

HANDOUT A – TOPICS/ISSUES SUBMITTED BY REGION L FOR DISCUSSION

Regional Water Planning

- *The role of RWPGs needs to be clarified. Some planning group members believe the planning process should be used to limit population growth, redirect land use, change local water plans, and obstruct permitting of “undesirable” projects.*
- *TWDB guidance is needed to describe the extent to which TWDB wants innovative strategies to be pursued in regional water planning.*
- *TWDB should encourage “management supplies” in regional water plans. Some believe this is “over planning”, ignoring the facts that the drought of record being planned for may not be the worst to come; that not all of the projects in the plan will be developed for various reasons; and, that water suppliers need options in the regional plan.*
- *Provide funds for “special studies” that can improve the quality of regional water plans, similar to the funding of studies to improve the SB 4 instream flow standards. If a planning group believes a special study would improve its plan, and TWDB agrees, a fund would be available to accomplish the study.*