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Thomas H. Muehlenbeck City Manager Mr. Bill Roberts
Texas Water Development Board
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Re: 2007 State Water Plan

Dear Mr. Roberts,

The City of Plano is in complete support of the 2007 State Water Plan and especially the Region "C" Water Plan. We are currently coping with a two-year drought that has greatly impacted our city and the other twelve member cities of the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD). Lake Lavon, Plano's primary water source, is only 38% full. The 1.6 million people who depend on the NTMWD for water are hopeful that this drought will soon be over. However, it does serve as a prodrome to a future crisis – the chronic shortage of water due to an inadequate supply.

For several years the City of Plano has implemented a water conservation plan. Under the current plan, Plano has used 10% less water than it would have used had the plan not been in place. Water conservation is a part of our life. An inadequate supply of water is not.

The 2007 State Water Plan calls for several new reservoirs to serve the North Texas area – the East Fork Reuse Project, the Lower Bois d'Arc Reservoir, and Marvin Nichols Lake. All these reservoirs are desperately needed to provide an adequate water supply for one of the fastest growing areas in the nation.

The City of Plano urges the Texas Water Development Board to adopt the 2007 State Water Plan as it has been designed. The strategies of the Plan will go a long way toward assuring the citizens of Plano, and the 3.5 million people who will be served by the NTMWD in the future, that they will never face a water shortage due to our own lack of planning.

Respectfully submitted,

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