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Dear Messrs. Bledsoe and Hubert:

I have reviewed your request dated December 5, 2023, 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 assumptions:

1. Use of the Corpus Christi Water Supply Model, including extending the hydrology through 2015, to evaluate existing supplies from Lake Corpus Christi and Choke Canyon Reservoir for the Corpus Christi Regional Water Supply System.
2. Use of Safe Yield with 75,000 ac-ft reserve to evaluate existing surface water supplies for the Corpus Christi Regional Supply System.

Although the TWDB approves the use of a safe yield with 75,000 ac-ft reserve for developing estimates of current water supplies, firm yield for each reservoir must still be reported to TWDB in the online planning database and plan documents.

For the purpose of evaluating potentially feasible water management strategies, the TCEQ WAM Run 3 is to be used, unless a separate hydrologic variance for water management strategy availability is submitted and approved by the TWDB.

While the TWDB authorizes these modification to evaluate existing water supplies for development of the 2026 Region N Coastal Bend 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 most recent version of regional water planning contract Exhibit C, *General Guidelines for Development of the 2026 Regional Water Plans*.

Please do not hesitate to contact Michele Foss of our Regional Water Planning staff at 512-463-9225 or [mfoss@twdb.texas.gov](mailto:mfoss@twdb.texas.gov) if you have any questions.

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Sincerely,

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