

April 12, 2017

Mr. Steve Raabe, Administrator  
South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group  
c/o San Antonio River Authority  
P.O. Box 839980  
San Antonio, Texas 78283

RE: Amendment to the 2016 Region L Plan and the 2017 State Water Plan

Dear Mr. Raabe:

The Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) is preparing to implement one of the evaluated water management strategies from the 2016 Region L Water Plan to serve the water supply needs in Comal, Hays, and Guadalupe Counties. GBRA intends to apply for financing utilizing the Texas Water Development Board's (TWDB) State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT). In order to qualify for SWIFT or other state-offered financing consideration, GBRA will need to amend the 2016 Region L Plan and 2017 State Water Plan by substituting an alternative strategy in place of two recommended strategies. GBRA requests the assistance of the South Central Regional Water Planning Group and TWDB to determine the appropriate amendment type and process, and would appreciate the planning group's consideration for action to initiate an amendment at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

The proposed amendment will substitute the following two recommended strategies: 1) GBRA Mid-Basin Project (ASR) (50,000 acft) and the 2) Texas Water Alliance (TWA) Carrizo Project (MAG-Limited) (15,000 acft), with the Mid-Basin Water Supply Project (MBWSP) – Conjunctive Use with Aquifer Storage & Recovery (ASR) alternative water management strategy (42,000 acft).

The GBRA MBWSP Conjunctive Use with ASR incorporates surface water from the Guadalupe River near Gonzales with a Carrizo well field that produces groundwater and stores treated surface water. The strategy is configured to include an ASR well field that is co-located with the Carrizo well field on TWA leased property in northern Gonzales County and eastern Caldwell County. GBRA intends to purchase the affected TWA assets and will finalize the transaction prior to applying for financial assistance.

Pursuant to provisions included in Title 31, Part 10, Chapter 357, Texas Administrative Code, and upon TWDB Executive Administrator approval, GBRA believes this request may be considered a substitution since the MBWSP – Conjunctive Use with ASR alternative water management strategy is capable of meeting the same water need without over-allocating any source.

Thank you in advance for your positive consideration and attention. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

  
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General Manager/CEO

CC: Ms. Suzanne Scott, Chair  
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