

March 13, 2017

The Honorable Poncho Nevárez  
Texas House of Representatives  
P.O. Box 2910  
Austin, Texas 78768-2910

Dear Representative Nevárez:

I am in receipt of your letter dated February 27, 2017, requesting the Texas Water Development Board (Board) to conduct a study in Val Verde County based on a recommendation that the Board and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality made in the "Priority Groundwater Management Areas and Groundwater Conservation Districts Report to the 85<sup>th</sup> Legislature."

We will be able to conduct the study you requested on the hydrogeology of Val Verde County and the assessment of the feasibility of employing triggers to manage the aquifer and provide the final report before the next legislative session.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and Texas Parks & Wildlife will be included as agency stakeholders. Meetings will be held in Val Verde County with local stakeholders as we progress with the study, and we will keep your office informed of our activities along the way.

Staff have already begun planning for this effort. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments, and feel free to contact Dr. Robert Mace, Deputy Executive Administrator of our Water Science and Conservation division, at 512-936-0861 or [robert.mace@twdb.texas.gov](mailto:robert.mace@twdb.texas.gov).

Sincerely,

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Chairman

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