

March 14, 2018

Mr. John Grant
Region F Regional Water Planning Group Chair
c/o Colorado River Municipal Water District
P.O. Box 869
Big Spring, TX 79721

Dear Mr. Grant:

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Respectfully,



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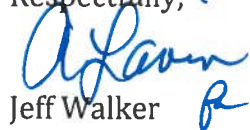
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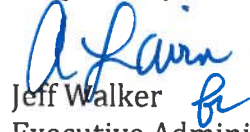
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