have concerns.

Sincerely,

Senator Donna Campbell, M.D.

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August 14, 2015

Mr. Con Mims, Chairman
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Mr. Mims,

Please find below the Wimberley Valley Watershed Association's (WVWA) comments to the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (Region L) 2016 Initially Prepared Plan submittal to the 2017 State Water Plan. Our comments are identical to the comments submitted by the Hill Country Alliance, and we respectfully urge you to incorporate these recommendations into policy and practice.

Thank you,
David Baker
Executive Director, Wimberley Valley Watershed Association

WVWA Public Comment
Region L 2016 Initially Prepared Regional Water Plan (IPP)

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August 10, 2015

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Thank you,
Charlie Flatten
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CC: Steven J. Raabe, SARA; Brian Perkins HDR; Temple McKinnon, TWDB

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  - CRWA Wells Ranch Project – Phase 2 (7,829 ac-ft/yr)
  - TWA Trinity Project (5,000 ac-ft/yr)
  - New Braunfels Trinity (1,090 ac-ft/yr)

- Hill Country Alliance would recommend in the above cases that alternative supplies such as rainwater projects be explored. Rainwater projects represent fiscally comparable and resource viable alternatives to aquifer reliance.

Sonia Jimenez to receive your comments. Again, thank you for being here.

MR. MIMS: All right. Thank you, Sam. We'll now accept verbal comments on the draft plan. I'm not going to limit these comments to three minutes, as is a common practice. I respect the time that you-all have taken to develop your comments and travel over here to present them. And so -- But, in exchange for that, I would ask, though, that you be considerate of everybody's time in this room, that you be as brief as possible and that you limit your comments to the draft plan.

If a presentation becomes too lengthy or repetitious or strays too off the subject, we will ask the speaker to wrap up. And with that, Sonia will call the speakers in order that the cards were received.

MS. JIMENEZ: Sorry about the presentation, but I will remind you that it is on the Region L website if you want to refer to it later; and if you do not have internet access, you can contact Cole directly and request it be sent to you.

So without further ado, the first speaker will be Russell Labus. Following Mr. Labus will be Dickie Jackson.

MR. LABUS: Good evening. My name is Russell Labus. I'm the general manager of the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District. Our district is located south

of San Antonio. We cover all of Karnes, Wilson, Atascosa, Frio Counties. And, also, as Chairman Mims introduced some of us earlier, I'm also a member of the Region L water planning group representing water districts.

But I'm here this evening to speak on behalf of the Evergreen District and the citizens and landowners of Wilson County, specifically, to voice opposition to the approval of the Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation Project in the Region L water plan. This project is a 10,000 acre-foot Carrizo project with the well field being in Wilson County for water transport out of our district into the Cibolo-Schertz area.

Groundwater conservation districts are charged by the Texas Legislature in Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code to conserve, preserve, protect and prevent the waste of groundwater resources within their districts. This is to assure adequate future water supplies for the constituents of the district.

One of the biggest challenges that groundwater conservation districts face is achieving a delicate balance between conservation and preservation and optimizing groundwater production for the benefit of all constituents of the district. One of my biggest concerns on the approval of a project of this magnitude in the plan is that, to my knowledge, there's not been any adequate scientific studies

nor has there been any groundwater modeling by an outside technical consultant to determine just what effect that a large-scale project such as this would have on the Carrizo Aquifer locally, either in terms of water quality and/or water drawdown levels over time as this quantity of water is produced on a continual basis. Neither has the issue of mitigation of surrounding wells that will be impacted by this project been addressed. But yet the project is moving forward as we speak, at least on a preliminary basis, in terms of land and water rights acquisitions and pipeline easements, but according to the projections in the IPP -- the initially prepared plan -- additional water demands for the Cibolo-Schertz area is not expected until somewhere around the year 2030, or about 15 years from now.

It is my fear that inclusion of this project in the Region L plan would be used as leverage to push the project forward regardless of whether or not it would be detrimental to the citizens, landowners and municipalities of Wilson County. I feel that there is still adequate time in the next round on planning to conduct those studies and address the issues in the proper manner.

In the IPP -- the initially-prepared plan -- Section 5.2.14.5 addresses some implementation issues related with this project. And I'm going to go ahead and just read some of this verbatim. I won't read the whole section, but I'll

just include some of the high points here.

One of the -- It says, The implementation of the Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation-Carrizo Project could involve conflicts with other water supplies plans as they will be competing for limited groundwater supplies within Wilson County and the Evergreen Groundwater Conservation District. Because the district's permitting process is independent of the regional planning process, potentially competing groundwater management strategies are not prioritized.

It goes on to say, a little bit further down, and this is under the Evergreen Conservation District bullet point permit -- for permits. It says, The development of groundwater in the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer in the south Texas water planning region must address several issues. Major issues include analysis of pumping impacts on groundwater levels, mitigation of impacts on existing well owners, drought and water conservation plans and needs assessment of the receiving water utilities.

Couple of other bullet points here in the -- in the plan. It says, Impacts on endangered and threatened species, water levels in the aquifer include dewatering of the current artesian part of the aquifer, base low in streams and wetlands.

Couple of other bullet points: Competition with others

in the area for groundwater and regulations by the Evergreen Water District including periodic renewal of permits and potential pumping reductions.

As I believe it was pointed out, this project is a zero firm yield MAG-limited project. According to the pumping numbers that my staff has compiled for 2014, agricultural pumping was the largest water user in the district representing about 64 percent of the total pumpage of Wilson County. Public water supply was at about 32 percent and public water supply not only includes municipalities, it also includes the rural water supply corporations that supply water to the outlying rural areas. Oil and gas water usage for the oil and gas industry represented about 4 percent of that total number.

Wilson County will continue to grow as the population of San Antonio grows and people push outward into the surrounding counties, suburbs and small towns. We've already seen that occurring in towns such as La Vernia, Floresville and Stockdale. Municipal water usage in these towns as well as the existing rural water supply corporations have increased in the range of about 18 to 23 percent since the year 2010. The towns of Poth and Falls City, although a little bit further out from the location of this project, also rely on Carrizo water for their municipal supply and they have also shown growth.

And even though the Eagle Ford Shale activity has slowed somewhat in the last six months or so, I would expect that to be somewhat temporary and to eventually pick back up, although it might not quite get to the level it was a year or two ago. But, nevertheless, it's going to still continue to place increasing water demands on the district, both in terms of oil and gas production and Eagle Ford workforce population increases.

The I-35 corridor between San Antonio and Austin is no doubt one of the fastest growing areas of our state, if not, the nation. However, I respectfully encourage and request the Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation to explore other water supply options to bring to the table and that, a minimum, do some adequate upfront scientific studies and groundwater modeling before moving forward and having a detrimental impact on the citizens of Wilson County and to our agricultural industries that are present within our county. Thank you for allowing me to speak.

MS. JIMENEZ: Thank you, Mr. Labus. County Judge with Wilson County, Dickie Jackson. After him will be John Larrison.

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JUDGE JACKSON: Hello. I'm Dickie Jackson. I am the County Judge of Wilson County and I am not here as an individual. Will the people in my group please stand up? (Complying) We came to represent Wilson County. Thank you.

Okay. I'm here in support of Wilson County and our water. Wilson County is a rural county. Only 20 percent of our population lives in urban areas. We are a rural county, but a growing county. Our most densely populated areas are within a few miles of Bexar County. This area is mostly subdivisions. These people depend on rural water supply corporations for their water. Wilson County is the 16th fastest-growing county in the state. We are planning for that growth and we need our water.

The southern part of our county is more agricultural. We have people raising peanuts, watermelons, corn, cotton and other rural crops along with ranchers raising cattle. The ranchers use water to water their livestock and for growing grass, grains and hay to feed their cattle. The farmers needs to grow -- need water to grow their crops, the farmers and ranchers exist from selling their products they produce and we, as consumers, use these products to exist.

With drought effects in other parts of our nation, Texas will have to help bear the large burden of feeding America. Wilson County, with this water, is a part of the solution. Your 2016 South Texas Region L Water Plan includes a number of maps that illustrate the impact of this plan on Wilson County. There is no map that illustrates how these plans overlap.

There are six proposed projects that affect Wilson

County directly and others directly adjacent to Wilson County lines. I ask that all plans affecting Wilson County be deleted from the 2016 plan.

The Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation's proposed project is a particularly unpopular and unworkable plan that pits a wholesale water provider against Wilson County and the Evergreen Underground Water District. The Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation project is inconsistent with the long-term protection of the state's water resources, agriculture resources and natural resources. The 2016 Initially Prepared Plan does not address the effect of water transportation to rural areas and communities as is required to do so by law. This affects the adequately studied and included in the planning documents.

The protection of underground water sustainability begins at the county level and I, specifically, encourage the recommendation in Section 8.3.2 that county officials be notified when projects are submitted to the planning process. The inclusion of overlapping plans and the obvious challenges to the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District rules strictly impact Wilson County and will place Wilson County in an unwelcome controversy.

My goal is to keep Wilson County's water safe and in Wilson County, and I ask you to exclude all water -- our

water from all proposed plans, more especially, the Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation's Carrizo Project.

MS. JIMENEZ: Thank you, County Judge. John Larrison representing SS Water Supply Corporation. Following him will be Herb Williams.

MR. LARRISON: Good evening, everyone. My 445 name, again, is John Larrison. I am and have been the president of SS Water for the past 18 years. We have done considerable planning. I'm not going to waste a lot of your time with details.

First of all, I'd like to second the comments from Evergreen and our judge. We are SS Water in the northern part of the county, where most of the people locate. We will be the ones impacted by some of the stuff you've heard and I will give you an overview and Herb Williams, following me, he has some specific details for those that like numbers because he has been the prime mover in our planning.

Let's see, our concern, again, is not here and now, as you've heard before. They're not looking for this water for a few years out. That is probably the same time we will be looking for that same water. If it's in the plan and -- and already taken, right now we could go down to Evergreen and probably get a permit for an additional well or two for the next few years without any trouble at all. The day will come when we do that and they'll say, I'm sorry, we're

tapped out, because these agencies like the Schertz-Cibolo thing already have that water and they're not going to give it back, at a reasonable price, anyway.

So our concern really is out -- and it has been for years -- the long-term impact. Fifteen, 20, 30 years out there, which is what Region L should be concerned about, not just solving the immediate problems. We base a lot of this on the fact that we see more and more people looking, trying to get the water out of Wilson County. It's there. There's no doubt about it. There's plenty of water right there now, but it's going to get used up at a great rate.

As was mentioned earlier, the GAM was mentioned, the future conditions. When that aquifer does start getting drawn down, if you look at the maps, the horizontal maps, the Carrizo slopes up. We are on that up slope. Herb can give you some actual numbers. That aquifer starts going down, which the GAM and future conditions show that it will already without adding all this stuff, we will be the first ones dewatered.

And I know people say, Well, you can lower your pumps. There is a bottom. There is a bottom to that aquifer, folks. You can only go so far. So we really hope that Region L will put some real emphasis on the long-term planning out 15, 20, 30 years, which they should, and not solve today's problems today.

We are concerned about some of the population numbers we get. Every year we get requests from Region L to give give them our population estimates, which we just don't pull out of thin air. We look around, we check everything we can from the state and we actually have one of our subcontracts offer a type of program that did an estimate of our population growth. It is higher than what we keep getting out of Region L and I know the Texas Water Development Board is probably your driver, but it's still -- we're going to need more water than what you think we need.

So -- And our long-range planning, we are doing long-range planning. We don't do a five, 10, 15-year increment. We did an engineering study to where we build out the whole CCM. If this great influx of people come and every available spot within our CCM that is buildable gets built on, what would we need to support them? 'Cause we don't know where the next development's going to go. So wherever it goes, we have a plan to supply that with pipes, wells, storage tanks and so forth. So we are doing our planning.

I've already mentioned the GAM, which Herb will give you some numbers on that. That fact that we're in the up slope, the last GAM meetings we attended when they were working these future conditions, it appeared to me that they use an overall average for Wilson County or even Evergreen.

One size don't fit all. Just doesn't work. You know, Stockdale, Floresville, can take a bigger drop than we can. We'll be out of water before they -- before they run out of water. And that's our concern.

And as you've heard, most of the people -- a large number of the people live up in our area. About 1,500 families in our CCM. Got 5,000 or more connections. So, like I said, we're really concerned about -- have been for the last ten years or more. What's going to happen out there in 10, 30 years?

Now, I and most of the board members won't even be around when that happens, which really disturbs me, too, because I see it in politics all the time, and this is heavily influenced by politics. When the stuff, you know, hits the fan, everybody that did it is gone. I worry -- Every board meeting, I, generally, bring up something about the future people. We are member owned. It's our members that we're trying to protect and so forth.

And in wrapping it up, all I've got to say is I hope what you've heard before about the long-range planning really comes through. It's real easy to just approve these plans and press on and hope somebody else sorts them out. It is going to happen. You heard Evergreen, you heard the Judge. It's going to happen out there 20, 30 years. We got to do something now. We can't wait till 20, 30 years 'cause

that water, we can't get it back. They're not making any new water. Thank you very much.

MS. JIMENEZ: Thank you, Mr. Larrison. Mr. Williams with SS Water Supply Corporation, and then Carol Peters.

MR. WILLIAMS: I, too, want to footstomp the 446 opposition to the Cibolo Valley Local Government Authority project and the plan. We have several sledgehammers coming at us in the next several years. And sledgehammer number 1, I think, is -- And let me, first of all, say thank you for what you-all do in the planning process, but I think there's some flaws and this past year, as Mr. Larrison said, at every five years we get our population study and it -- you know, and I have actually been through a lot of training and stuff on how they factor these and figure these.

So this year I thought, Well, you know, I'm going to spend some time and I went to our board of directors and we spent several thousand dollars hiring a consultant. Not only looked at the census bureau information, but also took our county appraisal district information and put a great package together on our population study. This was an independent consultant. He had -- He was being paid by us, but I told him I wanted this to be independent. I wanted it to be a third party and I wanted it to be factual information. I think Region L was pretty impressed with

that package that we put together. They put it -- They sent it up to the water development board, and I'm sorry, ma'am, but I thought it just got ignored because we got the same numbers back.

You know, it's sad when you meet with other water purveyors in and around our region and every one of them tell you that, you know, Herb, we got two planning factors. We got the Region L planning factor, we got our own planning factors. And I will tell you that we got our own planning factors. It would be ludicrous for me, as the general manager and looking my customers in the face every day, to not use rational planning factors to make sure that they have water in the future.

Even starting in 2020, you know, our population projections are 10 percent more than what the water development board states that they are. And they exponentially go up to 2070 to where we almost need pretty close to double the amount of acre-feet as the demand level for our future customers. So that's sledgehammer number 1.

Sledgehammer number 2 is, if you look at the -- the groundwater availability model and if it -- the desired future conditions come true, we are in the area -- our whole area -- our whole service area is surrounded by the drawdown of 120 to 110 feet. This comes right off the chart that's put into the initiated -- or the initial plan, Figure 6-7.

And so that encompasses our whole service area.

And I will tell you that most of our wells are about 180 feet below the surface and we have anywhere from 80 to 100 feet of water above those wells. And so if you're talking about 100 to 120 feet of drawdown, our wells are dry. People say, Well, just lower your wells. Well, when you're in a sand-filled aquifer and you lower the wells, you're not going to get the production out of those wells that you would be pumping out of the -- the artesian effect that we have and that we pump out of. So that's sledgehammer number 2.

Sledgehammer number 3 is all these plans that -- whether they're strategies or whether they're alternate strategies or whatever, they keep getting put into the Region L planning factor because, you know, it's kind of a moving target for us. According to our population projections and demand needs, we don't -- we don't start getting a deficit until the year 2070. In my planning factors, I'm planning for a deficit somewhere around three decades before that in the 2040 region to where I need to start looking at alternate sources of water whether brackish water and things like that.

But this is a moving target because the more you put into the plan, the sooner I have to look at alternate sources of water. And I tell you, there's a real disaster

coming for every one of my customers. The majority of our wells are going to be dry, as I said. Yes, we can cap those off and move further into the Carrizo, but that's an expense that we have to pay. And, you know, every one of us, as a private citizen, pay taxes to the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation Authority.

And as the gentleman alluded to, you know, they've got a purpose and the purpose is to preserve and protect our -- our resource. And it's ludicrous to me that we spend tax dollars and having this authority and this conservation district in our area to do the things that we can't do individually and we're looking at -- we're looking at a situation in the future years where our customers are going to have to pay millions of dollars to find alternative water sources and pipe it into Wilson County because that water there is not going to be available for us.

MS. JIMENEZ: Thank you, sir. Carol Peters. 447 And following Carol Peters will be Buck Griffin.

MS. PETERS: Hello. I'd like to thank the -- again, thank the planning group that's been working hard on this. I'm Carol Peters. I live and own a business in Caldwell County. I'm going -- I'd like to add a few more points to ponder to those I've already mentioned in prior meetings. I'm also a retired teacher and, as a retired teacher -- Well, in the early 1960s, I was a Latin language

student and I can still remember the project that I did on the Roman aquifers and done a lot of reading on the Roman empire. Most of us know what happened to the Roman empire, so I think we need to be careful. I just would like to ask caution.

Sharing. I would like to speak about sharing. A lot of the comments tonight have considered sharing. Sharing water and other things. As I was -- I was taught to share. I believe in sharing, number one. I was taught to share by my grandparents, by my parents. I had an opportunity to teach my children and my grandchildren to share and we know that the outcome of trying to teach sharing, and that would be temper tantrums. So the easiest way to deal with temper tantrums, in my experience, is, number one, patience, as we heard before this evening, and time outs. So we heard that before this evening, too. So I encourage, also, that we take our time and allow time in our planning.

As a Caldwell County citizen and business owner, we are being asked -- we, in Caldwell County, are being asked to share our groundwater with others in Region L. Again, I'm not against sharing. I believe in sharing.

Caldwell County will be asked, in this plan, to share their groundwater. Pipe it through our pipelines, perhaps. Share our pipelines that are already existing or possibly provide some of the Caldwell County land for future

pipelines to push our water through to other counties in our region.

Now, I've also heard that some of that water in Caldwell County has even been suggested to be pushed on through to other regions. So whereas I believe in sharing, I've had my own temper tantrums when it comes to sharing, I don't mind sharing with my family, my Region L family, so much as I might mind sharing exteriorally (sic) after that. But, again, we're all Texans. So, you know, it's a lot to think about.

But, anyway, the group is working on that and I agree with a lot of the comments that were made earlier, but just want to look at the big picture a little bit. I think --

Lastly, I would like to encourage the planning group to include education about water and property taxes as opposed to no state income tax in Texas and educating the people from other states -- New York, California, Florida, other states -- who are immigrating to Texas because of the no-property taxes to be sure that they understand before they decide to move here, that when they get here, we are a desert. They will be living in a semi-desert and they will be living with other taxes that cover the Texas budget and schools, etc., other than the state income tax. So I would like to encourage the planning group to include an education piece for those people who are moving to Texas to -- to

enlarge our population. Thank you.

MS. JIMENEZ: Thank you. Next up is director of Public Works from the City of Poth, Buck Griffin. After him will be Diane Wassenich.

MR. GRIFFIN: Hi. I'm Buck Griffin. I'm the 448 Director of Public Works with the City of Poth in Wilson County. We're probably the fourth largest city in the county. I think there's only four in the county anyway, but we're three and four, depends on what day of the week it is.

But I guess the point I'm getting to is that we use the term public needs and water conservation. We use these terms very loosely and the real point is, is that, you know, it's -- it's basically groundwater management, it's turned from a necessities to a commodity and that's what it is. These -- these water districts, you got to make money. So you got to have that product to make that money. But yet they don't realize the adverse impact they do on everybody else in the surrounding counties, Wilson County.

We still got the hydrofracking that's going on. We have not even really cleared that up with them, how much water do they really use, how much water do they need and what kind of effects. We still don't even know what the effects it's going to happen to us years down the road. I mean, what I've stated earlier. So we don't know. I mean, you got TCU pointing fingers at the railroad -- I mean, the

railroad commission, railroad commission pointing fingers back at them. They don't know. You talk to the State of Texas and everybody on down, they ain't got a clue because water is a commodity to bring the oil and the gas to the fracking and making money.

I seen five counties -- this supposed to be the agricultural of the Region L. Well, you got Wilson County and Atascosa County wasn't even included in that. People making good oil money. So what are they doing? They're taking their money and they're investing back into the properties making irrigation pivots and making hay. They're bringing more cows into the county. Those counties were not even included as agricultural to extent it needed to be.

I just find it very hard to, you know, digest all of this and trying to bring it all in to -- you know, it's greed that's making this part. It's not the need. We didn't -- we done saw it here. There's other factors. They can go non-potable water, reused water. There's other things we can do instead looking for our aquifer coming over there because it's a cheap source of water. And like they said, that gentleman said, that cheap source of water is going to run out. You know, we might not be here to see that, but it's coming.

And I just want to express that, you know, I'm just a common-sense guy and I see what's outside. I work outside.

I talk to other water purveyors. I talk to other cities. We see these things where Region L and the architects and the engineers they don't see what we see. All they see -- they see it in numbers. But we see this every day. And I just want to express that.

And another thing I want to put is that we have a letter from the Mayor. I wrote the letter, he signed it. Basically, it says, Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation, To Whom It May Concern, the City of Poth expresses opposition to the above large scale groundwater project proposed for Wilson County by the Cibolo Valley Local Government Corp. As written, this proposal will jeopardize future water needs for the City of Poth and surrounding municipalities, water corporations -- corps. and ags -- agriculture in Wilson County. The proposed well fields in Wilson County will create an adverse effect to the Carrizo Aquifer. And I strongly urge that the Cibolo Valley rethink their future needs for this thing. Thank you.

MS. JIMENEZ: Thank you, Mr. Griffin. Diane Wassenich. After her will be David Glenn.

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MS. WASSENICH: Thank you. My name is Diane Wassenich. I represent the public on Region L and I'm a staff person for the San Marcos River Foundation, a 30-year-old nonprofit that works to preserve public access and protect the flow, natural beauty and purity of the San

Marcos River, its watershed and estuaries for future generations. So you can see that I view the Region L plan knowing that we are all served best by caring for our rivers and aquifers so that our water supplies are stable for our public health, our economic health and for wildlife, food growing and our own quality of life, as well. These are my comments. My organization's board will prepare written comments for Region L.

I want to thank the technical consultants, the administrative staff of Region L and our chair, Con Mims, for doing a herculean job in preparing the many pages of this plan and managing the very large planning group through the years of work that they did on it.

However, I have trouble supporting it in its current form, so I've prepared my top ten general reasons why and I'm sure the river foundation will get into more detail in the written comments.

Number 1, the extreme redundancy of the long dream list of recommended water projects is a problem for me. The projects may not have customers or several projects may serve the same customer or the same need. If Region L is just supposed to rubber stamp any scheme that anyone comes up with, then that is not really planning. It's a waste of money to fund Region L and spend all these hours going to meetings, hundreds of people, if the group is not really

planning. We should be determining which projects are really needed and when. To just throw in any project that anyone can dream up just to be sure it's in the plan in order to get funding at any time that the particular dreamer wants it is not planning.

Number 2, the place for projects that are not suitably fleshed out yet is in the alternative category. And that goes especially for recommended projects that have a zero yield listed because they are not able to get permits from the groundwater districts that are trying to keep their managed available groundwater under control without mining their aquifer. There is no logic to putting a zero yield project in the Region L plan.

Number 3, piping water long distances from rural counties to enable paving over our central Texas city's aquifer recharge zones as they are growing like crazy is such a serious problem that I would think anybody should recognize that. Region L should not approve these kinds of things in the plan. Recommendations for developments off of recharge zones in the southern counties, if that's where the water is, should be part of any acceptance of any plans to pipe any water around. The growth explosion in inappropriate areas is a classic California water practice that has mined rural aquifers there drying up rivers and farms and we should be smart enough to learn from their

terrible blunders in California.

Number 4, the environmental assessment in the plan is purposely very broad and uses methods that are designed to show little difference in taking more water from our rivers which does, however, impact our bay and estuary system, but everybody knows there are serious problems down there at the coast and long hours were spent at BBEST and the BBASC meetings to narrow down exactly how much flow is needed in our rivers and bays. We have waited so long to acknowledge the problem that some species can barely be found anymore to study them. But those BBEST and BBASC efforts are ignored in the way the environmental assessment is done in Region L. The assessment appears to be an afterthought rather than looking at what the bays need and finding ways to provide that through the water planning process. Bay needs are a real need.

And that leads me to number 5, which is the two new GBRA lakes planned. The lower and the mid-basin, which I oppose including in the plan. Lakes which evaporate water from the very river system that already does not have enough water for years at a time to spare for the bays and estuaries in our semiarid climate. Lakes are a damaging and outdated type of water project. Just digging a hole deeper that we're already in. Climate change is already here. We have to stop building the old and look to the new ways of

providing water. So I strongly support the ASR projects and reuse and water conservation projects in this plan.

Number 6, I believe the brush removal to create water supplies could cause us water quality and quantity problems in the long run and what we really need are careful and selective brush management projects instead, creating healthy water catchments instead of watersheds.

Number 7, the way that demand or need is determined in some cases by asking how much everyone thinks they will need is not appropriate as the basis for the plan.

Number 8, I support the unique stream segments portion of the plan and support adding to those stream segments in the future, though I realize it is largely symbolic because of all the conditions added to that language.

Number 9, we really need to consider the conflicts of interest that exist in almost all of the regional planning groups using the firms that want to build the projects to guide our planning process and we need to discuss those conflicts openly.

And number 10, rainwater harvesting needs to be emphasized more. It could meet the needs of a lot of aquifer recharge zone residents and less trenches would then be blasted and sawed into the recharge zone for pipelines. Thank you.

MS. JIMENEZ: Thank you. David Glenn.

Following David Glenn will be County Commissioner Larry Wiley.

MR. GLENN: Good evening. My name is David 450
Glenn and I retired to leave -- to live in Wimberley on the Blanco River in 1995. When Jacobs Well ceased flowing for the first time in recorded history in 2000, I became involved in water issues utilizing the skills developed as a geological engineer working in oil and gas exploration for over 30 years.

I'm a registered Texas professional geoscientist and founder of the Hays Trinity Aquifer Volunteer Advisory Group. Often I refer to myself as a recovering oil finder who's changed his mineral of choice from black gold to blue gold. Water.

My interest in water issues has diversified starting as a Hill Country Alliance water team member, Citizens Alliance for Responsible Development Water community chair, Cypress Creek Watershed Protection Planning Project member and member environmental working group of the Regional Water Quality Protection Plan for the Barton Springs segment of the Edwards Aquifer.

For the past two years, I've regularly attended the quarterly meetings of region water planning group L. Tonight I would like to discuss two points.

First, Texas water planning process and Region L.

Texas is a leader in water planning due to the Texas Legislature, as you were told, in 1997 establishing a new water planning process based on a bottom-up consensus-driven approach coordinated by 16 planning groups. The process is in its fourth cycle of five-year planning cycles of a 50-year plan. Unfortunately, the process has generated many water management strategies, i.e., project list, but hasn't done a lot of vetting, coordinating, ranking and funding up to this cycle.

Furthermore, the public at large is virtually ignorant of the process. The voter approval of the $2 billion SWIFT funding in November 2013 makes presenting and understanding the 2016 IPP critical to all of us. The process, to me, seems to be weighted on the demand growth side rather than the supply water resource side. Region L's water issues are a microcosm of Texas water issues.

Region L contains 21 counties stretching from the Hill Country across the coastal plain to the Rio Grande River and the bays and estuaries of the Gulf of Mexico. It contains a rapidly-growing urban center, San Antonio, ranching, agriculture, oil and gas, the Edward, the Eagle Ford Shale Development, tourism, fishing and even the nuclear power plant.

Con, I believe it has the most complex interaction of water issues facing any regional water planning group.

Second point, Hay County specifics. Secondly, Hays County is a rural county in transition caught in the middle of the Austin-San Antonio urban growth corridor. County water planning rests on the 2011 HDR Engineering, Inc. water and waste water's facility plan which is the commissioners court bible. HDR is also the planning consultants for Region L, as you know.

The plan's executive summary states western Hays County has a very limited water budget. There's just not that much surface or groundwater resident within the study area and these -- and these resources are highly susceptible to the effects of prolonged drought. With prospective growth, the only pragmatic way of addressing the larger-scale water supply needs and not exacerbating the local resource problem is to import water supplies from outside areas with excess supplies. And I'll leave it to Con to discuss excess supplies. They don't exist.

Hays County, therefore, requires coordination of both Region K and L since it is divided into both planning's regions. The Trinity Aquifer primary groundwater resource over most of Hays County is a fair aquifer, at best. It doesn't have the quick recharge and storage production characteristics of the overlying Edwards Aquifer, which is only present down from the Balcones fault zone along Interstate 35. It is imperative that the Trinity's recharge

zone be protected and remain in a rural low-impact development.

Also, the recently proposed EP project raised many concerns, legislative actions, litigation and scientific studies concerning overpumping of the Trinity. It is, again, suggested that denser development be focused in 10-mile wide development corridors along IH-35 and U.S. 290. A specific plan related to possible pipeline locations and development corridors will be submitted during the written comment period. Thank you and thank Region L for all that it does.

MS. JIMENEZ: Thank you, Mr. Glenn. Wilson County Commissioner Larry Wiley. The last speaker registered at this time is Jennifer Ellis. If you'd like to speak before we conclude the hearing, please register with Laura over here at the registration table.

COMMISSIONER WILEY: As she said, I'm Larry Wiley, Wilson County Commissioner. There's been a lot of eloquent speakers and, therefore, I should probably just sit down, but as an elected official, I'm required to talk whether I want to or not. 451

I am also here to express my opposition to the Cibolo Valley Local Government Plan and my statement will be pretty short and pretty simple. The Judge pointed out that we were the 16th-fastest growing county in the state in the last

decade. That puts us in the top 6 percent of all of the 254 counties in the state. That is after a minimum of three decades, that's all the information I have available to me at the moment, that of 30, 40 percent growth within Wilson County. So Wilson County is a very fast-growing area.

When I looked at the map for Region L, it's obvious that the emphasis is on the I-35 corridor, and I understand that. There's a lot of growth in that area. There's going to continue to be a lot of growth in that area, but it's not in just that area the growth is flowing out as it flows up. We're experiencing, again, a rapid amount of growth.

Highway 123 down from Seguin and the I-10 area is coming into our county. Highway 87 and 181 out of San Antonio are also flowing into our county. The water should be there in Wilson County, not just for today, but for those folks that are headed in our area in the future.

The population is coming and all I want to say is a plan that pipes our water from Wilson County to solve the needs in the Schertz-Cibolo area, to me, is kind of like putting a band-aid on a bullet wound. It'll slow the bleeding down a little bit, but it doesn't do one thing to stop the problem. It's -- it's a bigger problem 'cause we have to look, again, with the growth that we have, if you move water from Wilson County, what do you do in the future if -- of a future plan for all the people that are going to

be there needing that water? You've pumped it away. There has to be a better solution. And that's all I have to say. Thank you very much.

MS. JIMENEZ: Thank you, Commissioner. Next up is Jennifer Ellis representing National Wildlife Federation. And our last speaker for the evening will be Linda K. Rogers.

MS. ELLIS: Thank you. My name is Jennifer 452 Ellis and I work for the National Wildlife Federation. Since the year 2000, through our Texas Living Waters Project, we've been working to influence the way Texas manages and uses freshwater supplies. We strive to ensure that environmental water needs, the needs -- the fresh water that's needed to support healthy fish and wildlife populations are recognized and supplied in order to protect the rich natural heritage that we have here in Texas.

We certainly recognize that this is no small task to develop a regional water plan and we so appreciate the members of the South Central Regional Water Planning Group for the time and the effort that they've put into the process. There are few things that have a greater impact on Texas aquifers, springs, rivers, bays and wildlife than how we choose to supply water for -- and manage water for human purposes and, therefore, much is at stake here.

Although there are some positive aspects of this plan,

we do have some significant concerns, a few of which I'll touch on here tonight.

Number 1, the first area of concern, the plan fails to include a timeline from when projects are needed. There's no implementation timetable for the recommended 33 major projects that are recommended to be pursued. You would expect that a plan looking out 50 years into the future would have some kind of timeline for implementation of the major elements of that plan. In fact, the plan has devolved from the level of previous versions. The last -- at least the 2006 plan did have a planned timeline of implementation, but there is none here.

Number 2, the second area of concern, the plan is a clear example of overplanning. Most fundamentally, as I understand it, the purpose of the plan is to forecast unmet water needs, how much more water beyond what is provided through existing water supplies will be needed for human consumptive purposes over the next 50 years. Where will that water be needed, by whom and when and how much? Then, based on that information, water supplies strategies are to be evaluated and, if worthy, recommended to provide for those unmet needs. However, this plan, as it stands today, grossly overplans with egregious mismatches between the recommended water supplies projects and apparent needs.

At 2070, the plan conservatively estimates total unmet

water needs in the region to be 494,000 acre-feet of water per year. Yet it includes recommended new water supply projects that can deliver 817,000 acre-feet of water per year. That is a 65 percent excess of recommended supply projects. That bears repeating. Sixty-five percent excess.

Such extreme overplanning calls into question whether the planning process is really doing planning for unmet needs or if it is more of a plan for speculative water development purposes. Mr. Vaugh did provide some explanation at the beginning of the meeting about why there was overplanning done, but we feel that those -- that those reasons do not justify this level of overplanning and that there are other ways that each of those things could be addressed in the planning process in a more appropriate way.

Number 3, one of the most concerning omissions, a major recommended project, the MidBasin Project would pump large amounts of water, up to 75,000 acre-feet of water per year, from the Guadalupe River near Gonzales. The description of the project includes no analysis of changes in freshwater inflow to San Antonio Bay, winter home of the endangered whooping crane.

Number 4, the plan does not even attempt to portray the depletion of freshwater inflows into San Antonio Bay that are forecast to accrue with this plan in a manner that is consistent with another state-appointed planning committee,

The Guadalupe-San Antonio Bay Basin Expert Science -- Stakeholder Committee. Excuse me.

Number 5, as we've raised in our comments in the 2001, 2006, 2011 versions of this plan, the portrayals in the plan of changes and freshwater inflows to San Antonio Bay, when included, are misleading because they do not present the expected changes from historical levels. By using a baseline that has much of the drastic changes in inflows due to the future use of existing water rights that have already been permitted embedded in that, the changes due to new projects look relatively modest.

Concern number 6, the plan is not a comprehensive plan. It does not consider the water needs of fish and wildlife as a need to be met. Instead, it only looks at what is left over for the environment and in some occasions even that is omitted. We need a plan that looks more holistically at what the water needs are of all users.

Number 7, a major recommended project, the Lower Basin Storage Project, would pump large amounts of water from the Guadalupe River just above San Antonio Bay. Since this project is based on existing water rights held by GBRA and Dow Chemical, the plan assumes the impact on the estuary is zero and does not present anything.

Number 8, the plan lacks a total cost summary. It omits the anticipated capital cost of the overall set of

recommended water supply projects. Project costs are only itemized individually. In order to provide the full picture of the capital cost of this plan, this information should be compiled and presented. With this state water implementation fund or SWIFT money now flowing to build new water supply projects, we must ensure now, more than ever, that we are doing thorough and thoughtful water planning that ensures that our rivers, springs, bays, estuaries and wildlife are not left high and dry in the process.

I very much appreciate the opportunity to voice these concerns about the Region L draft plan and do hope that you will consider how these issues might be addressed as the water planning process continues. Thank you.

MS. JIMENEZ: Thank you, Ms. Ellis. Linda Kaye Rogers will be our last speaker unless anybody else would like to sign up to speak.

MS. ROGERS: Good evening. I'm Linda Kaye 453 Rogers from Wimberley, Texas. I am speaking for myself, however, I am the current president of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District. So I've had a little bit of involvement with water in the past 15 years since I moved to Wimberley from the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Somehow, I don't remember how, but I got the word before I moved here that there were water problems in the area. So from the beginning when I bought my property 15

years ago, I installed rainwater collection and have lived completely 100 percent on rainwater harvesting since that time. But as I watch my friends and neighbors struggling and the drought that we've had in the past five years, the situation with the water drilling in the white zone in Hays County and all that we've been through with that, the actual fear that has motivated people to bound -- bind together to fight for their homes and their futures because of their water, actually seen contracts pulled for homes to be sold in that area because of fear of there being no water. I find that my passions begin to run stronger and stronger.

As part of the groundwater management district or groundwater conservation district, I listen to what's going on with Evergreen and Wilson County and I've been watching some of Hays County actions, and following a lot of this. There's two things that come into mind and one is the old adage, Robbing Peter to pay Paul. That never works.

I think if we look at the history that's been indicated, you'll find that it just does not work. Robin Hood got caught and he did cause harm.

The second is, Build it and they will come. This is the biggest part of this plan that concerns me and as I attend various meetings and listen to all this talk, growth is the word that keeps coming out. The bottom line is if you keep bringing in this water, there will be more growth,

there'll be the need for more water, there'll be more growth. Finally, the growth will have to stop because there will be no more water and those from whom the water has been taken will also be harmed and, perhaps, homeless. I may be sounding dramatic, but I think this is a reality.

Management, to me, is managing what you have. My background is as a psychotherapist and I have to work with families and individuals to work with what you've got. Not what you want, not what you hope and wish for, maybe not even with what you need, but with what you've got and to protect that and utilize it and manage it.

As groundwater districts, we are cited and mandated to preserve, conserve, protect and prevent waste of our groundwater.

There's a lot of line loss. We talk about waste. There's a lot of line loss that happens in these long pipelines. That water's wasted. It's lost. It doesn't go back into the aquifers. It may feed a tree, but it is basically lost.

So just the overall planning, I think what's being missed is some common sense and rational thinking. What are we going to do taking all this water away from our farmers and ranchers? Who's going to feed all these people coming in? I hear this nationally happening and we're seeing it throughout our nation, losing more and more of our farmland.

Droughts don't help. These people then often sell their land for development or they just sell it. They don't care what's going to happen to it. They need the money to survive.

So, to me, the overall plan is missing some huge portions and that's the whole big picture. The holistic concepts that was brought forth. I think part of that holistic plan -- w-h-o-l-e, whole -- is growth and actually managing growth. And, folks, I guarantee you, if people know there's not water or not going to be water, they're not going to come here and start a big business or build a 300 or $400,000 home with St. Augustine grass.

So I would ask for the plan to use some common sense and rational thinking about it's not just managing the water, it's managing the whole entire picture and a lot of that is based on growth. So how do you manage the growth? My idea to manage the growth by managing the water that can supply that growth. Thank you.

MS. JIMENEZ: Thank you, Ms. Rogers. If there's nobody else registered to speak, I'm going to turn it back over to Chairman Con Mims.

CHAIRMAN MIMS: Well, again, we greatly appreciate your comments. We welcome you to our September meeting and we can continue the dialogue. We'll consider all of your comments and we will respond. We'll address

every one of them. We appreciate your time. If there's no other business or no one else wishes to speak, I'll adjourn the meeting. Thank you.

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given public testimony before understand that five minutes is a long time to speak. But we are going to give you a little bit of leeway, as Con mentioned, and he'll be up here to clarify in terms of process.

But other than that, we'll just be taking notes through the Court Reporter and he'll be taking his own personal notes for when we present to the board in September.

So without further ado, we ask Diane Duesterhoeft to come to the podium. She'll be speaker number one and following her will be Rachel Cywinski. I'll probably have to be corrected one more time. So go ahead, Diane, whenever you're ready.

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MS. DUESTERHOEFT: Good evening. My name is Diane Duesterhoeft. I'm the co-coordinator of the San Antonio Interfaith Power and Light Organization, which is an interfaith environmental group. My comments that several of my colleagues and I will be presenting this evening are the result of a public water captains workshop that was jointly sponsored by the Texas Interfaith Center on public policy and San Antonio Interfaith Power and Light that was held on May 16th of this year. The workshop featured ten speakers including two Region L members who discussed various aspects of water and water planning in Region L.

The workshop was made possible by funding from the Meadows Center for Water in the Environment in San Marcos,

through a grant from the SWIFT Program at the Texas Water Development Board, for which we are very grateful.

Subsequent white-paper planning sessions occurred on May 21st and June 6th in San Antonio and input has been provided via e-mail by those who attended the workshop. Some of these comments are specific to Region L and some apply to the entire state. As people of faith, we believe that everyone has a right to safe and plentiful water. This right was affirmed by the United Nations General Assembly in 2010 in stating that the human right to water is indispensable for leading a life in human dignity. It is a prerequisite for the realization of other human rights.

The United Nations defines the right to water as the right of everyone to sufficient safe, acceptable and physically accessible and affordable water for personal and domestic uses. As people of faith, we believe there is a moral responsibility for the Region L and Texas water plans to be driven above all by the needs for sustainable, equity and preservation of the environment.

In 1987, the United Nations Brundtland Commission defined sustainability as meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. According to the United Nations Development Program's human development report of 2011, sustainability is inextricably linked to basic questions of

equity; that is, fairness, social justice and greater access to a better quality of life.

Sustainability is not mutually exclusive to growth and development. People tend to equate growth with jobs, but growth presents many demands on utility infrastructure which may not correspond directly to creation of jobs. There will be growth and development in Texas even if no one moves here due to births of people already here.

Indeed, according to the City of San Antonio Planning Office, more than 50 percent of San Antonio's growth during the past ten years has been due to births, not influx. So the critical question is not if there will be growth and development, but how can they be sustainable and equitable, even for the most marginalized groups of people and wildlife.

The current water planning process is based solely on an economic formula projected worst-case supply and demand among different stakeholders. It would be more equitable if it addressed the triple bottom line. The three-legged stool of concern for people, especially the disadvantaged, the economy and the environment.

MS. JIMENEZ: Thank you. Next up will be Rachel Cywinski, and after her will be Jeanna Stephens.

MS. CYWINSKI: Hello. My name is Rachel 434
Cywinski. I'm also here with the Texas Interfaith Center 434

for Public Policy and the water captains group in San Antonio.

I was privileged to attend the Region L meeting at which they approved the IPP and, once again, want to commend all the members. I was just very impressed with the time and the concern that they showed in their deliberations and just how much time they have spent and really are very aware of all the issues in trying to do what's best for the region.

I grew up in west Texas. Not the town of West, but the geographic region of west Texas, and my father was a research scientist and my parents were very science oriented. And so, at our house, if you wore clothes or used a towel one day, you washed it, you flushed the toilet every time you used it, but when I went to my friends' houses, I would always be told, Only our parents are allowed to flush the toilet.

And with one of my -- my best friend, in fact, had an older brother who, whenever I would go spend the night over there, he would always run into the restroom and use the restroom if he thought one of us was headed to the restroom because he didn't want to have to use the restroom after us and we weren't allowed to flush the toilet. So -- And if you had to urinate, you had one toilet to use, if you had to do something else, you had to go to another one.

And one time I just got a little upset with the brother and I thought, Well, I'm just going to flush the toilet before I use it anyhow. The next day my friend said, My father said you can only flush the toilet at night and we can't waste water.

And I have to say, also, when I would go visit my cousins by the Great Lakes, once again, they said, Why do you people in Texas take a shower every day? That's just too much water. So we may think we conserve a lot, but we can always conserve more.

Conservation is the least expensive and most rapid way to provide more water. Yet there are wide variations in per-capita water usage across Region L. We support the best management practices from municipal conservation in the South Central Texas Region L Water Plan 2016 Initially Prepared Plan, but feel the timetable for meeting the goal at 140 gallons per capita day, GPCD, should be more aggressive. Conservation goals should also be subdivided into uses.

As the water delivery infrastructure is rebuilt, different meters could be installed to monitor different uses such as household and lawn irrigation. Other municipal water districts should be encouraged to develop and implement effective conservation programs such as those that have been developed and are in use by San Antonio Water

System.

Municipal water districts should also be encouraged to develop zero discharge as reclamation of waste water as a conservation measure to repair leaks which result in non-revenue water in near distribution lines and to incentivize individual rainwater harvesting and reuse of gray water, especially in new developments.

Downstream protection is very important. While reuse of treated waste water, zero discharge policy, is an effective local conservation measure, it does not provide for downstream water. Whenever a community wants to implement zero discharge, it needs to do this in consideration with others in that region and the potential effects of people and wildlife downstream.

And, indeed, I heard, during the Region L meeting, that this is the first time that the rights of downstream users are not able to be included in the plan because it's no longer considered feasible. So I know that will be addressed in the future and we are -- as people of faith, we are very concerned about the right for everyone to have water.

For surface water, withdrawal rights sustainability should be accounted for in terms of total possible river flow. Thank you.

MS. JIMENEZ: Thank you. Jeanna Stephens.

Jeanna Stephens, and next will be Betty Dabney.

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MS. STEPHENS. Hello. I'm Jeanna Stephens, and I'm also from the San Antonio Power and Light and I would like to speak about sustainable and equitable landscaping.

Urban agriculture and edible landscaping, which use less water than turf grass, should be encouraged. The San Antonio Food Policy Council and more people representing environmental and minority interests should be on the Region L planning council. Water quality is equally important for sustainability as water quantity and quality should be part of the water planning system.

Conventional wisdom has minimized the importance of containment -- of contaminant transfer in the Edwards Aquifer, but a recent study by the USGS found agricultural chemical contaminants to be present and that they may be transported in as little as two years, in a report by Martha L. Ja- J-a-g-e-c-k-i, Mary Lyon Musgrove, Richard L. Lindgren, Lynn Qualquist and Sandra M. Ebberts, 2011, The USGS Fact Sheet 2011-23142, "Assessing the Vulnerability of Public Supply Wells to Contamination Edwards Aquifer near San Antonio, Texas."

Agricultural chemicals are applied at higher rates in urban than in rural areas and urban streams tend to be more polluted. This is from a report by Wesley L.M. Stone, Robert G. Gillam and Jeffrey D. Martin, 2014 U.S. -- United

States Geological Survey Scientific Investigation Report 2014-5154, "An Overview Comparing Results from Two Decades on Monitoring for Pesticides in the Nation's Streams and Rivers, 1992 to 2001 and 2002 to 2011.

In the publications of the USGS government - SUR 2014 5154, educational programs on proper use for agricultural chemicals, pesticides and fertilizers and organic gardening for home gardeners would be helpful in preventing pollution as well as natural means of pest control.

And I happened to look on a refrigerator -- my refrigerator before leaving, and I found some -- a group that had been very helpful to us at the Master Gardeners of San Antonio had presented workshops on -- on mulching at my church and they are quite willing and helpful to present programs of this nature. Thank you.

MS. JIMENEZ: Next up is Betty Dabney and then following her will be Charlie Flatten.

MS. DABNEY: Good evening, Commissioners and 436 ladies and gentlemen. Just to tell you a little bit about myself, San Antonio is my hometown. I was on the founding faculty of Texas A & M's School of Rural Public Health and Environmental Health and I was founding chair of the Environmental Health in the University of Maryland School of Public Health in College Park. In Maryland, I was on the Governor's Commission on Environmental Justice and

Sustainable Communities.

Since retiring, I've moved back to San Antonio where I've taught in UTSA's Urban and Regional Planning Program. I've also done some consulting work with the Edwards Aquifer Authority that involved discovering and digitizing all the technical studies they have ever done including all of the south central region water plans going all the way back to the TransTexas water plans. I would venture to say that I'm the only person in this room who has looked at every page of every south central Texas water plan, which is not to say I've read every page.

I'm going to talk about sustainability, transparency, accountability and security in our water planning. The TWDB and the Region L Planning Commission need to be explicit in how they arrive at the numbers for the plans. For example, is the 140 gallons per capita per day for residential and commercial water use in Region L an average for all users? If so, it would be skewed by the few highest users. And where do the population projections come from that the TWDB provides to the regions? Are all municipalities developing their plans using the same figures? The source and methods used to derive the projections of demand and use should be transparent.

We want transparent truthful costs of water in terms of society, economics and business, environment and social

aspects and for these costs to be sustainable over time. Water providers may not always know the costs, but better cooperation among government entities may help. Municipalities and water providers should provide breakdowns of all costs for proposed new projects including the costs of energy transfers and associated increased water use for power generation.

All regional and state water plans should be required to balance projected uses and projected availability; in other words, to achieve sustainability. And I'd like to speak to that in lieu -- in view of the figures that Brian presented to us tonight.

As shown in the WG category summary of Appendix A, the projected water deficit for the entire Region L ranges from 207,115 acre-feet per year in 2020 to 494,468 in 2070. More than the entire projected usage of Bexar County in 2070 and twice as much as Brian mentioned in his presentation tonight. Twice as much. I will look into the possible sources for this discrepancy and encourage Brian to do so, as well, because this is a very large and important discrepancy. So much so that all the proposed projects would not be able to make up for the shortfall of water.

Communities need to be held more accountable for water conservation goals. When they apply for SWIFT-funded projects, the implementation of their water conservation

goals should be a consideration of a SWIFT eligibility criteria weighted towards receiving more points for successful implementation. We understand that the evaluation of implementation will depend on better recordkeeping and accountability at a local level and should be built into the planning process.

We support the development of a model industrial mining water conservation plan mentioned in the IPP for -- by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Water usage for fracking should not be exempt from conservation or rationing measures applied to other uses. We recommend a statewide study of water and water transfer costs. Implementation of new and even experimental technologies such as large-scale condensation of water from air should be actively encouraged by the SWIFT program. Insofar as possible, public water districts should use only the water in their watershed commonwealth.

All aquifer levels should be monitored and published online for public access. Notably, the failure to publish levels of the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer makes it impossible to determine how hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, will affect the water supply in that area or how the proposed MAG projects might impact the levels of the aquifer.

Intercounty transfer of water from agricultural to urban regions should be discouraged because the rural areas

may need the water for growing food. I'll come to that in a second. New surface reservoirs, which are more susceptible to airborne and waterborne contamination and terrorism, should be discouraged in favor of secure underground storage.

Existing systems should have higher priority for access to water than new ones. All new commercial and residential developments should be required to specify where the water to support them will come from and there should be oversights to insure that designation of water supplies is not duplicated among developments. If there is insufficient water, in worst-case scenario, the development should not be approved. New development should be required to adopt best management practices, including native plants and landscaping and elimination of irrigation systems.

The cost of providing new infrastructure to deliver water and waste water to new developments should be borne by the developments themselves and not by existing users. Preservation of land in environmental sensitive areas from development is critical to sustainability of water quality and quantity and state funds should be available for conservation easements.

And I'll just say that one point that has not -- In closing, one point that has not been considered in the plan is that California is on the brink of running out of water

within a year and if this happens, the burden of raising food for the country -- more of the burden will fall to other states, including Texas. This could be a game changer in our planning scenario.

So we would be happy to implement you -- to help you in implementing any or all of these ideas and, as people of faith, we're not here to share our religion with you. Instead, we are here because we have faith in the process, faith in the future of water for Texas and faith that the Region L and Texas water plans can make significant contributions to the sustainability and the equality of access to water in our state for all Texans, human and wild.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to make these comments.

MS. JIMENEZ: Thank you, Ms. Dabney. Next up will be Charlie Flatten. Following him will be Diane Savage.

MR. FLATTEN: Good evening, Mr. Chairman and 439 members of the Region L planning group. My name is Charlie Flatten and I'm with the Hill Country Alliance. Usually in here it's polar, but tonight it's not. It's warm.

Thank you for the opportunity to -- to let me make comments on this new draft plan. The Region L water planning group play a critical role in our state's water planning process and Hill Country Alliance is appreciative

of the huge effort that is involved in drafting these initially prepared plans. Our comments reflect a collective vision of our Hill Country supporters, stakeholders, businesses, elected officials for the 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 written comments will include broad recommendations for the implement, improvement of the Region L planning process, specific policy recommendations drawn from policies outlined in Chapter 8 of the IPP, recommendations for additional study and research from that same chapter and comments on specific water management strategies in Chapter 5.

In the interest of time, I will only address the broad recommendations. Only by constant -- constantly seeking to improve the regional water planning process can we assure that the state water plan continue to improve in its ability to insure water supply for future generations. In order to provide water for future generations, Hill Country Alliance recommends the Region L adopt and apply a set of guiding principles that will serve as a blueprint for long-term water sustainability.

As an example, I would say the economy and land values of Texas depend on meeting its water needs in a way that

does no harm or depletion of river, streams, springs and aquifers.

Number two, costly California-style outdated infrastructure. Intensive water management strategies need to be minimized in favor of innovative, localized and modern water neutral solutions that have been proven around the country. Region L should prioritize and encourage these centralized systems and new technologies that use and reuse water in place.

Number three, additional definitions needed for water management strategies. The reason the state water plan is being criticized as less a planning document and more a wish list beset with duplicative and expensive overplanning. Better definition of water management strategy categories will control the redundant and exceedingly lengthy lists. We recommend a two-tier system of water management strategy characterization.

We think it needs to be revisited and strengthened in such a way that recommended strategies promote healthy sustainable watersheds, fulfill all of the water board's -- the state water board's minimum criteria and are not duplicated by a similar strategy that would fulfill the same need. Possibly the alternate strategy category could be reserved for those strategies that are implemented or do not fulfill the water board's minimum criteria.

Number five, Region L planning consulting firm. The consulting firm is excellent and provides a valuable service in the planning process, however, to avoid the perception or temptation of conflicts of interest in Region L, like other agencies, should create and add a conflict-of-interest policy.

Region L specifies many policy recommendations that AC -- HCA supports. We would like to commend Region L for the inclusion of these policies and encourage their adoption as part of the Region L water plan.

Our thorough comments will be forthcoming written. Thank you all for your consideration.

MS. JIMENEZ: Thank you, Mr. Flatten. Next up is Diane Savage. Following Ms. Savage will be Kay Love.

MS. SAVAGE: Good evening. I'm Diane Savage. 438 I'm a citizen of Wilson County and a member of the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation Board and a member of the Region L board representing Groundwater Management Area 13.

I admit I tend to be very interested in water projects that involve groundwater protection and sustainability, and as a representative of Groundwater Management Area 13, I have to express some real concerns and objections to the Cibolo Valley Local Government Carrizo Project, which is number 5.2.14 in the IPP.

The GMAs have been working diligently for years in

accordance with the legislative dictates to develop desired future conditions, or DFCs, and the amounts of managed available groundwater, or the MAGs, in order to protect and manage groundwater resources for all the citizens in the State of Texas.

And here is a project proposed for the planned which is proposed with a zero firm yield and limits way over the DFCs and the MAGs all for needs that don't even start before 2030 and are minimal at best. And yet no one has even considered any other solution rather than taking 10,000 acre-feet a year from the Carrizo Aquifer in Wilson County beginning in eight years or so? Strange.

At the last Region L meeting, Con assured the board members that we would have time to replace this project with a more reasonable water management strategy to meet the needs for Cibolo and Schertz which would not be at the expense of agriculture and groundwater sustainability. Thank you.

MS. JIMENEZ: Thank you, Ms. Savage. Kay Love. Following Ms. Love will be Ellen Berky.

MS. LOVE: Thank you for the opportunity to 439 comment on the 2016 Initially Prepared Plan. My name is Kay Love. I'm a resident of Wilson County. I'm a landowner and an agricultural producer.

The plans seem to regard property rights as a

protection of the landowner's right to sell or lease groundwater. However, this plan promotes the abuse of the right-of-capture by wholesale water providers and encourages the overdraft of aquifers to the detriment of groundwater sustainability.

The plan includes numerous projects, six from Wilson County, that transport rural water, yet it fails to evaluate the effect of redistribution of water from rural and agricultural areas. I urge the removal of all proposed projects from the plan that are MAG-limited, do not meet the DFCs or include water transport from rural counties and, particularly, Wilson County.

I strongly object to Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation's Wilson County Carrizo project. This is a water transport plan for a wholesale water provider that is speculative, controversial, MAG-limited, opposed by the Wilson County Commissioners' Court, backed by questionable need figures, has questionable funding, and is a challenge to the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District.

This challenge to the Evergreen is a door-opener to Wilson County's water. Inclusion of this project in the plan is an invitation to controversy and litigation. The history of this project does not reflect well on the Region L planning process. Without changes, this plan is inconsistent with the law and with the long-term protection

of the state's water resources, agricultural resources and natural resources. Thank you.

MS. JIMENEZ: Thank you, Ms. Love. Ellen Berky. Following her will be Carol Peters.

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MS. BERKY: Hello. My name is Ellen Berky, and I have resided in Bexar County and been a ten-year customer of the San Antonio Water System since 1972. I would like to share selected portions of the legislative policy report prepared by Texas Impact entitled, "Their Own Vines and Fig Trees, a Security Agenda for all Texans." I would also like to encourage the Texas Water Development Board to begin to dialogue with the Texas Public Utilities Commission regarding improving the quality of water regulation in Texas.

I first encountered Texas Impact and its sister organization, the Texas Interface Center for Public Policy, when I was invited to join a group of United Methodist women who converged on their state legislature -- legislature some years ago and, recently, I revisited the website of Texas Impact when I became involved with the water captains project you've been hearing about from some other folks who have spoken before me.

Since the internet became such a useful tool, Texas Impact has become even more effective at grassroots water education among the general public. Here is what Vines and

Fig Trees had to say to the Texas Legislature in 2015: Texas is fortunate to have a public water planning process. In 1997 Texas implemented a locally-focused grassroots approach to water planning giving substantive responsibility to 16 regional water planning groups across the state. Every planning group must have representation from environmental groups, municipal utilities and small businesses, as well as industrial and agricultural stakeholders. Whatever strategies Texas implements for conserving and developing water resources will begin as regional proposals approved by these teams of stakeholders. Hello? Texas Impact is talking about you.

Texas Water Development Board, you're the ones who initiate regional proposals for conserving and developing water resources. Well, there's more. Texas went -- Impact went on to describe some legislative mandates passed in 2013 here in Texas.

Lawmakers moved water rate making to the Public Utility Commission in 2013. Having recently made sweeping changes to Texas water management policies, the legislature will need to evaluate the implementation process so far and make any necessary adjustments. Presumably in 2015, which we've seen didn't necessarily happen.

So Texas Impact was interested in having the 2015 Legislature explore the implementation challenge of water

conservation in the context of utility rate setting and goes on to say, The rate-making process does not interact with the water planning process. So stakeholders in the planning process may not have a way to even discover how alternative scenarios could impact rate payers. Likewise, water rate-making is generally disconnected from broader environmental impacts. Lack of connection between the water planning process and the water rate-making process could lead to incoherent planning, especially in the area of conservation. Well, incoherent planning. What? God forbid. Well, I don't know whether our legislators concern themselves much with the topics of water conservation this year let alone its interrelationship to rate setting in the recently concluded session. It did get my attention, though.

I had attended a San Antonio Water System rate advisory committee meeting in March and sat in fascinated horror as the SAWS controller explained the overall rate increases in store for San Antonio Water System consumers in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020. Then, in May, I looked at SAWS' quarterly report at another public meeting and understood that San Antonians are getting so good at water conservation that our public water system is going to have to cut $20 million in operating and maintenance expenses in 2015 to balance our increasingly capital-intensive budget.

For your information, except, of course for Mr. Robert Puente, San Antonio just implemented a water rate increase totaling over 10 percent by the end of 2014. This was even before SAWS factored in a $3.4 billion multi-regional pipeline project to transfer water from another region.

I don't want to just pick on SAWS because this is a regional water planning group we're talking about, so I'd like to ask the Guadalupe Blanco River Authority why the approval of your multi-billion dollar saltwater desalination project in 2014 reduced the new strategies for conservation percentage for the whole region from 15.5 to 13.7 percent. And, alternatively, what is the rate increase which will be passed onto your Guadalupe Blanco consumers to pay for this saltwater desalination project?

Getting back to Vines and Fig Trees, Texas Impact concludes its report with a number of recommendations for legislators and their appointed stewards like your good selves. Quote, Conservation programs should honor the capacity of every Texan, and even very small or disadvantaged consumers, to be part of a collective strategy. Water rates should reflect these priorities and rate payer incentives should be part of the conservation planning process. You all --

MS. JIMENEZ: Can I ask you to wrap it up?

MS. BERKY: Yeah. I'm almost done. You all

should set clear priorities for water conservation planning and make clear connections between water rates and water conservation. And ensure that affordable water is available to all Texans and prevent water from becoming a speculative commodity. Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

MS. JIMENEZ: Thank you, Ms. Berky. Carol Peters. Following her will be Kamala Platt. Quickly, Ms. Platt is the last to sign up so if you'd like to be heard tonight, please come over here and visit Laura to register to speak. Otherwise, we'll be taking comments through the information that's provided on the agenda you were handed. The paragraph underneath the agenda items lists how to submit your comments after tonight. Go ahead, Ms. Peters.

MS. PETERS: I'm Carol Peters. I live and own 441 a business in Caldwell County. I wanted to thank everyone that I've listened to so far for all the valuable and much information that I've already learned. Thank you very much.

Let's see, my understanding is that the Region L 2016 IPP includes a water pipeline that will go through our county moving Caldwell County water elsewhere. I understand that all Texans need to share the water that we have in the state and I'm willing to do that. Sharing our water, water lines and land for new lines in Caldwell County, I'm probably okay with. I know that's what we need to do. As long as strict conservation is being used at the end of the

lines and as long as we, in Caldwell County, with growing population options and needs, are able to tap into the lines to access the water we need first before we send it onto others, and at a reasonable price. Thank you.

MS. JIMENEZ: Thank you, Ms. Peters. Ms. Platt. Again, Ms. Platt will be our last speaker for this evening.

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MS. PLATT: I didn't actually intend to comment this evening, but my experience today compelled me to go ahead and sign up, particularly since I told my neighbors that I was coming to a meeting at the SAWS building here and I would -- I would let others know what was happening on my street.

Just to summarize what my -- a little story that follows is about, I'm concerned that we need water infrastructure and we need to look at the water infrastructure problems and the effects of human activities such as fracking and climate change on water distribution needs throughout this Region L before pumping water from the northeast and then selling it to California bottling companies.

But, anyway, I wanted to tell you I went out -- I've been proud that my -- my yard, which I've built up with a lot of good soil, good plants and mulch and rain barrels, had absolutely no run-off, even during the heaviest of the

rains this last month. So it was really shocking when I went out this morning before 8 a.m. and saw water running down my street. I saw that it was coming from a -- from the main line a couple springs near the bus stop about two blocks -- two houses down from my house. This is the third or fourth time within the year that this has happened and the last time I had -- or another time I was told that it was happening all over town.

I called SAWS and was told that the problem had been reported and that they would be out to look at it. Each time I went out for subsequent hours, water was still running. Nothing had been done. About 5 p.m., I went down and saw that SAWS had come by and painted on the street and put out flags and a sign.

I talked to my neighbor who's -- who was right next to that bus stop, my next door neighbor, and he said he had called in the early afternoon, waited 20 minutes to make his -- his comment that the water was still running. His mother was concerned, had asked him to stay on the line because she was concerned that, like other times, we would be -- we would get -- the water would register on our -- on our water bills even though it was mainline water and we were not using it. It was going down into the drainage.

As I was coming, then, to a meeting previous to this, I saw a similar water issue at Babcock and -- around Glendale,

I think it was, in the afternoon. So I'm concerned that there were actual multiple issues that some of this is -- the last time it happened, they said it was because of the drought. I don't think that's the issue now.

I'm just concerned about our infrastructure, I'm concerned that we're not paying attention to the needs that we have and, like was mentioned previously, with the -- I did participate in some of the water-planning sessions and we need that triple -- triple bottom line that is going to help us all and including especially the people who are ending up paying the most percentage-wise, which is the low-income communities like where I live, and then waiting nine hours plus to get any attention to water running down, and that's water that we're all paying for. So thank you.

MS. JIMENEZ: Thank you, Ms. Platt. I'm going to turn it over to Chairman Mims.

MR. MIMS: All right. We greatly appreciate the time you've taken to be here tonight and the time you took to prepare your comments. I know what's involved in that. I've done it many times. We will take all your comments into consideration. The planning group will respond to all of them and unless there's other business, I will adjourn this public hearing. Thank you very much.

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TESTIMONY GIVEN AT PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE 2016 REGION L INITIALLY PREPARED PLAN TO THE TWDB

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GOOD EVENING, MY NAME IS RUSSELL LABUS. I'M THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE EVERGREEN UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT. OUR DISTRICT IS LOCATED SOUTH OF SAN ANTONIO AND WE COVER ALL OF KARNES, WILSON, ATASCOSA, AND FRIO COUNTIES. ALSO AS CHAIRMAN MIMS HAS INTRODUCED SOME OF US EARLIER, I AM ALSO A MEMBER OF THE REGION L WATER PLANNING GROUP. BUT I AM HERE THIS EVENING TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE EVERGREEN DISTRICT AND THE CITIZENS AND LANDOWNERS OF WILSON COUNTY, SPECIFICALLY TO VOICE OPPOSITION TO THE APPROVAL OF THE CIBOLO VALLEY LGC PROJECT IN THE REGIONAL WATER PLAN. THIS PROJECT IS A 10,000 ACRE FT CARRIZO PROJECT WITH THE WELLFIELD BEING IN WILSON COUNTY FOR WATER TRANSPORT OUT OF OUR DISTRICT INTO THE CIBOLO SCHERTZ AREA. GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS ARE CHARGED BY THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE AND CHAPTER 36 OF THE TEXAS WATER CODE TO CONSERVE, PRESERVE, PROTECT, AND PREVENT THE WASTE OF GROUNDWATER RESOURCES WITHIN THEIR DISTRICTS. THIS IS TO ASSURE ADEQUATE FUTURE WATER SUPPLIES FOR THE CONSTITUENTS OF THE DISTRICT. ONE OF THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES THAT GCD'S FACE IS ACHIEVING A DELICATE BALANCE BETWEEN CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION, AND OPTIMIZING GROUNDWATER PRODUCTION FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL THE CONSTITUENTS OF THE DISTRICT. ONE OF MY BIGGEST CONCERNS ON THE APPROVAL OF A PROJECT OF THIS MAGNITUDE IN THE PLAN IS THAT TO MY KNOWLEDGE THERE HAS NOT BEEN ANY ADEQUATE SCIENTIFIC STUDIES NOR HAS THERE BEEN ANY GROUNDWATER MODELING BY AN OUTSIDE TECHNICAL CONSULTANT TO DETERMINE JUST WHAT EFFECT THAT A LARGE SCALE PROJECT SUCH AS THIS WOULD HAVE ON THE CARRIZO AQUIFER LOCALLY, EITHER IN TERMS OF WATER QUALITY AND/OR WATER DRAWDOWN LEVELS OVER TIME AS THIS QUANTITY OF WATER IS PRODUCED ON A CONTINUAL BASIS. NEITHER HAS THE ISSUE OF MITIGATION OF SURROUNDING WELLS THAT WILL BE IMPACTED BY THIS PROJECT BEEN ADDRESSED. BUT YET THE PROJECT IS MOVING FORWARD AS WE SPEAK, AT LEAST ON A PRELIMINARY BASIS, IN TERMS OF LAND AND WATER

RIGHTS ACQUISITIONS AND PIPELINE EASEMENTS. BUT ACCORDING TO THE PROJECTIONS IN THE IPP, ADDITIONAL WATER DEMAND FOR THE CIBOLO-SCHERTZ AREA IS NOT EXPECTED UNTIL SOMEWHERE AROUND THE YEAR 2030, OR ABOUT 15 YEARS FROM NOW. ITS MY FEAR THAT INCLUSION OF THIS PROJECT IN THE REGIONAL PLAN WOULD BE USED AS LEVERAGE TO PUSH THE PROJECT FORWARD REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT IT WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE CITIZENS, LANDOWNERS, AND MUNICIPALITIES OF WILSON COUNTY. I FEEL THAT THERE IS STILL ADEQUATE TIME IN THE NEXT ROUND OF PLANNING TO CONDUCT THOSE STUDIES AND ADDRESS THE ISSUES IN A PROPER MANNER. SECTION 5.2.14.5 OF THE IPP ADDRESSES SOME IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PROJECT. (THEN READ SOME OF THE BULLET POINTS DIRECTLY OUT OF THE IPP, WHICH IS ATTACHED)

THE EVERGREEN BOARD OF DIRECTORS VOTED TO FUND A COUPLE OF STUDIES BY RICHARD HARGIS, A WELL-RESPECTED GEOLOGIST IN SAN ANTONIO, TO MAP OUT THE CARRIZO-WILCOX FORMATION IN BOTH ATASCOSA AND WILSON COUNTIES AND IDENTIFY THE UNCONFORMITIES WITH BOTH CROSS-SECTIONAL AND ISOPACH MAPS. THOSE STUDIES ARE COMPLETED AND ARE AVAILABLE AT OUR OFFICE.

THE PROJECT IS A ZERO FIRM YIELD, MAG LIMITED PROJECT. BASED ON THE PUMPING DATA THAT MY STAFF COMPILED FOR THE YEAR 2014, AGRICULTURAL PUMPING WAS THE LARGEST WATER USER GROUP IN WILSON COUNTY, COMPRISING ABOUT 64% OF THE TOTAL PUMPING IN WILSON COUNTY. PUBLIC SUPPLY PUMPING COMPRISED ABOUT 32%, AND THE PUBLIC SUPPLY NUMBERS NOT ONLY INCLUDE THE MUNICIPALITES IN WILSON COUNTY, BUT ALSO ALL OF THE RURAL WATER SUPPLY CORPORATIONS THAT SUPPLY WATER TO THE OUTLYING RURAL AREAS OF THE COUNTY. PUMPING FOR OIL & GAS PRODUCTION WAS ABOUT 4%. WILSON COUNTY WILL CONTINUE TO GROW AS THE POPULATION OF SAN ANTONIO GROWS AND PEOPLE PUSH OUTWARD INTO THE SURROUNDING COUNTIES, SUBURBS, AND SMALL TOWNS. WE'VE ALREADY SEEN THAT OCCURRING IN TOWNS SUCH AS LAVERNIA , FLORESVILLE, AND STOCKDALE. MUNICIPAL WATER USEAGE IN THESE TOWNS AS WELL AS THE EXISTING RURAL WATER SUPPLY CORPORATIONS HAVE INCREASED IN THE RANGE OF 18 TO 23% SINCE 2010. THE TOWNS OF POTH AND FALLS CITY, ALTHOUGH A LITTLE FURTHER

SOUTH AND FURTHER AWAY FROM THE PROPOSED PROJECT LOCATION, ALSO RELY ON CARRIZO WATER FOR THEIR MUNICIPAL SUPPLY HAVE ALSO SHOWN GROWTH. AND EVEN THOUGH THE EAGLE FORD SHALE ACTIVITY HAS SLOWED SOMEWHAT IN THE LAST 6 MONTHS OR SO, I WOULD EXPECT THAT TO BE SOMEWHAT TEMPORARY IN NATURE, AND TO EVENTUALLY PICK BACK UP, ALTHOUGH MAYBE NOT QUITE AT THE LEVEL THAT IT WAS PERHAPS A YEAR OR TWO AGO. NEVERTHELESS, IT WILL STILL CONTINUE TO PLACE INCREASING WATER DEMANDS ON THE DISTRICT BOTH IN TERMS OF OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION AND EAGLEFORD WORKFORCE POPULATION INCREASES.

THE I-35 CORRIDOR BETWEEN SAN ANTONIO AND AUSTIN IS NO DOUBT ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING AREAS OF OUR STATE, IF NOT THE NATION. HOWEVER, I RESPECTFULLY ENCOURAGE AND REQUEST THE CIBOLO VALLEY LGC TO EXPLORE OTHER WATER SUPPLY OPTIONS TO BRING TO THE TABLE, UTILIZE THE STUDY DATA ALREADY FUNDED BY EVERGREEN, AND AT A MINIMUM, DO SOME ADDITIONAL, ADEQUATE, UPFRONT SCIENTIFIC STUDIES AND GROUNDWATER MODELING BEFORE MOVING FORWARD, SO AS NOT TO INHIBIT THE CONTINUED FUTURE GROWTH OF WILSON COUNTY, AND TO AVOID DETRIMENTAL IMPACTS TO ITS CITIZENS, LANDOWNERS, AND TO ITS VITAL AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK THIS EVENING.

RUSSELL LABUS

GENERAL MANAGER

EVERGREEN UWCD

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Remarks: June 11th

Region L Public meeting

Victoria, Texas

Good Evening,

I'm Diane Savage, a resident and landowner in Wilson County, an Evergreen UWCD Board member, and a member of Region L representing Groundwater Management Area 13.

Since the protection, management, and sustainability of our Groundwater is critical for all Texans, the GMA's have been working diligently for years in accordance with legislative dictates to develop the Desired Future Conditions or "DFC's, and the amount of Managed Available Groundwater or MAGs.

The information from the GMA's is then included in the State water planning process. And yet, the Cibolo Valley Local Government Carrizo Project, #5.2.14, is included in the 2016 IPP.

This is a project with a zero firm yield which exceeds both the DFC's and the MAGs....all supposedly to fill needs that aren't even shown before 2030, and are minimal at best (about 1800 acre feet).

There has been no consideration of any other solution....like purchase of this amount from a wholesale water provider... e.g. maybe Big Brother Schertz Seguin Local Govt Corporation could spare some of the surplus they are showing for 2030.

INSTEAD- the plan is for a well field in Wilson County to produce 10,000 acre feet from the Carrizo Aquifer beginning in about 8 years.....I wonder where that water is going before 2030?

And, to include this project in the 2016 IPP when it has **intense** local opposition, lacks any technical evaluation, and could possibly threaten the sustainability of the Carrizo Aquifer—just so that the sponsors can be eligible for state funds, just adds insult to injury because we are all state taxpayers..

So, I must agree with Mr. Labus...let's take this Cibolo Valley Carrizo project out of the 2016 IPP, and do the appropriate technical and impact studies on this project in order to protect and manage our groundwater resources and assure that the needs of the citizens and the agricultural producers in Wilson County will not be adversely affected by a long-term, large pumping project.

Thank you..

South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group
2016 Initially Prepared Plan

Public Meeting, Victoria, Texas
June 11, 2016

Ginger Coleman

First I would like to express my appreciation to everybody involved in the planning and preparation of this 2016 IPP, Including those that are participating by providing their public comments. I am personally aware of and appreciate the diligence of the members of the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District and the Region L Board and our Wilson County officials and citizens who have communicated their views. (45:41) At last night's meeting in San Marcos a number of elected officials, agricultural producers and citizens were present and several presented comments. We are hearing similar comments today. My name is Ginger Coleman, and I am a Wilson County resident and landowner interested in responsible management and sustainability of Texas groundwater and the far-reaching effects of our decisions and actions today on our water and other natural resources now and in the future. In Wilson County I also serve as a Commissioner for Emergency Services District number three and a Director on the Economic Development Corporation for the City of Stockdale. Wilson County water in one form or another is being targeted in at least six of the projects in the 2016 IPP through pumping of groundwater and brackish water and diversion of water from Cibolo Creek (46:33) Many of the public comments we heard in the meetings held earlier this week had a common theme - sustainability. One of the definitions I found of a 'sustainable" plan, and I'm quoting from Merriam Webster, is a plan "involving methods that do not completely use up or destroy natural resources." We in Region L are looking to and must rely upon this Region L planning group to provide and approve an intelligent, equitable and sustainable plan for our water resources to the Texas Water Development Board. While that is undeniably a gargantuan task, it can be accomplished – but not with (47:19) this IPP. I am in agreement with several of the other speakers today and at the other

meetings, that the first step toward improving this plan should be to remove the proposed Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation Project from the plan altogether. Why rush into such a project when Cibolo Valley Local Government's own plan clearly indicates no customers and no needs until 2030 or 2040? This project should be removed from the 2016 IPP in its entirety and be reconsidered for the 2021 plan using updated data in the decision making process. To quote a U.S. Geological Survey article, "water stored in the ground can be compared to money kept (48:20) in a bank account. If you withdraw money at a faster rate than you deposit new money you will eventually start having account-supply problems. Yes, that is a statement of the obvious, and if the 2015 IPP means what it appears to mean, (48:24) supply problems are certainly in Region L's future IPP (48:34). As I read and re-read parts of the IPP one of several concepts that still does (48:40) not seem logical or practical to me is this—How can this Planning Group believe it is a good practice – financially, environmentally or in any other way – to pump and transport water from within counties with projected future needs (48:56) only to eventually sell to, and transport the water back into, that county? It seems to me that the only ones who benefit from this strategy are the wholesale water distributors and water purveyors. (49:12) If approved in its current form, this Plan will have, in effect, served to create a market for those water sellers at the expense of every resident, business and municipality in Region L. That is just wrong in so many ways and is one more reason to revise this plan before it is submitted to the Texas Water Development Board (49:25). Another serious concern involves the form and content of the IPP which as provided to the public on the Region L website contains misleading information about at least one project, Texas Water Alliance, and is missing at least four appendices F, J, K and L. I will give more specifics in my written comments to Region L. Here I will simply say that the IPP in its current form does not provide the public with the required opportunity to effectively review, comment and contribute to the plan's development (50:01). For these reasons and others, and recognizing the diligent and sincere efforts of each entity and person that has participated in this planning process, I respectfully assert that the Region L Planning Group has essentially failed to meet (50:21) its own stated requirements for providing a process for public input. The public does not have a full and correct plan to review. In order to fulfill that requirement the IPP must be

corrected and provided to the public in (50:35) full and accurate form and the public comment period must be reset. At the San Marcos meeting Wednesday night, one speaker likened parts of the plan to putting a Band-Aid on a bullet wound . He was right, and I say that while we may not be able to totally stop the bleeding, this Planning Group is charged with coming up with a plan that is much more effective than a Band-Aid. I'll close with this: As I mentioned earlier one of the major concerns about this IPP is sustainability of the aquifers and other natural resources that will undoubtedly be affected by the decisions made about each and every part of this project. (51:20) As I searched the internet for supporting information, I entered the phrase "negative effects of groundwater depletion" and Google returned more than 8500 results. Out of a sense of fairness and at least a little curiosity I then searched for "positive effects of groundwater" and Google's response was "no results found for 'positive effects of groundwater depletion.'"

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South Central Regional Water Planning Group
2016 Initially Prepared Plan
Victoria Public Meeting
June 11, 2015

Comments of Kay Love:

My name is Kay Love. I am a resident of Wilson County, landowner and agricultural producer. The planning group of Region L has stopped planning. There is simply a grab for rural water by the Wholesale Water Providers.

The Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation proposed Carrizo Project stands as example of a failed plan. The project was initiated by the executive director of the Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation who sits on the Region L Board representing agriculture. The plan as submitted has zero firm yield, and questionable need. Region L members thought this project had no chance of making into the 2016 IPP yet the proposed project was included. The board members then tried unsuccessfully to remove the project from the plan and were denied. They were told to comment later in the public comment period.

In the mean time, Cibolo Valley is actively acquiring leases in Wilson County.

The wholesale water providers have taken over the planning process. Their projects treat water as a speculative commodity. Their plan is buy it cheap sell it high. Agricultural and rural counties suffer as poor regional planning allows water to be pumped from counties who may have water needs in the future without study of the potential effects on the aquifer or rural communities.

There is no question that there are elephants in the room. They are the northern counties of Region L. All pipelines point north. SCTRWPG endangers agriculture, our aquifers and rural communities by giving free range to Wholesale Water Providers and their projects. Wilson County has strongly opposed these water transport projects in the past, continues to strongly oppose them and urges their removal from the 2016 IPP.

The Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation's Project should be removed from the SCTRWPG 2016 IPP as a water management strategy, an alternate strategy and receive no state funding.

Comments Submitted to
South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group
2016 Initially Prepared Plan

Presented by

County Judge Richard L. Jackson
and the citizens of Wilson County

August 13, 2016

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation is attempting to acquire water rights in Northeastern Wilson County;

WHEREAS, Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation will transport the water out of Wilson County;

WHEREAS, with Wilson County's predicted future growth, the water is essential to ensure that growth;

WHEREAS, timely notice was not given to Wilson County Officials prior to the inclusion of this project and the 2016 Initially Prepared Plan;

WHEREAS, this project may affect the sustainability of the Carrizo Aquifer and there was no inclusion of a study or a plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Wilson County Commissioner's Court is opposing Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation's attempt to acquire water rights and transport the water out of Wilson County.

Presented this 22nd day of June, 2015.

WILSON COUNTY:

Richard L. Jackson
County Judge

ATTEST:

Eva S. Martinez
County Clerk

Albert Gamez, Jr.
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Paul W. Pfeil
Commissioner, Precinct 2

Ricky Morales
Commissioner, Precinct 3

Larry A. Wiley
Commissioner, Precinct 4

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-007

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FLORESVILLE IN OPPOSITION TO THE CIBOLO VALLEY LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORPORATION PROJECT IN WILSON COUNTY, TEXAS, FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2016 SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS INITIALLY PREPARED PLAN.

WHEREAS, the Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation ("CVLGC") is attempting to acquire water rights in Northeastern Wilson County;

WHEREAS, CVLGC proposes to transport 10,000 acre-feet per year of water out of Wilson County;

WHEREAS, Wilson County's water is permitted by the Evergreen UWCD to existing users and fully subscribed within the Modeled Available Groundwater ("MAG"). Hence, no water is available for export projected within the plan for the CVLGC project as proposed; and

WHEREAS, the project envisioned by the CVLGC has no required demand projected until the Year 2030.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORESVILLE that the project exceeds the MAG, has no demand for said project water until 2030, and accordingly should be listed only as a possible alternate project for the Region "L" Plan. ***See attached Memorandum and excerpts from the 2016 Initially Prepared Plan attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.***

Attachment: July 6, 2015 Memorandum Regarding the CVLGC.

ACTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL

Upon motion duly made to approve Agenda Item 2a by Councilperson Ortiz, seconded by Councilperson Nieto, Agenda Item 2a was approved by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent on July 9, 2015.

Diana Garza
Mayor

Attest:

Monica Cordova
City Secretary

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Keith Rodgers – Paul Martinez

June 5, 2015

The Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation
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Seguin TX 78155

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To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Poth expresses opposition to the above large scale groundwater project proposed for Wilson County by the Cibolo Valley Local Gov't Corp. As written this proposal will jeopardize future water needs for the City of Poth and surrounding municipalities, water corporations and agriculture in Wilson County. The proposed well field in Wilson County will create an adverse effect to the Carrizo Aquifer.

The City of Poth urges Cibolo Valley Local Gov't Corporation to reconsider this groundwater project in Wilson County.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Very Truly Yours,

Anthony Smolka
Honorable Mayor of the City of Poth

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RESOLUTION NO. R061115-01

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT WITH WILSON COUNTY AGAINST THE CIBOLO VALLEY LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORPORATION CARRIZO-WILCOX PROJECT

Whereas, Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation Carrizo- Wilcox Project wants to obtain 10,000 acre feet of water from the Carrizo-Wilcox Spring; and

Whereas, the City of La Vernia has a vested interest in the Carrizo-Wilcox Springs for future growth; and

Whereas, Wilson County is against the Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation Carrizo-Wilcox Project; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:
That the City of La Vernia, acting through its governing body, hereby confirms that it supports Wilson County against Carrizo-Wilcox Project; and

PASSED AND APPROVED this day the 11th day of June, 2015.

Robert W. Gregory, Mayor
City of La Vernia, Texas

ATTEST:

Angela Cantu, City Secretary

CITY OF LA VERNIA * LA VERNIA, TEXAS *

RESOLUTION NO: 191-081115-07

WHEREAS, the City of Stockdale serves the citizens of Stockdale to improve commerce and encourage and facilitate economic development and beneficial growth;

WHEREAS, the City of Stockdale depends on the Carrizo Aquifer for its primary source of water across all usage categories, and is concerned for the sustainability of the Carrizo Aquifer, the welfare of Stockdale residents, and the future growth of Stockdale and Wilson County;

WHEREAS, Managed Available Groundwater studies show no available water for the Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation Carrizo Project proposed in The South Texas Regional Water Planning Group, Region L, 2016 Initially Prepared Plan;

WHEREAS, sufficient surveys and studies have not been completed to assess the potential effects of this Project on, among other things, rural communities, agriculture, and the sustainability of the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer;

WHEREAS, the Plan does not show a need for water for the Cibolo Schertz area until the Year 2030, therefore it is unnecessary for this Project to be included in the 2016 Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Stockdale, opposes the Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation Carrizo Project.

Presented this 11th day of August, 2015.

ATTEST: Thania Santos

Thania Santos
City Secretary

City of Stockdale: Absent

Ray Wolff
Mayor

Sherry D Lambeck

Sherry D. Lambeck
City Council, District I

Saul Bosquez
City Council, District II

Scott Soden

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COUNTY OF WILSON

August 12, 2015

South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group
c/o San Antonio River Authority
P.O. Box 839980
San Antonio, Texas 78282

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is to inform you that a resolution from McCoy Water Supply Corporation will not be available until August 20, 2015 as per their business meeting. We would like to include this resolution with our packet and would like to be permitted to submit this after August 20, 2015.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Jackson
Wilson County Judge

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THREE OAKS WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION
8519 F M 1344
Floresville Texas 78114

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation is attempting to acquire water rights in Northeastern Wilson County;

WHEREAS, Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation will transport the water out of Wilson County;

WHEREAS, With Three Oaks Water Supply Corporation's predicted future growth, the water is essential to ensure that growth;

WHEREAS, Timely notice was not given to Three Oaks Water Supply Corporation prior to the inclusion of this project and the 2016 initially prepared plan;

WHEREAS, This project will affect the sustainability of the Carrizo Aquifer and there was no inclusion of a study or a plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Three Oaks Water Supply Corporation Board of Directors is opposing Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation's attempt to acquire water rights and transport the water out of Wilson County.

Adopted at Regular Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting July 14, 2015:

Three Oaks Water Supply Corporation:

Kevin Raabe, President

James Noll, Vice President

Jim Pruski, Secretary/Treasurer

Anthony Korzekwa, Board Member

Attested:

Rob Moczygemba, Board Member

Norbert Skloss, Board Member

Curt Raabe, Board Member

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WHEREAS, Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation will transport the water out of Wilson County;

WHEREAS, with Wilson County's predicted future growth, the water is essential to ensure that growth;

WHEREAS, timely notice was not given to Wilson County Officials prior to the inclusion of this project and the 2016 Initially Prepared Plan;

WHEREAS, this project may affect the sustainability of Carrizo Aquifer and there was no inclusion of a study or a plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Oak Hills Water Supply Corp. Board of Directors is opposing Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation's attempt to acquire water rights and transport the water out of Wilson County.

Presented this 12th day of August, 2015.

Oak Hills Water Supply Corp:

Andy McBride
Board President

Attest:

Sue Witten
Sue Witten
Secretary/Treasurer

SEAL



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RESOLUTION
2015-01

The Board of Directors of El Oso Water Supply Corporation being convened in Regular Session at the Administrative Office located at 4098 S. Hwy 181, Kenedy, Texas, on the 14th day of July, 2015, with a quorum present has reached the conclusion of the following:

WHEREAS, Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation is attempting to acquire water rights in Wilson County;

WHEREAS, Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation will transport the water out of Wilson County;

WHEREAS, predicted future growth for El Oso Water Supply Corporation distribution system, the water is essential to ensure that growth;

WHEREAS, El Oso Water Supply Corporations main production facility is located in Wilson County;

WHEREAS, timely notice was not given prior to the inclusion of this project and the 2016 Initially Prepared Plan;

WHEREAS, this project may affect the sustainability of the Carrizo Aquifer and there was no inclusion of a study or a plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the corporation shall oppose Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation's attempt to acquire water rights and transporting water out of the Carrizo Aquifer.

Gerald Jendrusch, President

ATTEST:

LeeRoy Kerlick, Secretary

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation is attempting to acquire water rights in Northeastern Wilson County;

WHEREAS, Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation will transport the water out of Wilson County;

WHEREAS, Wilson County's water is permitted by the Evergreen UWCD to existing users and fully subscribed within the Modeled Available Groundwater ("MAG"). Hence, no water is available for export projected within the plan for the CVLGC project as proposed; and

WHEREAS, with Wilson County's predicted future growth, the water is essential to ensure that growth;

WHEREAS, that the project exceeds the MAG, has no demand for said project water until 2030, and in addition this project may affect the sustainability of the Carrizo Aquifer and there was no inclusion of a study or a plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Picosa Water Supply Corporation is opposing Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation's attempt to acquire water rights and transport the water out of Wilson County.

Presented this 16th day of July, 2015.

PICOSA WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

X _____
Pablo Y. Tejeda
President

X _____
Eugene W. Reanes
Secretary, Treasurer

X _____
Ramiro Martinez
Director

X _____
Manuel T. Valdez
Director

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation is attempting to acquire water rights in Northeastern Wilson County;

WHEREAS, Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation will transport the water out of Wilson County;

WHEREAS, with Sunko Water Supply Corporation's predicted future growth, the water is essential to ensure that growth;

WHEREAS, timely notice was not given to Sunko Water Supply Corporation prior to the inclusion of this project and the 2016 Initially Prepared Plan;

WHEREAS, this project will affect the sustainability of the Carrizo Aquifer and there was no inclusion of a study or a plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sunko Water Supply Corporation Board of Directors is opposing Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation's attempt to acquire water rights and transport the water out of Wilson County.

Presented this 3rd day of August, 2015.

SUNKO WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION:

Melvin R. Medley, President

Onufry John Moy, Jr., Sec.-Treas.

Bryan Mills, Board Member

Jimmy Tackitt, Board Member

ATTEST:

Johnie Deagen, Vice President

Benjamin Kotara, Board Member

Ernest Moczygemba, Board Member

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S.S. WATER SUPPLY CORP.
10393 U.S. HWY. 87 W
PO BOX 1000
LA VERNIA, TX 78121
(830)779-2837 METRO (830)253-1333
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July 13, 2015

Mr. Con Mims
Chair, South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group
P.O. Box 349
Uvalde, TX 78802

RE: Opposition to Region L Initially Prepared Plan for 2016

Dear Mr. Mims:

S.S. Water Supply Corporation recently considered the 2016 Initially Prepared Plan for Region L Water Planning and we, the Board of Directors are opposed to the specific project in the plan that allows Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation to pump water from the Carrizo Aquifer and transport the water for use in the cities of Cibolo and Schertz. The Board of Directors requests this project to be removed from the Initially Prepared Plan for the following reasons:

First, the Groundwater Availability Model (GAM) shows no yield to support this project. If this project remains in the approved plan, it will be eligible for Texas State funding at tax payer's expense, when in fact the local Ground Water Conservation District will never be able to issue a transportation permit to move the water, since there is no water available.

Next, this project will have a devastating effect on the Carrizo Aquifer and impact the water for our customers. The GAM already predicts that in 60 years the drawdown in our service area will be 100 to 120 feet. We are very concerned about our own planning and have developed our own alternative plan to service our customers. If this project is successful, we estimate that our wells could be impacted within 20 to 30 years and our customers will need to spend $Millions to acquire and transport a new water source.

Additionally, S S Water Supply Corporation has implemented a realistic planning model based on historical and factual data. Our projections for the next 60 years show an 87% increase over the Water Development Board's projections. Our members are placing their trust in State planners to protect this resource and ensure its supply meets the needs of this district for as long as possible.

Finally, S S Water Supply Corporation and many other organizations within Wilson County are not convinced that this organization has even showed a requirement for this water in the future. Parts of this organization are co-mingled with other Local Governmental Corporations, wholesale providers and Water Districts with many water related agreements. This organization seems to be involved in a power or political play to secure water, so that in the future they are better prepared to strong arm other water purveyors.

Sincerely,

JOHN LARRISON, PRESIDENT

LOYCE MCCARTER, VICE-PRES

SEAL

CHARLES RICE, SEC/TREAS

JOHN FOX, DIRECTOR

LARRY BRATTEN, DIRECTOR

JAY DON STEEL, DIRECTOR

THOMAS BOYNTON, DIRECTOR

PAULA SANDLIN, DIRECTOR

[redacted]

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Stockdale Economic Development Corporation serves the citizens of Stockdale to improve commerce and encourage and facilitate economic development and beneficial growth;

WHEREAS, the City of Stockdale depends on the Carrizo Aquifer for its primary source of water across all usage categories, and is concerned for the sustainability of the Carrizo Aquifer, the welfare of Stockdale residents, and the future growth of Stockdale and Wilson County;

WHEREAS, Managed Available Groundwater studies show no available water for the Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation Carrizo Project proposed in the South Texas Regional Water Planning Group, Region L, 2016 Initially Prepared Plan;

WHEREAS, sufficient surveys and studies have not been completed to assess the potential effects of this Project on, among other things, rural communities, agriculture, and the sustainability of the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer;

WHEREAS, the Plan does not show a need for water for the Cibolo Schertz area until the year 2030, therefore it is unnecessary for this Project to be included in the 2016 Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stockdale Economic Development Corporation opposes the Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation Carrizo Project.

SIGNED this 11 day of August, 2015.

Frank Bain, President

Gary West, Secretary/Treasurer

FRANK BAIN, PRESIDENT
POLLY STRYKER, VICE PRESIDENT
GARY WEST, SEC./TREAS.

GINGER COLEMAN
J.C. HRUBETZ
LH WEST
JENIIFER BAIRD

Stockdale Economic Development Corp.

830-996-3128 Office
830-534-8649 Cell

Johnny Stahl, *Administrator*
sedc@gvec.net

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Gary West, Secretary/Treasurer

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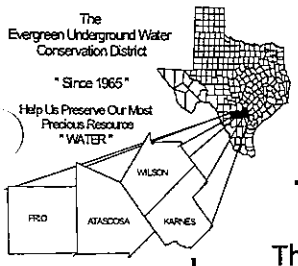

EVERGREEN UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Matthew Pope
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The Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District's Board of Directors urges Region L to consider the following information before inclusion of the Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation's ("CVLGC") water transport project in the Region L Water Plan. This project is a 10,000 acre-foot per year project to transport groundwater from a Carrizo aquifer well field in northeastern Wilson County to the Cibolo Schertz area.

1. First and foremost, the CVLGC Project is listed in the Region L Initially Prepared Plan ("IPP") having zero firm yield. As such the Project does not provide any water supply necessary to balance the water budget in Region L.
2. The Region L Initially Prepared Plan does not show a need for the Cibolo Schertz area until the year 2030. This project could be added to the 2021 or 2026 Regional Plan if that water is still needed at that time, and that would allow time for adequate hydrogeologic studies and groundwater modeling of the project's potential impacts.
3. Wilson County relies primarily on water from the Carrizo Aquifer as its water source across all water usage categories, including irrigation, public water supply, oil and gas production, and domestic and livestock use.
4. Wilson County will continue to experience its own population growth and that growth and future economic development is dependent on adequate water supplies from the Carrizo Aquifer.
5. Section 5.2.14.5 of the IPP specifically states that implementation of this project "could involve conflicts with other water supply plans as they will be competing for limited groundwater supplies within Wilson County and the Evergreen UWCD." It goes on further to say that the development of groundwater in the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer in the South Texas Water Planning Region must address all of the issues as stated above.

For the reasons outlined above we respectfully request that Region L consider removing the CVLGC Project from the 2016 Regional Water Plan.

Steve Snider, President

Clifton Stacy, Vice President

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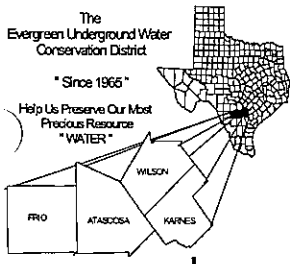

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SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS
INDEPENDENT CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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July 29, 2015

South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group
Cole Ruiz
c/o San Antonio River Authority
P.O. Box 839980
San Antonio, Texas 78282

Dear Region L Planning Group Members,

The South Central Texas Chapter of Independent Cattlemen represents men and women involved in cattle production in Wilson, Bexar, Atascosa, and Frio counties. As landowners we are resource owners; as cattlemen we are dependent on water for our livestock and our livelihood. Agriculture provides the most basic and necessary of services to the population of this region and must be given consideration in water planning.

The South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group's 2016 Initially Prepared Plan ignores the needs of agriculture. The plan assumes that all other water users will have increased needs but agriculture will not. Increased population calls for increased production of food and fiber. All statistics in the plan pertaining to agriculture appear to be outdated, subject to question, or incorrect.

We strongly object to Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation's Wilson County Carrizo project. This project is speculative, has questionable need, no immediate need and is extremely controversial. It would remove much needed water from the Carrizo Aquifer in Wilson County.

We support the right of any land owner to lease water rights, as well as the right of his neighbor to protect himself from the abuse of the rule of capture by Wholesale Water Providers who transport water out of our rural communities.

As resource owners we are concerned for the health and sustainability of our aquifers. The IPP includes proposals that clearly exceed the Desired Future Conditions. Projects that have Zero firm yield or exceed the DFC should be removed from the IPP.

The Texas Water Code recognizes agriculture as an important stakeholder in water planning. The SCTRWP/Region L assigns 3 seats for agriculture. One of the agriculture seats has been vacant for a part of this planning cycle. Another agriculture seat is held by Alan Cockrell, General Manager of Schertz Seguin Local Government Corporation and the Executive Director of Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation. Both of these entities have proposed projects in the Region L 2016 Initially Prepared Plan.

We find this conflict of interest has contributed to a plan that ignores the needs of agriculture. In strongest terms, we urge removal of this individual immediately, prior to any vote on this plan, and his replacement with a qualified agricultural producer.

In short, we find that 2016 IPP does not meet the statutory criteria for long or short term water planning in South Central Texas. The plan fails to protect agriculture, rural communities, and the region's water resources.

South Central Texas Independent Cattlemen's Board of Directors,

Brad Cotton, President; Gus Gonzalez, Vice President; Susan Gonzalez, Secretary; A.L. "Windy" Miller, Treasurer Directors: Laurie Miller, Richard Jackson, Pat Kuykendall, Alton Kuykendall, Marshall Livingston, Larry Wiley, Gary West, Kristie West, Bryan Mills, Dr. Glen Tate

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TO: South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group:

I oppose the Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation's Wilson County Carrizo project and ask that it be removed from the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group 2016 Initially Prepared Plan

Effective water planning for the future must include protection of the aquifer, realistic assessment of needs, and sufficient water for agricultural and the future growth of Wilson County.

Environmental effects have not been studied, nor have the effects of water transport on rural communities and agriculture.

From: Darnell Muenchow

[redacted]

Member of FCA - Association
A Cattle Raiser

To:

South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group
% Cole Ruiz or Steve Raabe
Administrative Agent for Region L, SARA
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ICA MEMBER

From: George Zidek

[redacted]

To:

South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group
% Cole Ruiz
Administrative Agent for Region L, SARA
P.O. 839980
San Antonio Texas ~~77902~~ 78283

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TO: South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group

RE: 2016 Initially Prepared Plan,

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I object to this project and urge its removal from the plan.

Landowner, farmer, cattle raiser over the Carrizo Aquifer

ICA MEMBER

From: Douglas O'Brien

[redacted]

To:

South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group
% Cole Ruiz
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Owner-operator CVI Ranch
over the Carrizo Aquifer

ICA
MEMBER

From: Tina Marie Cluburn

[redacted]

To:

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% Cole Ruiz
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From: Gabe Korzekwa

[redacted]

ICA Member

To:

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ICA Member

From: CLARENCE LAMBECK

[redacted]

To:

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ICA Member

From: Reann L. Miller

[redacted]

To:

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From: Logan L Miller [redacted]

LCA member

To:

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From: Doug Muenchow

[redacted]

Member TCA and Cattle Rancher

To:

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I CO member

From: Norman Mutz

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✱ I object to this project and urge its removal from the plan.

From: LORRAINE PAVLISKA

[redacted]

WE ARE MEMBERS WITH ICA of TX. CATTLE ASSC.

To:

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From: William M Pavlicka Farm & Ranch owner operator
[redacted]
Texas Cattlemans Association

To:

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From: David Wehmeyer ICA Member

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Go get ur water somewhere else!!

ICA Member

From: Dennis J. Talley

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As members of both the Independent Cattlemans Association & reside in Atascosa ~~County~~ County we want to strongly object to this Plan

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Leave our water Alone

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CATTLE RANCHER PRESERVE OUR WATER

From: Jan Pfeil

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Preserve our water rights. We raise Cattle & produce. We need our water. Member of ICA.

From: Terry Pfeil

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WHO DO I SEE WHEN MY WELL GOES DRY?

ICA MEMBER

From: AL PRUITT

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Do not pump from our Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer!

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ICA Members

From: Lynn D. Witten

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AS FARMERS & RANCHERS We NEED every drop OF OUR WATER

ICA Members

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S.S. Water Supply Corporation

Population Study

Prepared by Jim Brown, H2O Analytics
4/17/2013

Introduction

This document presents an estimate of the S.S. Water Supply Corporation service area population. A 'bottom up' methodology was used in order to accurately map housing units and federal census population estimates to the S.S. WSC service area boundaries. This approach is a variation of the commonly used Housing Unit Method and is based on data provided by the Wilson County Appraisal District and the United States Census Bureau.

A 'bottom up' methodology for estimating population

The population estimates in this document are based on a variation of the 'Housing Unit Method' which is widely used in urban planning. The standard Housing Unit Method (HUM) utilizes random sampling of households to measure characteristics of the "typical household," and applies those characteristics to the total housing unit inventory of the area being surveyed. Core attributes of a HUM-estimate are:

1. Housing Units –total number of housing units within the survey area
2. Residency Rates - residency rates indicate what percentage of housing units are occupied
3. PPU - Persons per housing unit (PPU) indicates the average number of people living in each occupied housing unit
4. Group Quarters - The number of permanent residents living in group quarters within the survey area. Group quarters include nursing homes, military barracks, correctional facilities, college dormitories, etc.

This study uses Wilson County Appraisal District data to identify and geo-locate housing units within the S.S. WSC service area. Each property parcel was uniquely identified using the WCAD property id, and its latitude/longitude location center-point was extracted from the WCAD GIS database. Parcels that were missing GIS data were geo-coded using the situs-address. Property-level 'improvement' data was interrogated programmatically to identify the number of housing units on each property parcel.

The center-point latitude/longitude location was then used to identify the corresponding Census Block for each parcel. For each Census block, the federal estimate of housing units and total population was used to determine the average persons-per-unit (PPU) within the Census Block. As these values are based upon the Federal Census door-to-door survey, this value has occupancy/vacancy rates 'baked in.'

A manual review of the S.S. WSC service area revealed a small number of Group Quarters in gas drilling site "man camps" which have been accounted for in the population estimate provided here.

County Population

Federal Census data reveals the following Wilson County Population estimates:

2000 Population	32,408
2010 Population	42,918
2011 Population	44,370
Population Growth	**36.9%**
2010 Housing Units	16,766
2011 Housing Units	17,377
People-per-Unit	2.56

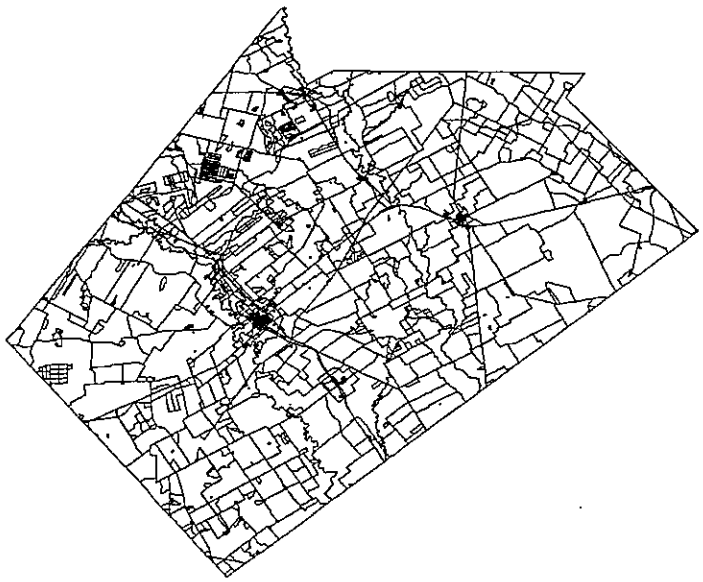

Figure 4 – Wilson County Census Blocks

Analysis of the Wilson County Appraisal District Data reveals a total of 17,533 housing units. The location of each property in the WCAD database was determined by evaluating the county's parcel GIS database and using the GIS 'centroid' function which calculates the center point of a polygon; this provides a latitude/longitude location for the 'center' of each property. This location was used to find the Census Block that each property resides within. The people-per-unit value from each Census Block was multiplied times the number of housing units on each property to determine the estimated population per property. As shown in the table below Figure 5, this bottom-up approach over-states the housing unit count and county-wide population count, when compared to the 2011 census update, by 0.90% and 0.83% respectively.

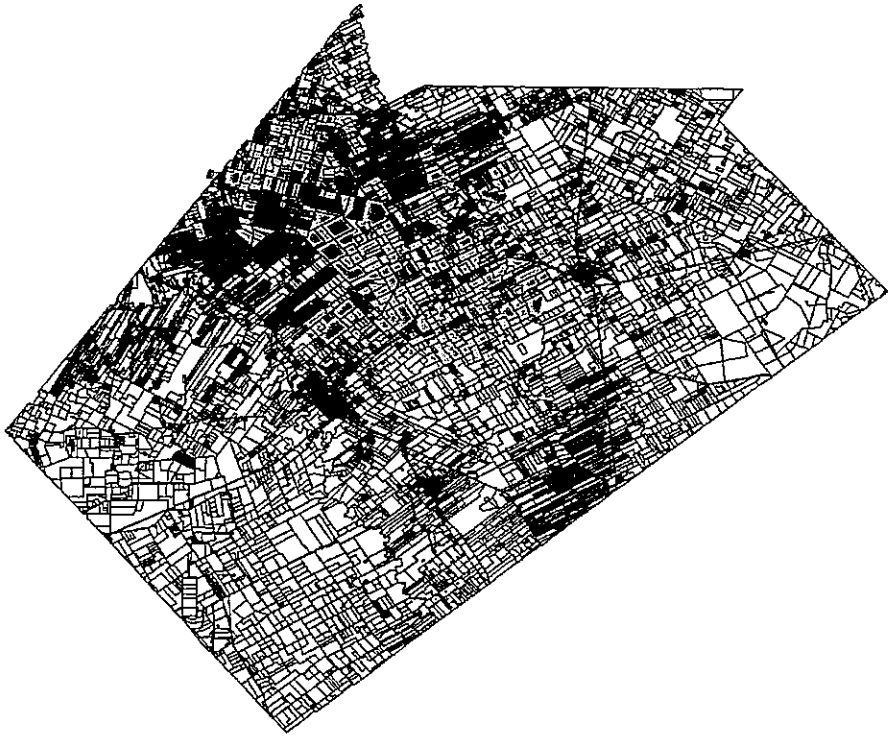

Figure 5 – Wilson County Property Parcels with S.S. WSC service area shaded blue

	2010 Census	2011 Update	WCAD	Diff	Percent
Total Housing Units	16,766	17,377	17,533	(156)	(0.90%)
Total Population	42,918	44,370	44,737	(367)	(0.83%)

The geo location of each property parcel was then used to perform GIS queries against the S.S. Water Supply Corporation CCN service area boundaries. The table below summarizes the property county, housing unit count and estimated population for the service area. The graphic in Figure 6 depicts properties located in the S.S. Water Supply Corp service area. Green points indicate properties without housing units and blue points indicate properties with housing units. The backing data files which accompany this report include a Google Earth KMZ file which can be used to visually explore these data points and boundaries. The backing files also include a Microsoft Excel Worksheet with details on each parcel.

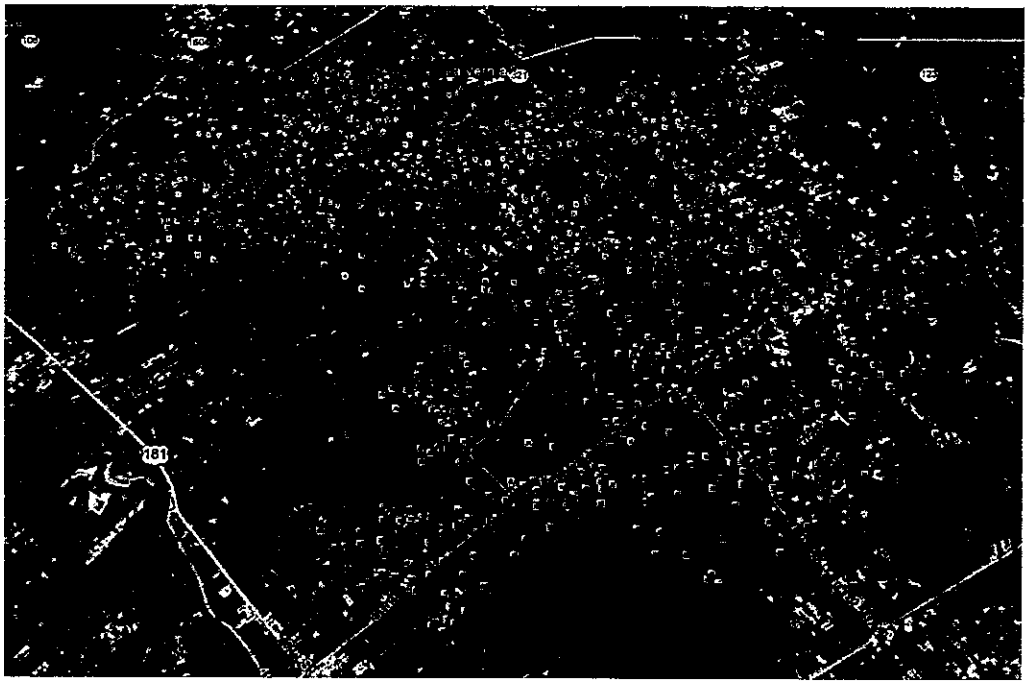

Figure 6 – Parcels within the SS WSC Service Area

	Properties	Housing Units	Population
S.S. WSC service area	7,374	5,075	13,529
Bexar County adjustment	30	30	82
Hickory Hill adjustment	(84)	(50)	(135)
Wood Creek adjustment	(24)	(21)	(61)
Great Oaks Blvd adjustment	39	13	35
Man Camp adjustment	2	27	27
Trailer Spaces adjustment	11	139	273
Apartment Units adjustment	4	22	44
Totals	**7,389**	**5,276**	**13,846**

Adjustments

Along with the adjustments for Group Quarters discussed previously, this study also made several adjustments for inaccuracies in the S.S. WSC service area shapefile that was provided by TCEQ. Additionally, a small portion of the S.S. WSC service area extends into Bexar County and this portion was accounted for manually rather than processing the entire Bexar County Appraisal District database.

Bexar County portion

A total of 30 S.S. WSC meters are located within Bexar County, including four properties on Jolly Road that are serviced under a memorandum of agreement with East Central SUD. Based on census block population density figures, these 30 locations serve a population of 82 persons.

Hickory Hill adjustment

In the northeast portion of the S.S. WSC service area, a slight inaccuracy in the TCEQ shapefile causes the odd-numbered parcels on the south side of Hickory Hill Dr to fall inside the geospatial queries used here. We have manually accounted for this situation and found 84 parcels with a total of 50 housing units and an estimated population of 135 persons.

Wood Creek Adjustment

In 1990 an agreement was reached with the City of La Vernia water utility under which the city utility annexed a small portion of the S.S. WSC service area encompassing Woodcreek Dr including 24 parcels, 21 housing units and an estimated population of 61 persons. The TCEQ shapefile was never updated to reflect the agreement therefore this report has manually adjusted for these values.

Great Oaks Blvd Adjustment

The same shapefile inaccuracy described above under 'Hickory Hill adjustment' also causes most odd-numbered parcels along Great Oaks Blvd to fall outside the spatial queries. A total of 38 parcels, 13 housing units and an estimated population of 35 have been accounted for manually in this report.

Man Camps

Drilling activity in the Eagle / Ford Shale has resulted in a large influx of gas field workers. Two 'man camps' with a total of 27 cabins and 27 men have been established recently in Wilson County and have been accounted for in this report.

Trailer Spaces

The Wilson County Appraisal Database does not accurately account for trailer spaces in "mobile home parks" where multiple mobile home units are present on a single land parcel. These properties have been manually accounted for and the numbers in this report adjusted accordingly. A separate tab is presented in the backing-data spreadsheet with the details on this adjustment.

Apartment Units

The Wilson County Appraisal Database does not accurately account for apartment units. These properties have been manually accounted for and the numbers in this report adjusted accordingly. A separate tab is presented in the backing-data spreadsheet with the details on this adjustment.

Short Term Growth Projections

Two developments with a total of 121 lots are currently getting underway in the S.S. WSC service area. "The Woodlands" is a subdivision of parcel 17597 into 92 lots, and "Triple R Ranch, phase three" will subdivide a portion of parcel 17447 into 29 lots. Once these parcels are developed, sold and occupied, it is expected these 121 lots will accommodate population growth of 310 persons.

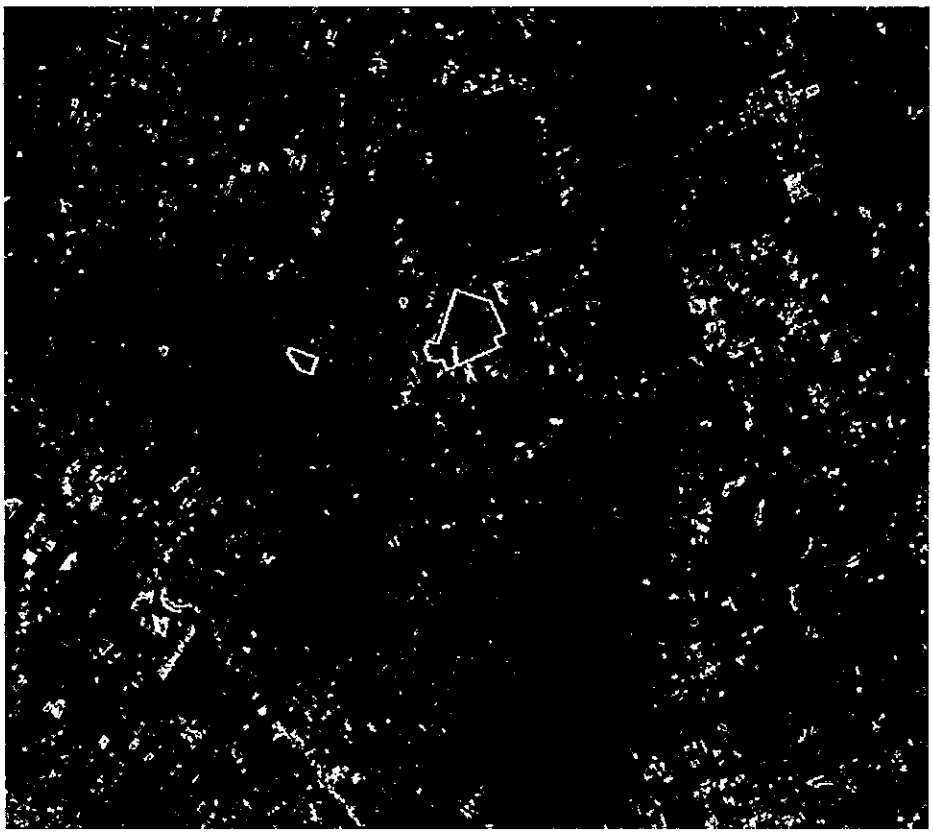

Figure 7 – S.S. WSC Service Area with The Woodlands and Triple R Ranch, phase three highlighted

Appendix

The following data sets were utilized in this study:

Data	Data Type	Originating Entity
S.S.WSC CCN Boundary	ESRI Shapefile	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
Wilson Appraisal data (Dec 2012)	CSV files	Wilson County Appraisal District
Wilson Appraisal parcel boundaries	ESRI Shapefile	Wilson County Appraisal District
2010 Federal Census Data, 2011 Census Update	ESRI Shapefile CSV files	United States Census Bureau

The data files listed below were generated during the course of this study:

Data	Data Type	File Name
All of the ESRI Shapefiles listed in the above section were converted to Keyhole Markup for easy visualization in Google Earth. In addition, plots of properties in the CCN area were created with color-coded markers to show properties with and without housing units.	Keyhole Markup	'S.S. WSC Population Study.kmz'
Contains various tabs with detail backing data including property-level data for old area, new area and extension area. Also contains detail of all properties within Guadalupe county and Federal Census data cross-reference of BlockID and Estimated Population.	Microsoft Excel Worksheet	'S.S. WSC - Population Study - Supporting Data.xlsx'

Please contact Herb Williams, General Manager of S.S. Water Supply Corporation if you would like to review any of these data sets.

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July 13, 2015

To: Region L Planning Group Members

Ref: Proposed Cibolo Valley Project in Draft IPP

Dear Planning Group Members:

It is a remarkable irony that in August 2015, the Planning Group is possibly faced with a decision to include or exclude a Carrizo Aquifer water project proposed in Wilson County within the 2016 Draft Regional Water Plan. The irony is that approximately 10 years ago, the 2006 Draft Regional Water Plan was faced with a major controversy regarding a similarly sized proposed Carrizo Aquifer pumping project in Wilson County. The 2005 project was being proposed by the San Antonio Water Systems and it was for 11,000 ac/ft.

I refer to the controversy of the 2005 project as "major" because there were two significant votes that occurred within that Planning Cycle. The first vote was in regards to approving the draft Initially Prepared Plan which included the controversial SAWS Wilson County Carrizo Project. The Planning Group approved the draft plan by 1 vote. Significant to the vote totals were the positions of the Edwards Aquifer interests whom voted in favor of the draft Plan because they claimed that any water source that reduced reliance on the Edwards Aquifer was a good thing. Those interests on the losing side of that first vote warned that if the controversial Carrizo Project were not pulled from the draft Plan, a second vote regarding the submission of the Final Draft Plan to the TWDB would almost assuredly be needed.

It is important to recognize that there were three (3) principal arguments against including the 2005 SAWS Wilson County Carrizo project at that time and these were: 1) even without the Carrizo Project, the plan would have a surplus in excess of 60% of the projected water demand such that the project was not necessary to meet the demands; 2) hydrologic modelling performed by SAWS depicted alarming drawdowns of the water table in eastern Wilson County; and 3) there existed significant public opposition to the project as well as opposition to the project on the Regional Planning Group itself.

When the Regional Planning Group voted in the Fall of 2005 to submit the 2006 Draft Regional Water Plan, the votes against exceeded the votes in favor of submitting the Plan. This was the first time and has since been the only time a Regional Planning Group did not submit a draft Final Regional Water Plan at the required deadline. Some may consider this a dark mark against the Region L Planning Group. Others justifiably feel the reverse. It should however be an important reminder that although the Planning Group should strive for consensus, the point of the Planning Group is not a rubber stamped process and that when reasoned opposition and public comment are present, consideration must be given to doing what is right versus what is expedient. The current Chairman of the 2015 Water Planning Group knows this well as in 2005, he voted with the majority of Planning Group members to not submit the 2005 Plan containing the SAWS Wilson County Water Supply Project to the TWDB.

So what is different between the 2005 proposal by SAWS and the 2015 Cibolo Valley Project? Several key things including:

1) Unlike which exists in 2015, in 2005, there was not a Groundwater Management Area that had determined the Managed Available Groundwater through application of modeled Desired Future Conditions.

2) Unlike which existed in 2005, water availability of projects within the 2016 Plan is a function of what the Groundwater Management Areas indicate as available (which is zero for this project).
3) Unlike which SAWS presented as part of their comprehensive Proposal in 2005 for their Wilson County Carrizo Aquifer pumping project, the 2015 Cibolo Valley project has presented no technical data related to the effects of long term pumping.

What these two projects, approximately 10 years apart, do have in common however are the following:

1) United and reasoned opposition from Wilson County residents and elected officials as well as the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District.
2) Ample additional water supply opportunities apart from the proposed project to meet the project sponsor's needs.

It may also be noteworthy that it was the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District's willingness starting in 2006 to promulgate Brackish Carrizo-Wilcox desalination rules with the San Antonio Water Systems that supported some of the early foundation for SAWS eventual development of its Brackish Water Desalination in south Bexar County. This fact should be evidence alone that the people of Wilson County and the Evergreen Groundwater District in particular recognize the need for partnerships and collaborative research in meeting the Region's growing water demands.

It should also be pointed out that the Regional Planning Group's allowance for projects with no firm yield based upon the Groundwater Management Areas projection of available supplies to still be in the Plan and considered equivalent to projects with firm yields (with respect to State Funding options) is problematic for several reasons. First off, a project sponsor has the same right as anyone else to pursue changing the Managed Available Groundwater through petitioning or influence of the particular Groundwater Management Area. No one is questioning that. However, one has to believe that the intent of the Legislature in developing the Groundwater Management Area's authority in Regional Planning was such that a particular project's estimated firm yield was accommodated by the Groundwater Management Area's available supplies at the time the project is proposed to the Regional Planning Group and not instead to require modification of the Groundwater Management Area's available supplies after the Plan is approved. If that were the case, the usefulness of the Groundwater Management Area's available supplies is of no real significant value to the Regional Planning process. The alternative and more reasonable path is that a project sponsor should successfully petition the Groundwater Management Area for a change in managed available groundwater which would accommodate their project, and then submit the project as part of the next Regional Planning cycle. Point is, the Cibolo Valley project sponsors have every right to submit their project in the next Planning Cycles should they successfully modify the Managed Available Groundwater in a manner that accommodates their request. In this manner, the Regional Planning group is actually working with a project that has met the necessary criteria for establishing a "firm yield" for a project.

For the reasons outlined above, I respectfully request the Region Planning Group exclude the above referenced Cibolo Valley project from the Initially Prepared Plan.

Sincerely,

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Wilson County Director San Antonio River Authority

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group's Initially Prepared Plan.

The members of Wilson County Water are resource owners and water users in Wilson County concerned about the Carrizo Aquifer and the future of Wilson County. Our purpose is to promote and protect Texas landowners' water rights.

In July the Niagra Bottling Company announced plans to locate a bottling company in Seguin that will use 2,500 acre feet of water per year in the first of several phases of development.

The city of Seguin has made a land grant in the amount of $985,000 and a tax abatement amounting to $485,000 to encourage the company to locate its new facility in Seguin.

The South Central Regional Water Planning Group's Initially Prepared Plan contains statistics for projected demand for Region L. In the plan at 5.3.11 Guadalupe County Water Supply Plan, the city of Seguin projects no shortage, the city of Schertz projects no shortage until 2050, and the city of Cibolo projects no shortage until 2030.

The cities of Seguin, Schertz and Cibolo are served by two closely related local government corporations. Seguin has 7,000 acre feet a year of surface water rights on the Guadalupe River. The mayor of Seguin contends that the city has plenty of water for the next 50 years and beyond (see attached).

Schertz Seguin LGC is selling water to SAWS from the Carrizo Aquifer in Gonzales County.

Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation and statistics in the IPP fail to prove that a need exists for the proposed Wilson County Carrizo Project. This project should be removed from the 2016 IPP and receive no further state funding.

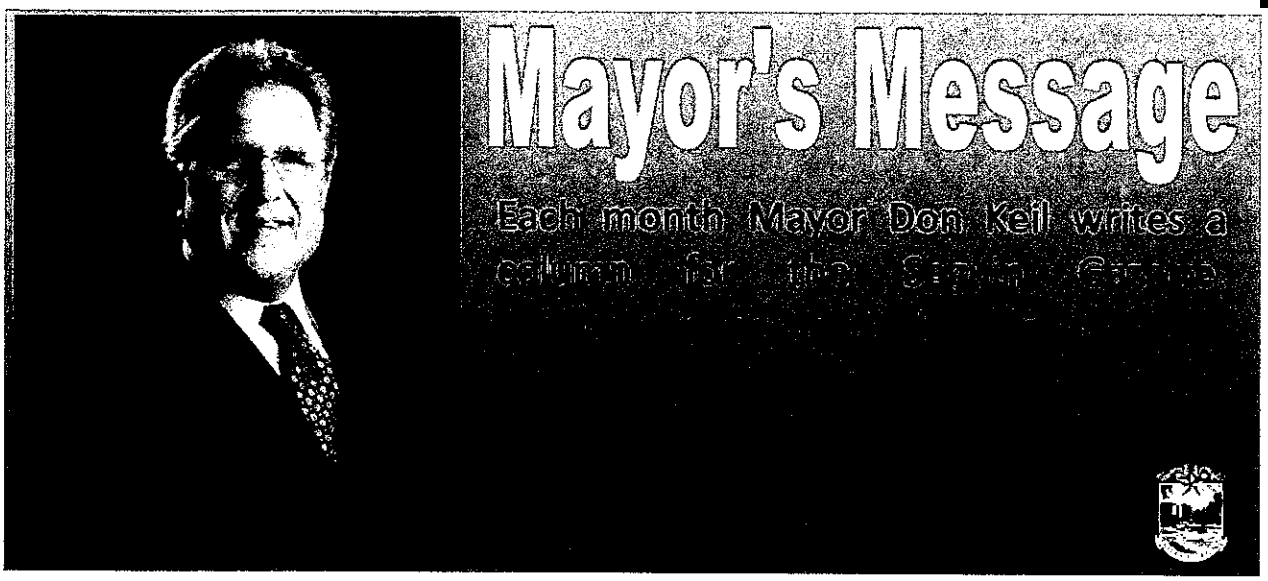
The project is opposed by Wilson County Commissioners Court, the City Councils of every city in the county, the water supply corporations and the residents of Wilson County.

Additionally, we urge the removal of Alan Cockerell from the Region L board, SCTRWPG, and the Carrizo Aquifer Work Group and his replacement with someone who can represent agriculture, not wholesale water providers. His presence on this board since 2011 has favored the projects of his employers to the detriment of agriculture.

Sincerely,



Carmen Mero



July, 2015

I'd like to address a myth that's been around awhile. Admittedly, this myth may have been true at one time. I even helped propagate it myself back in the day, but I think we finally have it snuffed out.

The myth I refer to is that the Seguin's Planning and Building Code Enforcement are so bad, that no building contractor will build in Seguin. We are supposedly "running people off" by being so strict, uncaring and downright nasty in our enforcement of building codes and standards.

What I have witnessed over the past year and in particular over the past month have completely blown this myth to pieces. Thanks to our Planning director, Pam Centeno and her staff, we now have a much more understandable and searchable set of building and zoning codes and designations. She and her crew are doing all they can to be as customer friendly and informative as possible with all contractors and developers.

As you may have noticed, there's a lot of building going on in our town. Much of the construction is being done by developers and contractors who have never built in Seguin before. We constantly get accolades from these folks about how well they were treated, and how easy our staff is to work with. They then mention horror stories about dealing with cities around the country, including San Antonio and Austin, and yes, even New Braunfels.

To carry this further, the professionalism and competence of our city staff was truly evident in the recent dealings with Niagara Bottling. We had many meetings with Niagara, but one in particular stands out. It was a meeting where Niagara had brought their entire development team to Seguin - must have been 10 - 12 people. They had their architects, designers, engineers, marketers, executives, and even economic developers at the table. Also at the table were Doug Faseler, our City Manager, Terry Trevino, our superstar economic developer, and virtually every staff department manager.

Every single question asked by Niagara was answered professionally and without hesitation, and with a depth of knowledge that was clearly impressive. As mayor, I was so impressed and incredibly proud of our staff at that meeting. The Niagara folks, who build plants all over the United States were equally impressed with the knowledge and character of our staff. You can credit our City Manager, Doug Faseler for assembling such a great team of professionals.
Now that we are talking about Niagara Bottling, I'd like to address another myth. Maybe I shouldn't call it a myth, so I'll call it a mis-conception, or maybe an unnecessary fear.
It is natural and perfectly understandable to be wary of a large water user in our part of the country. In Texas, water is our most precious commodity. We were very concerned about this as we evaluated Niagara and their effect on our water supply.
Thanks to previous city administrations led by Mayor Stautzenberger and Mayor Matthies, and a brave, forward-thinking group of citizens who formed the Schertz-Seguin Local Government Corporation (SSLGC), we are assured of plenty of water in the future.
To make this very short and simple, all of our residential and retail water is obtained through this partnership with the City of Schertz. It is groundwater and comes from the Carrizo aquifer. This supply has enough proven reserves to serve our residents for the next 50 years and beyond.
The city of Seguin also has excellent surface water availability (7,000 acre/ft per year) from the Guadalupe River. Niagara will be using this Guadalupe River surface water.
This water also serves other industrial users such as Tyson and the CPS Power Plant. Right now, we use less than 50% of this water. The water is segregated, and has it's own main pipeline that comes directly from the treatment plant at Starcke Park, and flows northward along Walnut Branch. It does not enter our water towers, and runs directly to the property designated for Niagara and to it's eventual neighbor, Grupo Siro. Even with the usage by Niagara and Siro, we will still have excess capacity in our surface water for even further industrial expansion. Here's the deal...We can either use the water to create jobs and wealth, or we can let it flow out into the Gulf of Mexico.
I think it is important for everyone to know that we did not make the decision to recruit Niagara without careful evaluation by engineers and experts that assured us that our water supplies are sufficient to handle the load. I think it's also important that we thank all those forward-thinking folks who came together and formed the SSLGC, and gave us the gift of abundant water for generations to come.
Gosh, I love this town!

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August 4, 2015

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RE: COMMENTS 2016 IPP

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group's 2016 Initially Prepared Plan is not consistent "with long-term protection of the state's water resources, agricultural resources, and natural resources".

The planning process for Region L has failed to represent all stakeholders. The composition of the board favors large scale projects for Wholesale Water Providers. The commoditization of water will impact all Texans, but agriculture and rural communities will feel the impact first. Rate payers pay twice for water when projects are funded with tax dollars. They pay a third time in increased costs of agricultural products.

The IPP fails to protect agricultural resources by the use of biased statistics and water transport projects that remove water from rural areas to the detriment of aquifers, natural resources, agricultural resources, and local economies.

Sec.8.2.1 of the IPP encourages a review of the Texas Water Code to include funding to Texas Water Development Board for comprehensive studies to respond to water transport proposals, stating, "The technical studies and scientific data are essential to fully evaluate the effects of the proposals on local communities, the environment, property owners, and the economy."

This recommendation is an admission that the SCTRWPG 2016 IPP contains insufficient current and and reliable scientific data to evaluate the effects of the water transport proposals it contains and that the group has failed to fully evaluate the IPP's effects on agriculture, rural communities, and the Carrizo aquifer.

I urge the removal of all proposed water transport projects from the 2016 IPP that affect Wilson County due to the lack of data provided and the unstudied effects of these projects. Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation's Carrizo Project is an example of a project, backed by

inadequate evaluation, that is inconsistent with the protection of the state's water resources, agricultural resources, and natural resources. This project should be removed from the plan as a water management strategy and as an alternative strategy. It should receive no further study and no further state funding.

I support notification of county officials before proposals are included in the planning process, as suggested in the plan, at 8.3.2. Region L should amend its Bylaws to include a notification process and urge modification of the Texas Administrative Code to provide for local notification. Local participation is key to effective planning.

PLANNING PROCESS AND POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

SECTION 8.1- 8.3, Policy Recommendations. The content of this section supports criticism of the plan and the process.

The SCTRWPG planning process is seriously flawed. There is little effort given to a cohesive region-wide long-range plan. It has become merely submission and approval of projects, with particular favor given to Wholesale Water Providers and large users.

Recommendations #1-6, Section 8.3.1 would have been better applied to individual proposals during the planning process than added as disclaimers in the IPP. The inclusion of "Alternative Strategies" fosters uncertainty and confusion. Allowing MAG limited projects to survive the planning process places a burden on the water districts. The districts face expensive and time consuming challenges to their local control.

WATER TRANSPORT

The IPP includes water transport proposals that have not received adequate study by admission of this plan in Section 8.2.1.

Wilson County will have numerous negative impacts from proposed projects. The plan assumes that water can be drawn from a county without a cost to the community as a whole. Impacts include, but are not limited to, a loss in land values, loss of tax base, curtailment of agriculture, loss of future development, and impact on rural water systems.

Water transport abuses the rule of capture. In water planning the SCTRWPG must recognize the rule of capture includes the right of neighbors to protect themselves from abuse by transport and commercial users. Local groundwater conservation districts should fill this role with the help of the planning group.

I urge greater scrutiny of projects proposed by the Wholesale Water Providers that involve water transport. Wholesale Water Providers' projects such as Cibolo Valley Local Government Carrizo Project, the Canyon Regional Water Authority's Wells Ranch project, Schertz Seguin Local

Government Corporation Gonzales Carrizo Expansion and the Texas Water Alliance's Carrizo Project, show an avaricious grab of Carrizo water by the water purveyors. That Wholesale Water Providers hold seats on the SCTRWPG makes it imperative that a balance of power be re-established that gives an adequate voice to agriculture, counties, the public, and the environment.

Niagra Bottling was lured to Seguin after San Antonio City Council responded to environmental and water concerns. The company will need 2,500 acre feet of water annually for the first of several phases of development. Grupo Siro was recruited by Seguin and will build a plant adjacent to Niagra Bottling. Its water use will also be significant.

The SCTRWPG must not allow one community to prosper at the expense of another through water transport projects. Water transport moves economic advantage from rural to urban economies.

SUSTAINABILITY OF ACQUIFERS

There is no attention given to the sustainability of affected aquifers.

The planning group is tasked with producing a plan that is "consistent with the desired future conditions adopted under Section 36.108 for the relevant aquifers located in the regional planning area." This plan fails to do by including projects that exceed the guide posts set by the MAGs and DFCs.

AGRICULTURE

SECTION 8.1, IPP, finds that it "is not practical" for the SCTRWPG to develop strategies for agriculture, that the complexity "limits the ability" of the planning group to evaluate future needs of agriculture. Agriculture is affected by multiple strategies in the plan, but the needs of agriculture and rural communities are ignored or discounted.

Statistics used for agriculture and irrigation throughout the plan are outdated, questionable and predict that there will be no increased need in the future. Agriculture will be deprived of water and future development restricted by the proposals in the plan. The current state of aquifers in California should highlight the importance of an agricultural region in close proximity to the population center of the region.

The effect of water transport on rural communities, such as Wilson County, is ignored and unstudied in the plan.

The composition of the Carrizo Aquifer Water Management Strategy Work Group is problematic. There was no representation for agriculture on the group that developed the irrigation statistics. Alan Cockerell does not represent agriculture.

ERRORS AND OMISSIONS

2.10.6 Texas Water Alliance

Texas Water Alliance is NOT a group of landowners. TWA is a wholly owned subsidiary of San Jose Water Company a publicly traded California corporation who has leased or bought water rights in Gonzales County.

2.10.8 Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation

Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation is characterized as a "partnership between the Cities of Cibolo and Schertz created to develop more groundwater supplies within the local area."

CVLGC Carrizo project is NOT a "local" project but a water transport project.

Section 6.4 Impacts of Voluntary Redistribution of Water from Rural and Agricultural Areas.

The IPP proposes seven projects totaling over 100,000 acre feet annually to be drawn from rural areas of Wilson County yet makes no attempt to study or report the socioeconomic impacts of moving water from rural areas.

Section 6.5 Social and Economic Impacts of Not Meeting Projected Water Needs

Obviously the IPP is incomplete without the information that should be found in this section. The public should have the opportunity to comment during the initial comment phase.

Section 6.7. Environmental Benefits and Concerns

This section assumes only environmental benefits from the seven projects that propose to remove 107, 632 acre feet of water from the Carrizo Aquifer? The pipelines alone present a negative environmental impact. Surely this is an inadvertent omission. There are unstudied environmental concerns.

Section 8.1.1 Irrigation Water Needs.

Agriculture needs are ignored throughout the plan. Projects proposed in the 2016 IPP obviously affect agriculture. Rather than require WWPs to provide strategies to protect agriculture when their plans affect rural areas or deny water transport projects, SCTRPG asks TWDB to study the

issue and develop strategies. Table 6-11 summarizes unmet agricultural needs. This illustrates again the power of WWPs over the resource owners.

Section 8.3 Groundwater

This section, full of caveats, disclaimers, and recommendations illustrates the fact that the composition of the board has been allowed to favor the cities and wholesale water providers over resource owners, the environment, and agriculture. The IPP threatens the sustainability of the Carrizo aquifer.

8.10.4 County Authority

The plan suggests counties "should have additional authority for land use planning and for regulating development based on water availability and protection of water resources" yet makes no suggestions and proposes no action. Local control of resources is paramount. Wilson County asks SCTRWPG to acknowledge the value of local control.

Conclusion

In conclusion, water planning in Texas has reached a critical point. The plan for state wide regional planning has been co-opted by Wholesale Water Providers, and large users. The Water Code tasks planning groups with protection of water resources, agricultural resources and natural resources. Only by a more equitable representation of those resources in the planning process can water planning succeed in developing a consensus that protects the resource and plans for the future.

All water transport projects affecting Wilson County should be removed from the plan. Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation's Wilson County project should be rejected with prejudice.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Kay Love

TO: South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group

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I object to this project and urge its removal from the plan.

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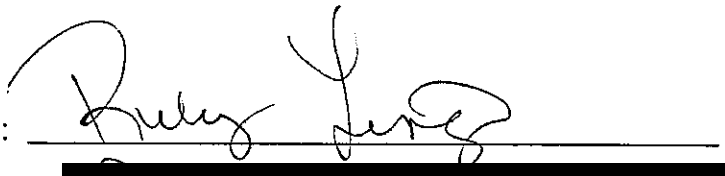
From: 

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From: Jeff Mer[redacted]

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From: **Bob & Marie McGahee** [redacted]
Subject: CVLGC water project
Date: July 18, 2015 at 3:06 PM
To: feedback@RegionLTexas.org
Cc: [redacted]

To:

South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group
c/o San Antonio River Authority
P.O. Box 839980
San Antonio, Texas 78282

In March 2015 I attended a meeting in Stockdale regarding a proposed project by Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation to pump water from the Carrizo Aquifer in Wilson County north to Bexar and Guadalupe counties.

I oppose sending our Carrizo water north to be sold.

I understand that The Wilson County Commissioners Court has passed a resolution in opposition to CVLGC 's project, as have other Wilson County cities, water providers and civic groups. I also stand in opposition to CVLGC's project.
Respectfully,

Robert J. McGahee
[redacted]

[redacted]

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Please remove this from the plan!

From: The Snyder Family (Lonnie, Laura, Laken)

[redacted]

To:

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I object to this project and urge its removal from the plan.

I want safe, clean, water, as a citizen of Stockdale, I do pay for my monthy water billing & do not want to risk not having healthy water systems.

Maria Vidal

From: Maria Vidal

[redacted]

To:

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% Cole Ruiz
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[redacted]

Hello, I am Dickie Jackson, County Judge of Wilson County. I am here in support of Wilson County and our water.

Wilson County is a rural county. Only 24% of our population lives in our urban areas. We are a rural county but a growing county. Our most densely populated area is within a few miles of the Bexar County line. This area is mostly subdivisions and these people depend on rural water supply corporations for their water. Wilson County is the 16th fastest growing county in the state. We are planning for that growth and we need our water.

The southern part of our county is more agricultural. We have people raising peanuts, watermelons, cotton, corn, and other row corps along with ranchers raising cattle. The ranchers use water to water their livestock and for growing grass, grains and hay in which to feed their cattle. The farmers need water to grow their crops. These farmers and ranchers exist from selling the products they produce and we the consumer use these products to exist. With drought effecting other parts of our nation, Texas will have to help bare a larger burden of feeding America. Wilson County with its water is a Part of that solution.

Your 2016 South Texas Regional Water Plan includes a number of maps that illustrate the impact of this plan on Wilson County. There is no map that illustrates how these plans overlap. There are 6 proposed projects that affect Wilson County directly and others directly adjacent to Wilson County lines.

(1) I ask that all plans affecting Wilson County be deleted from the 2016 plan. The Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation's proposed project is a particularly unpopular and unworkable plan that pits a wholesale water provider against Wilson County and the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District. The CVLGC project is inconsistent with the long-term protection of the state's water resources, agricultural resources, and natural resources.

(2) The 2016 Initially Prepared Plan does not address the effect of water transportation on rural areas and communities as it is required to do by law. This effect should be adequately studied and included in the planning document.

(3) The protection of groundwater sustainability begins at the county level and I specifically encourage the recommendation in Section 8.3.2 that county officials be notified when projects are submitted to the planning process.

The inclusion of overlapping plans and the obvious challenges to the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District rules significantly impact Wilson County and have placed Wilson County in an unwelcome controversy. My goal is to keep Wilson County's water safe and in Wilson County and ask you to exclude our water from all proposed plans more especially the Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation's Carrizo Project.

TESTIMONY GIVEN AT PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE 2016 REGION L INITIALLY PREPARED PLAN TO THE TWDB

[redacted]

GOOD EVENING, MY NAME IS RUSSELL LABUS. I'M THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE EVERGREEN UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT. OUR DISTRICT IS LOCATED SOUTH OF SAN ANTONIO AND WE COVER ALL OF KARNES, WILSON, ATASCOSA, AND FRIO COUNTIES. ALSO AS CHAIRMAN MIMS HAS INTRODUCED SOME OF US EARLIER, I AM ALSO A MEMBER OF THE REGION L WATER PLANNING GROUP. BUT I AM HERE THIS EVENING TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE EVERGREEN DISTRICT AND THE CITIZENS AND LANDOWNERS OF WILSON COUNTY, SPECIFICALLY TO VOICE OPPOSITION TO THE APPROVAL OF THE CIBOLO VALLEY LGC PROJECT IN THE REGIONAL WATER PLAN. THIS PROJECT IS A 10,000 ACRE FT CARRIZO PROJECT WITH THE WELLFIELD BEING IN WILSON COUNTY FOR WATER TRANSPORT OUT OF OUR DISTRICT INTO THE CIBOLO SCHERTZ AREA. GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS ARE CHARGED BY THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE AND CHAPTER 36 OF THE TEXAS WATER CODE TO CONSERVE, PRESERVE, PROTECT, AND PREVENT THE WASTE OF GROUNDWATER RESOURCES WITHIN THEIR DISTRICTS. THIS IS TO ASSURE ADEQUATE FUTURE WATER SUPPLIES FOR THE CONSTITUENTS OF THE DISTRICT. ONE OF THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES THAT GCD'S FACE IS ACHIEVING A DELICATE BALANCE BETWEEN CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION, AND OPTIMIZING GROUNDWATER PRODUCTION FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL THE CONSTITUENTS OF THE DISTRICT. ONE OF MY BIGGEST CONCERNS ON THE APPROVAL OF A PROJECT OF THIS MAGNITUDE IN THE PLAN IS THAT TO MY KNOWLEDGE THERE HAS NOT BEEN ANY ADEQUATE SCIENTIFIC STUDIES NOR HAS THERE BEEN ANY GROUNDWATER MODELING BY AN OUTSIDE TECHNICAL CONSULTANT TO DETERMINE JUST WHAT EFFECT THAT A LARGE SCALE PROJECT SUCH AS THIS WOULD HAVE ON THE CARRIZO AQUIFER LOCALLY, EITHER IN TERMS OF WATER QUALITY AND/OR WATER DRAWDOWN LEVELS OVER TIME AS THIS QUANTITY OF WATER IS PRODUCED ON A CONTINUAL BASIS. NEITHER HAS THE ISSUE OF MITIGATION OF SURROUNDING WELLS THAT WILL BE IMPACTED BY THIS PROJECT BEEN ADDRESSED. BUT YET THE PROJECT IS MOVING FORWARD AS WE SPEAK, AT LEAST ON A PRELIMINARY BASIS, IN TERMS OF LAND AND WATER

RIGHTS ACQUISITIONS AND PIPELINE EASEMENTS. BUT ACCORDING TO THE PROJECTIONS IN THE IPP, ADDITIONAL WATER DEMAND FOR THE CIBOLO-SCHERTZ AREA IS NOT EXPECTED UNTIL SOMEWHERE AROUND THE YEAR 2030, OR ABOUT 15 YEARS FROM NOW. ITS MY FEAR THAT INCLUSION OF THIS PROJECT IN THE REGIONAL PLAN WOULD BE USED AS LEVERAGE TO PUSH THE PROJECT FORWARD REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT IT WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE CITIZENS, LANDOWNERS, AND MUNICIPALITIES OF WILSON COUNTY. I FEEL THAT THERE IS STILL ADEQUATE TIME IN THE NEXT ROUND OF PLANNING TO CONDUCT THOSE STUDIES AND ADDRESS THE ISSUES IN A PROPER MANNER. SECTION 5.2.14.5 OF THE IPP ADDRESSES SOME IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PROJECT. (THEN READ SOME OF THE BULLET POINTS DIRECTLY OUT OF THE IPP, WHICH IS ATTACHED)

THE EVERGREEN BOARD OF DIRECTORS VOTED TO FUND A COUPLE OF STUDIES BY RICHARD HARGIS, A WELL-RESPECTED GEOLOGIST IN SAN ANTONIO, TO MAP OUT THE CARRIZO-WILCOX FORMATION IN BOTH ATASCOSA AND WILSON COUNTIES AND IDENTIFY THE UNCONFORMITIES WITH BOTH CROSS-SECTIONAL AND ISOPACH MAPS. THOSE STUDIES ARE COMPLETED AND ARE AVAILABLE AT OUR OFFICE.

THE PROJECT IS A ZERO FIRM YIELD, MAG LIMITED PROJECT. BASED ON THE PUMPING DATA THAT MY STAFF COMPILED FOR THE YEAR 2014, AGRICULTURAL PUMPING WAS THE LARGEST WATER USER GROUP IN WILSON COUNTY, COMPRISING ABOUT 64% OF THE TOTAL PUMPING IN WILSON COUNTY. PUBLIC SUPPLY PUMPING COMPRISED ABOUT 32%, AND THE PUBLIC SUPPLY NUMBERS NOT ONLY INCLUDE THE MUNICIPALITES IN WILSON COUNTY, BUT ALSO ALL OF THE RURAL WATER SUPPLY CORPORATIONS THAT SUPPLY WATER TO THE OUTLYING RURAL AREAS OF THE COUNTY. PUMPING FOR OIL & GAS PRODUCTION WAS ABOUT 4%. WILSON COUNTY WILL CONTINUE TO GROW AS THE POPULATION OF SAN ANTONIO GROWS AND PEOPLE PUSH OUTWARD INTO THE SURROUNDING COUNTIES, SUBURBS, AND SMALL TOWNS. WE'VE ALREADY SEEN THAT OCCURRING IN TOWNS SUCH AS LAVERNIA , FLORESVILLE, AND STOCKDALE. MUNICIPAL WATER USEAGE IN THESE TOWNS AS WELL AS THE EXISTING RURAL WATER SUPPLY CORPORATIONS HAVE INCREASED IN THE RANGE OF 18 TO 23% SINCE 2010. THE TOWNS OF POTH AND FALLS CITY, ALTHOUGH A LITTLE FURTHER

SOUTH AND FURTHER AWAY FROM THE PROPOSED PROJECT LOCATION, ALSO RELY ON CARRIZO WATER FOR THEIR MUNICIPAL SUPPLY HAVE ALSO SHOWN GROWTH. AND EVEN THOUGH THE EAGLE FORD SHALE ACTIVITY HAS SLOWED SOMEWHAT IN THE LAST 6 MONTHS OR SO, I WOULD EXPECT THAT TO BE SOMEWHAT TEMPORARY IN NATURE, AND TO EVENTUALLY PICK BACK UP, ALTHOUGH MAYBE NOT QUITE AT THE LEVEL THAT IT WAS PERHAPS A YEAR OR TWO AGO. NEVERTHELESS, IT WILL STILL CONTINUE TO PLACE INCREASING WATER DEMANDS ON THE DISTRICT BOTH IN TERMS OF OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION AND EAGLEFORD WORKFORCE POPULATION INCREASES.

THE I-35 CORRIDOR BETWEEN SAN ANTONIO AND AUSTIN IS NO DOUBT ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING AREAS OF OUR STATE, IF NOT THE NATION. HOWEVER, I RESPECTFULLY ENCOURAGE AND REQUEST THE CIBOLO VALLEY LGC TO EXPLORE OTHER WATER SUPPLY OPTIONS TO BRING TO THE TABLE, UTILIZE THE STUDY DATA ALREADY FUNDED BY EVERGREEN, AND AT A MINIMUM, DO SOME ADDITIONAL, ADEQUATE, UPFRONT SCIENTIFIC STUDIES AND GROUNDWATER MODELING BEFORE MOVING FORWARD, SO AS NOT TO INHIBIT THE CONTINUED FUTURE GROWTH OF WILSON COUNTY, AND TO AVOID DETRIMENTAL IMPACTS TO ITS CITIZENS, LANDOWNERS, AND TO ITS VITAL AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK THIS EVENING.

RUSSELL LABUS

GENERAL MANAGER

EVERGREEN UWCD

Remarks: June 11th

Region L Public meeting

Victoria, Texas

Good Evening,

I'm Diane Savage, a resident and landowner in Wilson County, an Evergreen UWCD Board member, and a member of Region L representing Groundwater Management Area 13.

Since the protection, management, and sustainability of our Groundwater is critical for all Texans, the GMA's have been working diligently for years in accordance with legislative dictates to develop the Desired Future Conditions or "DFC's, and the amount of Managed Available Groundwater or MAGs.

The information from the GMA's is then included in the State water planning process. And yet, the Cibolo Valley Local Government Carrizo Project, #5.2.14, is included in the 2016 IPP.

This is a project with a zero firm yield which exceeds both the DFC's and the MAGs....all supposedly to fill needs that aren't even shown before 2030, and are minimal at best (about 1800 acre feet).

There has been no consideration of any other solution....like purchase of this amount from a wholesale water provider... e.g. maybe Big Brother Schertz Seguin Local Govt Corporation could spare some of the surplus they are showing for 2030.

INSTEAD- the plan is for a well field in Wilson County to produce 10,000 acre feet from the Carrizo Aquifer beginning in about 8 years.....I wonder where that water is going before 2030?

And, to include this project in the 2016 IPP when it has **intense** local opposition, lacks any technical evaluation, and could possibly threaten the sustainability of the Carrizo Aquifer—just so that the sponsors can be eligible for state funds, just adds insult to injury because we are all state taxpayers..

So, I must agree with Mr. Labus...let's take this Cibolo Valley Carrizo project out of the 2016 IPP, and do the appropriate technical and impact studies on this project in order to protect and manage our groundwater resources and assure that the needs of the citizens and the agricultural producers in Wilson County will not be adversely affected by a long-term, large pumping project.

Thank you..

South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group
2016 Initially Prepared Plan

Public Meeting, Victoria, Texas
June 11, 2016

Ginger Coleman

First I would like to express my appreciation to everybody involved in the planning and preparation of this 2016 IPP, Including those that are participating by providing their public comments. I am personally aware of and appreciate the diligence of the members of the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District and the Region L Board and our Wilson County officials and citizens who have communicated their views. (45:41) At last night's meeting in San Marcos a number of elected officials, agricultural producers and citizens were present and several presented comments. We are hearing similar comments today. My name is Ginger Coleman, and I am a Wilson County resident and landowner interested in responsible management and sustainability of Texas groundwater and the far-reaching effects of our decisions and actions today on our water and other natural resources now and in the future. In Wilson County I also serve as a Commissioner for Emergency Services District number three and a Director on the Economic Development Corporation for the City of Stockdale. Wilson County water in one form or another is being targeted in at least six of the projects in the 2016 IPP through pumping of groundwater and brackish water and diversion of water from Cibolo Creek (46:33) Many of the public comments we heard in the meetings held earlier this week had a common theme - sustainability. One of the definitions I found of a 'sustainable" plan, and I'm quoting from Merriam Webster, is a plan "involving methods that do not completely use up or destroy natural resources." We in Region L are looking to and must rely upon this Region L planning group to provide and approve an intelligent, equitable and sustainable plan for our water resources to the Texas Water Development Board. While that is undeniably a gargantuan task, it can be accomplished – but not with (47:19) this IPP. I am in agreement with several of the other speakers today and at the other

meetings, that the first step toward improving this plan should be to remove the proposed Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation Project from the plan altogether. Why rush into such a project when Cibolo Valley Local Government's own plan clearly indicates no customers and no needs until 2030 or 2040? This project should be removed from the 2016 IPP in its entirety and be reconsidered for the 2021 plan using updated data in the decision making process. To quote a U.S. Geological Survey article, "water stored in the ground can be compared to money kept (48:20) in a bank account. If you withdraw money at a faster rate than you deposit new money you will eventually start having account-supply problems. Yes, that is a statement of the obvious, and if the 2015 IPP means what it appears to mean, (48:24) supply problems are certainly in Region L's future IPP (48:34). As I read and re-read parts of the IPP one of several concepts that still does (48:40) not seem logical or practical to me is this—How can this Planning Group believe it is a good practice – financially, environmentally or in any other way – to pump and transport water from within counties with projected future needs (48:56) only to eventually sell to, and transport the water back into, that county? It seems to me that the only ones who benefit from this strategy are the wholesale water distributors and water purveyors. (49:12) If approved in its current form, this Plan will have, in effect, served to create a market for those water sellers at the expense of every resident, business and municipality in Region L. That is just wrong in so many ways and is one more reason to revise this plan before it is submitted to the Texas Water Development Board (49:25). Another serious concern involves the form and content of the IPP which as provided to the public on the Region L website contains misleading information about at least one project, Texas Water Alliance, and is missing at least four appendices F, J, K and L. I will give more specifics in my written comments to Region L. Here I will simply say that the IPP in its current form does not provide the public with the required opportunity to effectively review, comment and contribute to the plan's development (50:01). For these reasons and others, and recognizing the diligent and sincere efforts of each entity and person that has participated in this planning process, I respectfully assert that the Region L Planning Group has essentially failed to meet (50:21) its own stated requirements for providing a process for public input. The public does not have a full and correct plan to review. In order to fulfill that requirement the IPP must be

corrected and provided to the public in (50:35) full and accurate form and the public comment period must be reset. At the San Marcos meeting Wednesday night, one speaker likened parts of the plan to putting a Band-Aid on a bullet wound . He was right, and I say that while we may not be able to totally stop the bleeding, this Planning Group is charged with coming up with a plan that is much more effective than a Band-Aid. I'll close with this: As I mentioned earlier one of the major concerns about this IPP is sustainability of the aquifers and other natural resources that will undoubtedly be affected by the decisions made about each and every part of this project. (51:20) As I searched the internet for supporting information, I entered the phrase "negative effects of groundwater depletion" and Google returned more than 8500 results. Out of a sense of fairness and at least a little curiosity I then searched for "positive effects of groundwater" and Google's response was "no results found for 'positive effects of groundwater depletion.'"

South Central Regional Water Planning Group
2016 Initially Prepared Plan
Victoria Public Meeting
June 11, 2015

Comments of Kay Love:

My name is Kay Love. I am a resident of Wilson County, landowner and agricultural producer. The planning group of Region L has stopped planning. There is simply a grab for rural water by the Wholesale Water Providers.

The Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation proposed Carrizo Project stands as example of a failed plan. The project was initiated by the executive director of the Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation who sits on the Region L Board representing agriculture. The plan as submitted has zero firm yield, and questionable need. Region L members thought this project had no chance of making into the 2016 IPP yet the proposed project was included. The board members then tried unsuccessfully to remove the project from the plan and were denied. They were told to comment later in the public comment period.

In the mean time, Cibolo Valley is actively acquiring leases in Wilson County.

The wholesale water providers have taken over the planning process. Their projects treat water as a speculative commodity. Their plan is buy it cheap sell it high. Agricultural and rural counties suffer as poor regional planning allows water to be pumped from counties who may have water needs in the future without study of the potential effects on the aquifer or rural communities.

There is no question that there are elephants in the room. They are the northern counties of Region L. All pipelines point north. SCTRWPG endangers agriculture, our aquifers and rural communities by giving free range to Wholesale Water Providers and their projects. Wilson County has strongly opposed these water transport projects in the past, continues to strongly oppose them and urges their removal from the 2016 IPP.

The Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation's Project should be removed from the SCTRWPG 2016 IPP as a water management strategy, an alternate strategy and receive no state funding.

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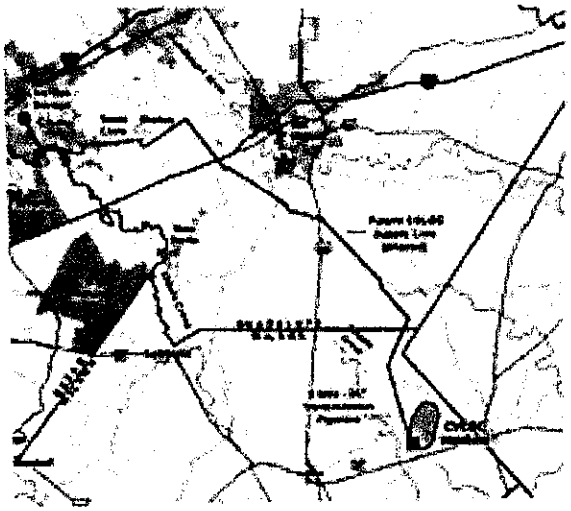
An analysis:

Comment deadline nears for proposed water plans



Proposed projects by the Cibolo Valley Local Government Corp. and Schertz-Seguin Local Government Corp. would export water from beneath Wilson County and make pipelines across the county to supply the cities of Schertz, Cibolo, and Seguin.

Have your say

Email comments about the proposed Region L plan or Carrizo Project to Cole Ruiz of the San Antonio River Authority, 210-302-3292 or cruiz@sara-tx.org.

Learn more

For more about water issues, visit wilson countynews.com using "water plan" in your keyword search. "Wilson County Water" on Facebook offers discussion forums and water resource information.

By Gregor Goforth
Special to the Wilson County News

Members of the public have until 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14 to submit comments on the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group, Region L, water management plans that will become part of Texas' next five-year State Water Plan.

Public interest and participation are critical to planning effective, sustainable water management strategies for Texas. Each of us will be affected to some degree by the decisions made during this process – decisions you must influence!

Wilson County is part of Region L. The Region L board has prepared its 2016 Initially Prepared Plan and has, as required by law, provided a means for public review of the plan and comments.

Three public hearings were held in June. During these hearings, a number of citizens voiced concerns about the proposed plan. Several objected to a specific project, the Cibolo Valley Local Government Corp. (CVLGC) Carrizo Project, and called for its complete removal from the plan.

What's at stake?

The Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer is Wilson County's primary source of water across all usage categories, including irrigation, public water suppliers, rural water suppliers, oil and gas production, and agriculture.

Decisions made with respect to the Carrizo Project and two Schertz-Seguin Carrizo projects – the "Expanded Carrizo" and the "Twin Link Wilcox for SSLGC Expansion" projects – will directly affect Wilson County's current and future growth and economic development, and the sustainable health of its primary source of water.

Voicing opposition

During the public hearings and subsequently, a number of Wilson County officials and representatives presented statements and resolutions "[opposing] or [not] endorsing" the Carrizo Project.

Resolutions opposing the Carrizo Project have been passed by the Wilson County Commissioners Court, city of La Vernia, and city of Floresville. The city of Stockdale also considered a similar resolution recently.

See page 8A for more on this.

Drawing the line

How much water under the Guadalupe and Texas counties and their constituents need? Are we willing to curb landscaping use of water suppliers or even encouraging rain or their citizens to conserve to make Carrizo Wilcox groundwater last longer?

The comment period ends in a few days.

A full copy of the Region L Initially Prepared Plan and other information may be found at http://www.regionlwater.org/current-planning-efforts/2016-regional-water-planning-efforts/2016-irp/2016-initially-prepared-plan-ipp/.

Volume II includes a summary of each proposed project.

Address questions about the plan to Cole Ruiz at the San Antonio River Authority, 210-302-3292 or cruiz@sara-tx.org.

Gregor Goforth is a resident of Stockdale. He is a member of the board of Wilson County Emergency Services District No. 1.

OBITUARIES, 13A
Lisa Archer
Luis Arevalos Sr
Erma Kraus
Margie Mathiesen
William Peck
Francisco Pedroza
Mike Pryor
Benjamin Stapleton
Annie Richie
Harry Stolz
Charles Wolfrum

SPORTS:
•Help Wanted, 5-7D
•Auto Chooser, 12-13D

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Dish Network, Sears, Town Dodge, Richardson

Police seek four theft suspects



Albert Anthony Hollenbeck Jr., 34, Mike Villarreal, Robert Martinez, and Travis Hunter are being sought by the Floresville Police Department. Anyone with information about the suspects' whereabouts is urged to call Crime Stoppers of Wilson County at 830-393-TIPS (8477).

By Wilson J. Goode Jr.
Wilson County News

FLORESVILLE — Police here have issued arrest warrants for four San Antonio residents, charging them for their alleged roles in a years-long scheme stealing rent payments from area apartment complexes.

Detective George Ortiz of the Floresville Police Department said one of the victims is the Oakbend Hills Apartments on Probandt Street in San Antonio. Ortiz identified [illegible] and said Albert Anthony Hollenbeck Jr., 34, of Floresville was arrested for a [illegible] charge. Hollenbeck and two others were [illegible] Clinton. According to a press release from the Floresville Police Department, Hollenbeck and two others were [illegible] Floresville and two others were [illegible] were sent [illegible] rent payments [illegible] drop of the Homeowner Association [illegible].

Upon his arrest, Ortiz said [illegible] Hollenbeck [illegible] to be in possession of money [illegible] Floresville and Jourdanton.

As a result of the Floresville [illegible] are warrants charging Hollenbeck with [illegible] than $300 but less than $2,500 [illegible].

These warrants have been issued for the [illegible] accomplices:

•Travis Hunter, theft of more than $[illegible] than $2,500.

•Brent Villarreal, theft of more than $[illegible] than $500.

•Robert Martinez, theft of [illegible] than $2,500.

Ortiz said the suspects would [illegible] here and seek bond in San Antonio, [illegible] giving a percentage of the [illegible] conditions. Additional charges [illegible].

The detective believes the [illegible] responsible for a [illegible] from the Oakbend Hills Apartments, as well as other [illegible] Hills Apartments. Ortiz said these [illegible] also.

Anyone with information [illegible] encouraged to [illegible] Wilson County at 830-393-[illegible].



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Find out where, 1D



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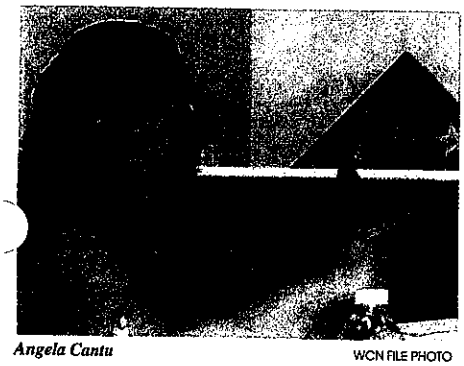
La Vernia council terminates city secretary



Angela Cantu WCN FILE PHOTO

By Nannette Kilbey-Smith
Wilson County News

Angela Cantu is no longer the La Vernia city secretary.

Following deliberations for approximately an hour Sunday afternoon, the La Vernia City Council unanimously approved a motion to terminate her employment, citing incompetency and misconduct.

The special July 12-meeting was called after a review of a bill led to questions over use of a city-issued gas card, said Mayor Robert Gregory. That review ultimately led to the council's decision Sunday.

"The city has terminated the current city secretary," Gregory said after the meeting. "It's regretful, but necessary. We do the job the citizens put us here to do."

Cantu began her job in La Vernia in October 2009.

Kristine Speer, who served as the city secretary/treasurer in 2008-09, was charged with theft of property after misusing a city-issued credit card. The city ultimately recovered the $8,800.

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Floresville joins opposition to water transport project

By Gregory Ripps
Wilson County News

Floresville joined other government entities July 9 in opposing a proposal to take water out of Wilson County.

The action came at the city's regular city council meeting.

"A major water purveyor wants to transport water out of Wilson County to Bexar County," Wilson County Judge Richard L. "Dickie" Jackson said.



Wilson County Judge Richard L. "Dickie" Jackson

He was describing the attempt by the Cibolo Valley Local Government Corp. (CVLGC) to acquire water rights in northeast Wilson County to transport 10,000 acre-feet of water per year out of the county.

He asked council members to support a resolution asking the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (Region L) to list the proposal "only as a possible alternative project."

Floresville City Attorney Louis Rosenberg said it's not enough for an entity to say, "Don't take my water." He said the county and the city have to "play by the rules."

He said the resolution takes the position that CVLGC's proposal fails to establish an immediate need for the water project and that the amount of water is unavailable.

Bond refinancing

City council members received some good news on refinancing the city's 2010 bonds.

They agreed June 3 on a new financing plan to pay for the Lauro G. De Leon III Floresville Event Center. The plan allowed the city's Frost Bank financial advisors leeway to deal with potential stock

See City council, 2A



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An LED high-resolution sign demonstrated on S.H. 97 in front of the Lauro G. De Leon III Floresville Event Center gives Floresville City Council members an idea of what such a sign will look like there. Council members agreed the 3-foot-by-5-foot sign will be satisfactory in front of City Hall, but want a larger sign for the event center.

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Barry Bernard
Pauline Cadena
Leslie (Chester) Gay
Regina (Mutz) Keller
Billie Jo Hesskew-Martinez
Stephen Martinez
Barbara Wegmann
Carolyn Wolfney

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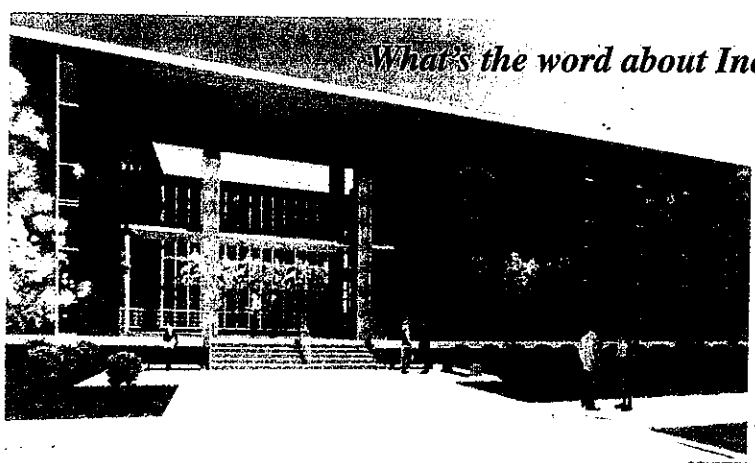

What's the word about Incarnate Word?

San Antonio's south side continues to experience re-generation — particularly around Brooks City-Base, the former Brooks Air Force Base. Joining Texas A&M University in what previously was a neglected part of the city, the University of the Incarnate Word is working on a project, shown in this artist's rendering, and investing in the area, just up the road from Floresville. Find out what's coming soon to Brooks City-Base, and what it will mean for further education in South Texas, in next week's Wilson County News.

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Cibolo, Schertz eye Wilson County's water

By William J. Gibbs Jr.
Wilson County News

Texas continues to be touted across the nation as a land of economic opportunity for those disenchanted with high taxes, high unemployment, and an unfavorable business climate. But as more people make their migration into the Lone Star State, they all have one need — water.

Bexar County's ongoing commercial and residential development has officials in Cibolo and Schertz looking to Wilson County as a means of supplying their water needs for the next 50 years. Representatives of various organizations met in the Stockdale Community Building March 23 for an informational meeting about a large-scale groundwater project being proposed by the Cibolo Valley Local Government Corp. (CVLGC) — a group formed by the cities of Cibolo and Schertz.

'We're not stealing anything. We're paying for it. We're offering money for your water rights.'

— R. Alan Cockerell, executive director, Cibolo Valley Local Government Corp.

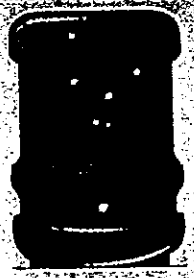
R. Alan Cockerell, CVLGC's executive director, said water from the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer would be extracted from an area in eastern Wilson County and moved via pipeline through Guadalupe County to the Schertz-Cibolo area, where it would be treated for use in Bexar County. The corporation wishes to lease the rights to 10,000 acre-feet — approximately 3.26 billion gallons — of water per year for the next 50 years.

The meeting drew a standing-room-only crowd of residents and officials from throughout Wilson and Karnes counties. At least one resident accused CVLGC of wanting to steal their water.

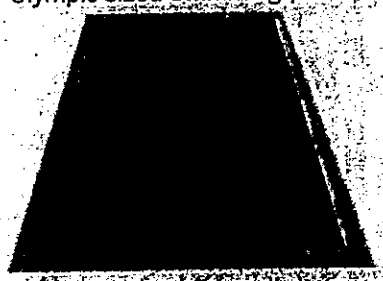
"We're not stealing anything," Cockerell fired back. "We're paying for it. We're offering money for your water rights."

How much water is 10,000 acre-feet?

651 Million
5-Gallon Water Coolers



4,937
Olympic-sized swimming pools



The Cibolo Valley Local Government Corp. proposes the lease of 10,000 acre-feet of water, per year, for the next 50 years. This is equal to slightly less than 3.26 billion gallons annually, or:

- More than 651 million 5-gallon water coolers
- More than 155,167 frac tanks, which each hold 21,000 gallons of water
- More than 52.1 billion cups (8 ounces each)
- Approximately 10.2 gallons for every resident of the United States as of Dec. 31, 2014 (estimated population was 320,087,963, according to the U.S. Census Bureau)
- Enough to fill more than 4,937 Olympic-sized swimming pools, at 660,000 gallons each

rights."

Dr. Darrell Brownlow, a geologist and former member of the board of the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District — which includes Wilson, Karnes, Atascosa, and Frio counties — helped the organization to craft rules adopted in 2009, which restrict well permit holders from pumping more than 2 acre-feet per contiguous acre, per year. Because CVLGC is seeking 10,000 acre-feet, the organization would need to control the water rights of 5,000 contiguous acres of land prior to applying for a permit.

Cockerell said the corporation wishes to produce 1 acre-foot per acre. While the project is in the planning stages, the corporation already has option agreements for 3,000 acres, he said. Its target is 10,000 acres.

Wilson County Judge Richard L. "Dickie" Jackson, when asked by a resident what they should do, said, "Landowners have to make their own decisions."

Brownlow urged everyone in the affected area to register their wells with Evergreen, so they might have legal standing if the need to file a contested case hearing should arise.

"You don't have legal grounds unless [you can demonstrate] you've been impacted," he said.

For more information, call the Evergreen office at 830-569-4186.

CVLGC's attorney, Arturo D. Rodriguez Jr. of the Georgetown-based firm of Russell & Rodriguez, said the corporation also will hold 1 acre-foot in reserve. Therefore, those from whom water rights are leased would have no rights to the water being produced from those wells.

The packed crowd erupted in applause when Diane Savage, a Stockdale-area resident who represents Wilson County on the Evergreen board, asked Cockerell, "How can you even think that you could get away with that?"

Savage said that the Schertz-Seguin Local Government Corp. — upon which the CVLGC is modeled — earlier had obtained the rights to water that it later sold to the San Antonio Water System.

"Now, all of a sudden, they're saying they have a need," she said.

Cockerell — who also is the executive director of the Schertz-Seguin corporation — responded, "Right now, the water that is being sold to SAWS by Schertz-Seguin is excess water. It does not affect the future water needs for Schertz or Seguin."

Kenneth "Buck" Griffin, public works supervisor for the city of Poth, shouted back, "There's no such thing as excess water! You pump it as you need it. You have no business taking water and selling it to SAWS."

Cockerell also said the CVLGC is trying to meet the water needs related to the Region L Water District plan, which currently is being revised. The plan is one of the items listed for discussion at Region L's next board meeting, set for Thursday, April 2, at 9:30 a.m. in San Antonio. View the agenda at mywcn.com/64923.

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Diane Savage, a Stockdale-area resident who represents Wilson County on the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District board, reacts to the news that landowners could forfeit all rights to water produced by wells on their land if they lease Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer water to the Cibolo Valley Local Government Corp.

Region L

The South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group Region L board is set to meet Thursday, April 2.

Among agenda items is appointment for an agriculture representative for the 21-county region. Nominees are Leslie Kinsel, La Salle County; Adam Yablonski, Medina County; Jim Bower, Comal County; Don Meador of Hays County; and Stephen Diebel of Victoria County.

Resident appeals to Evergreen board

By William J. Gibbs Jr.
Wilson County News

"Why do we have to wait for damage to occur before we do something?" This was the question Chuck Scribner, who lives on C.R. 475 in Wilson County, asked of the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District's board at its March 27 meeting.

Scribner's area is in the epicenter of two projects that were discussed at two recent public meetings — Navasota Energy's proposed peaking power plant and the Cibolo Valley Local Government Corp.'s proposed 10,000-acre-foot-per-year groundwater project. He is asking the Evergreen board to amend its pumping allotment rules to reduce the current 2-acre-foot — slightly less than 651,703 gallons — per contiguous acre annual water-well allowance.



Wilson County resident Chuck Scribner

Board member Jason Peeler said the Evergreen board often is asked why the organization continues to push conservation of a finite resource while still allowing landowners to use so much water.

"Nobody ever uses their permitted amount," he said. "If they did, we'd all be in trouble."

Blaine Schorp, also a board member, said Evergreen initially allowed well owners up to 2-1/2 acre-feet per year.

Diane Savage, one of Wilson County's representatives to the board, said that if the rules were amended, all permit holders would be made to abide by the change upon renewal. Permits are subject to review prior to renewal every five years.

'It's a real tricky balancing act.'
— Jason Peeler

The four Evergreen counties — Karnes, Wilson, Atascosa, and Frio — are part of the 21-county South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group Region L, which is working on its 2016 water-development plan. Savage said, "There's no new water in the plan for agriculture, period."

She also said the area's groundwater districts will be tasked with making sure there is enough water to provide for the needs of everyone within their territories.

"It's a real tricky balancing act," Peeler said.

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Water and the future: The choice is ours

Introducing Ginger Coleman of Stockdale, and her blog, "The Key to Community." Coleman has served the area communities in several capacities during the past 20 years. Read more from her at wilsoncountynews.com, under Blogs.

As local government corporations and other entities continue their quests for "cheap" water, some Wilson County landowners are faced with making choices that will affect their rights to uses of their own properties and ultimately affect all residents in the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District to some degree.

Until the contract negotiations are complete and contract terms are finalized, the full impact to current and future landowners of the targeted properties will not be clear. Long- and short-term consequences to those landowners who sign are likely to include at least increased taxable income, increased liability insurance premiums, loss of opportunities to profit from other leases such as oil and gas leases, and loss of opportunities to profit from use of the land for growing food for commercial purposes. It seems the contract's terms go so far as to prohibit the sale of produce grown on those properties at farmers' markets.

KEY to Community

By Ginger Coleman



Future effects

In addition to the obvious threat of decreased property values is the inevitable reduction in the water allowance to every person and entity across the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District (UWCD), as was the case in the Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District in 2005 after the San Antonio Water System (SAWS) entered the picture.

History proves that at some point in the future Evergreen UWCD residents will be forced to seek water from other sources; and it stands to reason that if billions of gallons are regularly displaced from Evergreen UWCD water sources that point in time will arrive all the sooner. The costs to Schertz and Seguin to start such a process several years ago were estimated to be a minimum of $80 million (see below) and would be much higher today. There is something inherently wrong with having to buy back water that was ours in the first place.

Who's buying?

The wholesale water provider targeting the Wilson County landowners at this time is a government entity, Cibolo Valley Local Government Corp., formed under the Texas Transportation Corporation Act, Subchapter D. Relinquishment of rights to this government entity, albeit local government, is effectively opening the gate to one more avenue of government control of previously private rights.

This corporation is owned equally by the cities of Schertz, Cibolo, Converse, Live Oak, Seguin, and Selma (more at www.schertz.com). It was created after a special joint workshop held in Schertz in October 2010, during which Schertz and Seguin representatives and other officials presented their cases for the creation of the new local government corporation to the four other cities' representatives. Arguments presented included comments about the cities' current and future water supplies using terms such as "serious concerns," "desperate straits," "serious problem," "very expensive process" (projected costs of approximately $80 million); and "critical need for the future needs of all the cities in the region." The minutes of that workshop go on for 18 pages, with one of the key points being "There is a shortage of cheap water." Find the full minutes of the workshop at http://www.conversetx.neWt/Archive/ViewFile/Item/123.

Bottom line

A stated purpose of the workshop was to encourage and recruit cities to plan for their futures by forming a partnership for "the best opportunity for everyone to have the amount of water they need to continue to grow and continue to lead the Northeast side of greater San Antonio in growth and development."

Betty Ann Matthies, mayor of Seguin at the date of the meeting, is quoted as saying that she "strongly believes" that she has "an obligation not only to work for the needs of today but [to] constantly be working for the needs of tomorrow."

One can only hope that landowners and other decision makers in Wilson and other counties in the Evergreen UWCD will give long and serious consideration to the effects the choices they make today will have on tomorrow and that each of them, and all of us, will ultimately make choices that are for the good of our water and other natural resources.

A mailman on a mission

Neither rain, sleet, nor snow [redacted] be gunned down by guards

Cibolo, Schertz water strategy still in regional water plan

By William J. Gibbs Jr.
Wilson County News

Water deep beneath Wilson County may yet flow to meet the needs of Cibolo and Schertz, after water planners met April 2 to discuss the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (Region L) plan, part of the state's strategy to meet water needs in the coming years.

Diane Savage, a Stockdale-area resident who serves as a board member for both the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District and Region L, said after the meeting that the Region L board voted to approve a draft of its initially prepared plan that includes the Cibolo Valley Local Government Corp.'s (CVLGC) proposal. According to Cedric Edwards, Schertz's mayor pro tem, the project — which would supply the water needs of his city and of neighboring Cibolo — is scheduled for submission to Region L by April 30.

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Jay Hogue, Cibolo's mayor pro tem, said CVLGC first presented the idea to Region L's board in May 2013. The plan relies on leasing the rights for 10,000 acre-feet — slightly less than 3.26 billion gallons — of water from the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer for a term of 50 years. (See "Cibolo, Schertz eye Wilson County's water," April 1.)

"To my knowledge, there was no objection to the project directed to the Region L board until today," Hogue said. "We, the cities of Cibolo and Schertz, firmly believe the project represents a viable, sustainable means of providing potable water needed for economic growth. We urge the Region L board to resist all efforts to remove the project from the plan."

Prior to the meeting, geologist Darrell Brownlow, a former Evergreen board member, sent a letter to Savage, Evergreen Executive Director Russell Labus, and Region L board Chairman Con Mims, alleging that CVLGC's project should not be included in the Region L plan because it lacked specific technical information. He urged that the project should be left out of the plan.

"The problem with approving specific projects in the Regional Plan without adequate project information is that the sponsors of the project turn the regional plan into a source of leverage to develop the project," Brownlow said. "A project sponsor can use the planning process itself to their advantage in securing the necessary property rights and easements, as well as gaining potential regulatory support, all of which may have been more difficult, if not impossible, without inclusion in the regional plan."

Mims, in a letter to the Region L board, suggested that those who oppose CVLGC's plan "should express their positions during the public comment period that follows delivery of the initially prepared plan to the Texas Water Development Board.

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Three public hearings are to be scheduled for June in San Marcos, San Antonio, and Victoria, as they are central locations for the 21 counties comprising Region L. The full board is set to meet again Aug. 6, ahead of the final plan deadline of Dec. 1.

Wilson County resident Kay Love, during the public comment portion of the meeting, called for Region L board member Alan Cockerell — who also is CVLGC's executive director — to recuse himself from all discussions and votes related to the proposal, because she alleged it represents a conflict of interest.

Savage said after the meeting that Cockerell did not recuse himself from the vote.

Savage also said CVLGC representatives at the meeting failed to provide any alternatives to addressing Cibolo's and Schertz's water needs if the plan fails to pass muster with Evergreen and Region L.

"Nobody who is reasonable would determine that a plan with zero firm yield, that is outside the [modeled available groundwater projections] would be something that Region L would put into its plan," she said.

Savage also said that if people want to lease their water rights, that is their business. However, she urges anyone considering such a move to consult qualified legal counsel so they understand the risks.

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ESD No. 3 considers hospital transfers

By Pat Kopecki
Wilson County News

Directors for the Wilson County Emergency Services

This service is currently being contracted out to other ambulance services in the area.

No. 3 to have another crew available.

The need for additional income is due in part to

The new ambulance is anticipated to arrive April 15. This might prompt a special called meeting so the direc

Questions for landowners thinking of selling their water rights

GUEST Editorial

By Ginger Coleman



Here's a collection of questions, in no particular order, that any landowner considering selling their water rights to Schertz, Cibolo, and ultimately San Antonio and other cities, must ask themselves — questions that need to be answered *before* signing anything at all, especially a 50-year deal with potentially devastating effects on people, wildlife, livestock, and everything else that relies on water for its very existence, for now and possibly forever. Not every question will apply to every person, but they all are, most definitely, considerations that cannot be overlooked.

Please take time to read this, and please pass it on. Add your own questions — as no doubt there are many, many more to be asked.

•Why do Schertz and Cibolo need Wilson County's water? What happened to their previous water source?

•At least part of the answer to that question is that their water rights were sold to SAWS, with the negative results that Schertz and Cibolo are now forced to look elsewhere (currently Wilson County) for their own water needs. What does this tell me about what Wilson County's future holds?

•How many years from the date their own landowners sold their water rights did it take Schertz and Cibolo to get to the point that they must look elsewhere for their current and future needs?

•Will Wilson County be able to find landowners in another county who are willing to put themselves, their children, and their neighbors in such a precarious position, for the benefit of Wilson County?

•From the 5,000 acres CVLGC is seeking to lease in Wilson County, their rights and reserved rights to pump two acre-feet of water per acre per year entitles CVLGC to pump from our aquifer and transport to Schertz the equivalent of more than 52.1 *billion* 8-oz cups of water per year! More than 651 *million* 5-gallon water coolers! The more acreage CVLGC leases, the faster they will deplete the aquifer. Do I think this could ever affect Wilson County water supplies, now or in the next 50 years?

•What positive thing could possibly come from selling water rights of current and future owners of this land? Positive for whom? What negative things could possibly come from it?

•After giving this question serious thought, do I sincerely believe the positives I've come up with could possibly outweigh the unavoidable negative impacts?

•How will the loss of a great majority of my water rights for 50 years affect my own access to potable water when the aquifer level drops, and to water for my crops and livestock? My children's and their children's access? My neighbors' access?

•What will happen to my relationship with my neighbors if they suffer because of my decision? Does that matter to me? To my children who go to school with their children?

•How will loss of a great majority of my water rights for 50 years affect my property values? My neighbors' property values?

•Have I investigated with a realtor the before and after values of my property? Am I prepared to adjust my estate plan accordingly?

•Am I ready to face my neighbors who have not sold their rights, when they and their children suffer financially due to decreased property values and potential loss of water supplies necessary for their very livelihood, so that I might gain financially?

•Am I prepared to look my neighbors in the eyes in the very likely event they are forced to pay for water in the future? When they must stop farming or raising livestock because of limited or depleted water supplies?

•If this land is inherited from my parents and possibly other ancestors who've worked many years to create and maintain a legacy for their children and grandchildren, have I considered how they would feel about my willingness to give away these rights — now and for at least 50 more years?

•Am I ready to look my children and grandchildren in the eyes and tell them what I've committed them to? Or possibly that the farm or ranch or other business their grandparents created for them to inherit can no longer operate?

•Am I ready to pay for a supply of water that would have remained free to me had I not sold my rights, in the likely event Wilson County is forced to buy water just as Schertz and Cibolo are at this time?

•Am I ready to step up and pay, or possibly to defend myself in court, in the very likely event lawsuits are filed over depleted water supplies or other water rights in the future? Am I ready to defend my position when challenged by family, neighbors, and others?

•Do I truly have a full and complete understanding of the 35-plus-page lease I am being asked to sign? Have I received from my attorney a full, paragraph-by-paragraph, written explanation of my rights, obligations, liabilities, indemnities, and each and every term so that I'm not surprised later? Are there any provisions in the documents to assist my neighbors in the event they suffer for my financial gain? Does that matter to me?

•Once I understand my rights, obligations, liabilities, and indemnities, and other lease terms, can I in good conscience agree to them?

•Am I willing to commit my children and their children to all the terms of the CVLGC lease they will inherit?

Ginger Coleman is a resident of Stockdale. She is a member of the board of Wilson County Emergency Services District No. 3.

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ANOTHER VIEW *by Curtis Chubb*

Rural folks have the right to protect their water

If a city 142 miles away from San Antonio were to announce that it planned to drill wells into the Edwards Aquifer near San Antonio and annually pump so much groundwater that the water table would drop 300 feet — would that be allowed to happen?

I'll answer that question: No.

The Edwards Aquifer Authority would block the water project because it has the responsibility to protect and conserve the Edwards Aquifer.

It strikes me as paradoxical that state Rep. Lyle Larson criticizes rural county groundwater districts for trying to do the very same thing — that is, protect and conserve the aquifers within their boundaries.

Larson's hometown aquifer is protected — but he criticizes other areas of Texas because they want to protect their aquifers? Now, that sounds "un-Texan" to me. "Un-Texan" is a term that Larson used in a San Antonio Express-News comment published in October. In that comment, he announced that he would use his position in the Texas House "to put an end to the so-called 'water wars.' They are simply un-Texan."

Larson has pushed the theme that water problems in Texas are caused by groundwater districts. At a March House Natural Resources Committee hearing, Larson said, "If we can't sustain our economy because we have this entrenchment that takes place at a local level — and we can't move water where we need to move it because people feel like they're entitled to it — but you have people willing to pay property owners for that water — but the groundwater districts become an obstruction, someone has to intervene."

In contrast, Larson and San Antonio Water System CEO Robert Puente glorify the groundwater district in my part of Texas (Milam/Burleson counties) because they approved the pumping permits for the Vista Ridge project, which will lower our water table by 300 feet.

However, because many people in Milam/Burleson counties protested the Vista Ridge project that will export massive amounts of groundwater to San Antonio, SAWS Trustee Reed Williams attempted to calm us "country folk" by promising to "protect your aquifer as I do mine" at a SAWS meeting in September. Yet the contract that SAWS signed with Abengoa Vista Ridge contains nothing about SAWS protecting our aquifers.

Instead, the SAWS/Abengoa Vista Ridge contract says that each pipeline easement "expressly includes installation of multiple water lines in the future." To me this means that they plan to pump a lot more water from our aquifers than advertised.

I don't think SAWS worries too much about protecting our aquifers. In December at a meeting in Burleson County, the San Antonio Express-News reported, Williams went further and said, "We have no interest in running to Austin in trying to usurp the power of this authority" if the groundwater district ever mandates a cutback in pumping.

Abengoa Vista Ridge has a different take on that subject.

The director of business development for Abengoa Water USA, Michael Irlbeck, wrote a letter to SAWS in 2013, obtained through a public information request. He addressed what would happen if the groundwater district cut back Abengoa Vista Ridge's pumping: "Even so, were the impact of such changes to not be fully mitigated by the Abengoa team's excess leasehold position, we believe that Groundwater Management Area 12 and the Texas Legislature would recognize and protect the substantial, investment-backed expectations of Abengoa and the community of San Antonio." In simple words, they would be running to Austin.

So, who is mistaken about running to Austin if the Milam/Burleson counties groundwater district tries to cut back the pumping — Williams or a company with a $3.4 billion investment on the line?

I believe Larson should use his position in the House to prevent larger cities from using their political and financial clout to take unsustainable amounts of groundwater from rural counties. We all have the right to provide water for our children — San Antonio's right is not one drop of groundwater more important than the rights of Dime Box, Fairview or Gonzales.

To think otherwise is not only "un-Texan," it is "un-San Antonian."

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Evergreen states opposition to Cibolo, Schertz water plan

By William J. Gibbs Jr.
Wilson County News

Officials from the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District continue to stand firm against a plan that calls for pumping 10,000 acre-feet — approximately 3.26 billion gallons — of water from the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer in Wilson County for the next 50 years. The proposal, which is included in the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group, Regional L 2016 Initially Prepared Plan, was discussed by board members and staff during Evergreen's June 30 board of directors meeting.

The plan, which relates to meeting the water needs of 21 Texas counties for the next 50 years, includes a proposal by the Cibolo Valley Local Government Corp. for water to be pumped from Wilson County to the cities of Cibolo and Schertz. (See "Cibolo, Schertz water strategy still in regional water plan," April 8.)

Among those voicing opposition to the plan during the hearings was Evergreen's Executive Director Russell Labus, who alleges that there have not been adequate scientific studies to determine the feasibility of pumping

"I respectfully encourage and request the Cibolo Valley LGC to explore other water supply options to bring to the table, utilize the study data already funded by Evergreen, and at a minimum, do some additional, adequate, upfront scientific studies and groundwater modeling before going forward," he said during testimony at the hearings.

Officers

Also during the meeting, the board voted to retain its existing slate of officers. Steve Snider — one of two Wilson County representatives — will continue to serve as president. Frio County representatives Clifton Stacy and Blaine Schorp will continue as vice president and secretary/treasurer, respectively.

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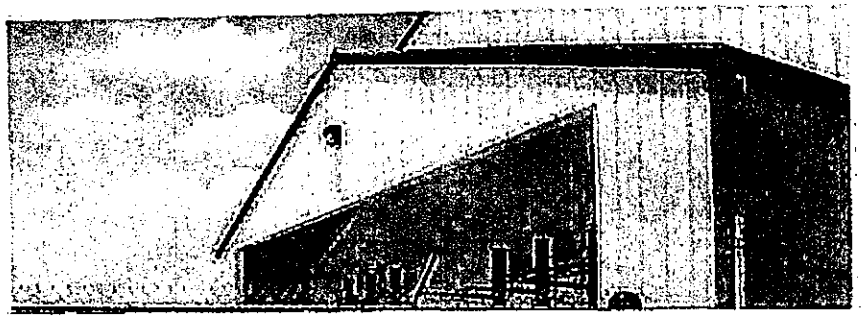

Building nears completion

Wilson County Pct. 3 Constable George Scoggins snapped this image of S.S. Water Supply Corp. General Manager

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Section A: General News

Managing growth, groundwater responsibly — an analysis of water 'surplus' project



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If you have an interest in Wilson County's future, the following issue will affect you in one way or another.

There has, over the past several months, been a great deal of concern by both county officials and local citizens regarding a large-scale groundwater pumping project in eastern Wilson County being considered for inclusion in the 2016 State Water Plan. The "Cibolo Valley" project, being proposed by a corporation owned by the cities of Schertz and Cibolo, would involve extracting 3.25 billion gallons per year of Carrizo Aquifer water located beneath Wilson County and transporting it in pipelines out of the county. While the project's sponsors may claim that this water is needed for local growth in Guadalupe and Bexar counties, the fact is this water would simply be replacing the billions of gallons of Carrizo Aquifer water that the wholesale water supply company owned by the cities of Schertz and Seguin developed as their "surplus" in neighboring Gonzales County.

Replacing a "surplus"? Well, the cities of Schertz and Seguin have sold their "surplus" to the city of San Antonio under a wholesale water supply agreement. Interesting strategy appears to be developing:

•Build a "surplus" supply of water;

•Sell that water to the city of San Antonio;

•Use that money to develop a new "surplus" of water, skim off what is actually needed, sell the rest.

•Repeat.

As the old saying goes, "business is business."

So how does this affect you?

Wilson County residents rely almost exclusively on the Carrizo Aquifer for their primary source of drinking water as well as for farming, mining, and industrial uses. Wilson County is fortunate to be located within a groundwater conservation district, which is funded by our property taxes to ensure that we have ample water for our current needs and future growth demands. Unlike many counties in Texas, when a local landowner or business or farmer in Wilson County needs water for their property, as long as specific rules and conditions are met, a well drilling and production permit can be obtained from the groundwater district and the landowner's needs are typically accommodated. Local farms, homes, and businesses, as well as the county as a whole, benefit. The necessity of having a long-term sustainable water supply is just as important for Wilson County's homeowners, farmers, and businesses as they are to Bexar County's businesses.

In geologic terms, the Carrizo Aquifer is nothing like the Edwards Aquifer, which can recharge itself in a matter of weeks with heavy rains over the recharge zone. Instead, water recharge within the Carrizo Aquifer occurs very slowly and the effects of overpumping can take lifetimes to rebound. One simply has to look at the impact decades of over-pumping in

Zavala, Frio, and Atascosa counties has had on the Carrizo water levels. Areas where the Carrizo was under artesian conditions -- flowing freely to the surface -- 50 to 75 years ago, now require pumping from as much as 500 feet below the surface.

Large-scale pumping projects -- such as that being proposed -- which would extract and transport billions of gallons annually out of Wilson County, will over time dramatically reduce water levels, which in turn will increase the production costs as well as overall availability of water for Wilson County residents and future businesses. Recognizing that availability of water equates directly to economic development and economic development equates to local tax revenue for our schools, hospitals, and county roads and services, yes, this is a big deal.

This is such a big deal, in fact, that over the past decade, the state of Texas developed groundwater management areas to ensure that local groundwater districts considered the impacts of long-term groundwater pumping and managed the resource according to mutually agreed upon limitations of development. The Texas State Legislature then required that the regional components of the State Water Plan accept the limitations set forth by the Groundwater Management Areas in considering new projects within what ultimately becomes the State Water Plan.

The significance of this issue to the proposed Cibolo Valley project is simple: The local Groundwater Management Area overseeing Wilson County has determined for years that a project with the pumping levels proposed by the Cibolo Valley project would exceed the projected desired future conditions agreed to by the Groundwater Management Area. In short, based upon the conditions approved by the members of the Groundwater Management Area, there's not enough water available to do the proposed project.

So with all that said, why would this project even be considered by the planning group to become part of the State Water Plan, especially considering that many options exist? That's a great question. and one that needs to be asked again and again by many people.

Homeowners, business owners, and farmers and ranchers across all of Wilson County have a "dog in this fight." While many Wilson County elected officials are actively engaged in commenting to the South Central Texas Regional Planning Group about this issue, it may not be enough.

Darrell Brownlow is the Wilson County director of the San Antonio River Authority. He is a former governor's appointee to the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District and former member of the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group, Region L.

Have your say

The members of the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group, Region L need to know how you feel about Wilson County's groundwater. Deadline for public comments on the draft Region L Water Plan are due by 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14. To review the draft plan directly and submit your comments, visit www.regionltexas.org.

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Floresville joins opposition to water transport project



Wilson County Judge Richard L. "Dickie" Jackson

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Floresville joined other government entities July 9 in opposing a proposal to take water out of Wilson County.

The action came at the city's regular city council meeting.

"A major water purveyor wants to transport water out of Wilson County to Bexar County," Wilson County Judge Richard L. "Dickie" Jackson said.

He was describing the attempt by the Cibolo Valley Local Government Corp. (CVLGC) to acquire water rights in northeast Wilson County to transport 10,000 acre-feet of water per year out of the county.

He asked council members to support a resolution asking the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (Region L) to list the proposal "only as a possible alternative project."

Floresville City Attorney Louis Rosenberg said it's not enough for an entity to say, "Don't take my water." He said the county and the city have to "play by the rules."

He said the resolution takes the position that CVLGC's proposal fails to establish an immediate need for the water project and that the amount of water is unavailable.

Bond refinancing

City council members received some good news on refinancing the city's 2010 bonds.

They agreed June 3 on a new financing plan to pay for the Lauro G. De Leon III Floresville Event Center. The plan allowed the city's Frost Bank financial advisors leeway to deal with potential stock market fluctuations. They were able to obtain a better deal than expected, according to a report they provided.

City Manager Henrietta Turner pointed out that they were able to lock a 2.91-percent interest rate for the 15-year repayment plan.

She said this was possible because the new bonds received a "credit enhancement" and were marketed using a rating of AA, despite the city's A rating.

Based on static sales-tax collections, the city's cash flow was expected to fall short by $210,027; this estimation is now projected to be $187,437, according to the report.

In other action, council members:

•Approved installation of the COPsync communication and database access network for processing warrants and fine payments. The package also includes installation of a panic button in the municipal court.

Approved purchase of a new audiovisual system for a patrol car, and three computers to replace poorly working computers for the police department

•Tabled a funding request from the Floresville Chamber of Commerce until the chamber presents a more detailed budget

SARA notes 'concerns' from water plan hearings

By Gregory Ripps
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Don't sell your water rights!

GUEST Editorial

By Kay Love



Wilson County, don't be a cheap date!

The wholesale water providers are on the prowl in Wilson County looking to lease or buy water rights. They don't need this water now. They don't plan to use it until 2028. They are planning for the future. The communities of Schertz, Cibolo, Live Oak, Converse, Selma, and Seguin expect to grow. They want Wilson County to provide cheap water for their growth. They think Wilson County landowners will sell water cheap.

The Cibolo Valley Local Government Corp. was formed by these six cities, four in Bexar County (Cibolo, Live Oak, Converse, Selma) and two in Guadalupe County (Schertz and Seguin). The corporation is a wholesale water provider. It is well-funded by the issuance of its own bonds.

The Cibolo Valley Local Government Corp. has a fund of over a million dollars to bully the Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District into granting a transportation permit to send this cheap water to Bexar and Guadalupe counties.

These water buyers play on the fear that "if my neighbor down the road sells his water, he will pump me dry and I will get nothing, while he gets a check."

Water has divided counties and pitted neighbor against neighbor in other counties. This has worked to the advantage of the water buyers. It's a money game. Don't sell yourself cheap, Wilson County. We will need water in the future too.

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