

January 5, 2018

Ms. Rocky Freund
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RE: Region N Regional Water Planning Group (RWPG) requests for approval to modify existing surface water availability hydrologic assumptions for development of the 2021 Region N Regional Water Plan (RWP)

Dear Ms. Freund:

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) has reviewed your requests dated September 22, 2017 for approval of alternative water supply assumptions to be used in determining existing surface water availability. This letter confirms that the TWDB approves the following:

1. Use of the Corpus Christi Water Supply Model to estimate surface water availability for the Choke Canyon Reservoir (CCR)/Lake Corpus Christi (LLC)/Lake Texana/MRP Phase II System.
2. Use of safe yield for planning and determining surface water availability from the CCR/LLC/Lake Texana/MRP Phase II System.

The RWPG also requested approval to report surface water availability for the CCR/LLC/Lake Texana/MRP Phase II System rather than by individual reservoirs. This assumption is allowable under existing regional water planning guidance.

We understand that for all water rights except those for the CCR/LCC/Lake Texana/MRP Phase II System, Region N will use the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) Water Availability Model (WAM) RUN3 with full diversions and no return flows and firm yields of reservoirs for evaluating the availability associated with these other water rights.

Although the TWDB approves the use of a one-year safe yield for developing estimates of current water supplies for the CCR/LCC/Lake Texana/MRP Phase II System, firm yield for the system must still be reported to TWDB in the online planning database and plan documents.

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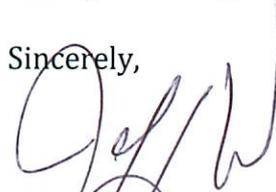
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For the purpose of evaluating potentially feasible water management strategies, the TCEQ WAM RUN3 is to be used.

While the TWDB authorizes these modifications to evaluate existing water supplies for development of the 2021 Region N RWP, it is the responsibility of the RWPG to ensure that the resulting estimates of water availability are reasonable for drought planning purposes and will reflect conditions expected in the event of actual drought conditions; and in all other regards will be evaluated in accordance with the contract Exhibit C, *General Guidelines for Fifth Cycle of Regional Water Plan Development*.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Connie Townsend, project manager for Region N, at 512-463-8290 or via email at connie.townsend@twdb.texas.gov.

Sincerely,



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Executive Administrator

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