

## *Editor's Note*

### Why a Volume 2?

During the last couple of years, I have had the privilege of leading the Texas Water Development Board's (TWDB) efforts regarding Governor Rick Perry's seawater desalination initiative. *The Future of Desalination in Texas-Volume 1, Biennial Report on Seawater Desalination*, is a progress report and a recommendation to further the development of seawater desalination in Texas.

In preparing Volume 1, the TWDB enabled staff to cast a wide net to learn more about desalination and incorporate that knowledge into our work. This process put TWDB staff in closer contact with the "desalination community" of researchers, equipment manufacturers, plant builders and operators, desalination consultant engineers, and staff with public entities' implementing desalination projects. *The Future of Desalination in Texas- Volume 2, Technical Papers, Case Studies and Desalination Technology Resources (Report #363)*, is a collection of expert opinions, lessons learned and technical outreach resource information, compiled and offered to the Texas Public as a an educational tool. It also provides a glimpse into the technical ingenuity, financial creativity and managerial leadership that, together, account for the dramatic improvements that make water desalination a competitive water supply alternative.

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