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Note from the Editors:

In 2001, at the request of one of our board members at the time, Ms. Kathleen Hartnett White, the Texas Water Development Board held a conference in Alpine called "Aquifers of West Texas." The conference was a big success: good attendance, good information, and good camaraderie among Texans interested in and concerned with groundwater. The conference drew attendees from the Edwards Plateau region, several of which asked: "When is our conference?" Well, after two years (and a number of long nights and weekends) in the making: Here it is!

We are proud to have assembled a great collection of speakers and papers to present an overview of the aquifers and some groundwater issues of the Edwards Plateau. Similar to the "Aquifers of West Texas" conference, we identified topics we wanted addressed and then identified potential speakers to invite to discuss each of the topics. We also asked each of the speakers to write a chapter to include in the volume you are now holding. This volume is meant to be a stand-alone document as well as a proceedings of the conference held in San Angelo on February 9th, 2004.

Orchestrating the conference and this document was a great task, and we are thankful for the assistance of many people. First, we thank our speakers and authors for their contributions to the conference and volume and their willingness to share their knowledge. We also thank the Texas A & M University Research Extension Center, San Angelo (Dr. John Walker and Jodi Huybers) for providing the space to hold our conference. We are also thankful to Deborah Reyes (TWDB) and Carla Daws (TWDB) for publicizing the conference. We are grateful to Mike Parcher (TWDB) for his assistance in printing this volume. We also thank our Executive Administrator, J. Kevin Ward, for his support of this conference. Finally, we thank our former board member, Ms. Kathleen Hartnett White, now Chairman of the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality, for the initial idea of this conference.

If you are from one of the bordering areas of the Edwards Plateau, fear not: We plan to continue this conference series across Texas.

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