

TWDB Response to Stakeholder Comments and Questions  
Groundwater Availability Model for the Central Part of the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer  
TWDB Contract No. 2001-483-378

1. Stakeholder Comment: The predictive pumping used in the model does not accurately reflect what was presented in the water management strategies in the Regional Water Plans.

TWDB response: TWDB staff recognize this discrepancy. However, we believe adjustments to the volumes of pumping in the Water Management Strategies was necessary to better reflect the actual projected demands in the Regional Water Plans. If a Regional Water Planning Group identified a need for water, they proposed a water management strategy to meet this need. The water management strategies oftentimes resulted in more water than was needed. Because it is difficult to access which water management strategy is more likely than another in providing water in the future and because we did not want to appear to favor one strategy over another, we proportionally distributed demands among the different strategies. Therefore, these pumping amounts are hypothetical and do not reflect a TWDB opinion or endorsement on what will actually occur. This model, as well as the others, allows for different predictive scenarios to be run depending on the needs of the requestor.