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Hello Bill,

Great to speak with you this morning!!!

Attached is Mr. Novoa's testimony from last Monday night. He asked me to send it to you and include as part of the TWDB comments.

Please let me know if I can answer any questions regarding this testimony.

Have a great weekend!

Best regards,

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Texas Water Development Board Hearing
Monday, October 2, 2006, 6 pm
Stephen F. Austin Building, Room 170
1700 North Congress
Austin, TX

Jose I. Novoa Testimony

Chairman Pitman and members of the Texas Water Development Board and staff. I am Joe Novoa, a civil engineer, currently serving on the Greater Dallas Chamber Board of Directors and Chair the Chamber's Water Committee. I want to thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today about the importance of the 2007 State Water Plan to our communities and to our future growth.

I am here today in support of the 2007 State Water Plan, which includes the Region C Water Plan, and to urge you to pass the plan in its entirety and to fully incorporate all of its components. I also urge the Board to designate potential reservoir sites identified in the Plan. Action by the Texas Legislature to protect these potential sites would preclude unforeseen state and federal actions that could eliminate the viability of these future water sources.

As evident in the current drought that has plagued much of Texas, relying on currently available supplies simply will not suffice. If we fail to develop new supplies, we will fall short of meeting the projected water needs and our region's economic vitality and job base will suffer. To be safe, we cannot settle for barely meeting the projected demands. We must develop a reasonable surplus supply, from a variety of sources, to guard against worse-than-expected droughts, unanticipated population growth and unforeseen problems with the implementation of planned strategies. We must insure that the North Texas region has a clean, adequate water supply to serve its citizens and business for the next 60 years.

As you may already know, North Texas continues to be one of the fastest growing regions in the state, as well as the nation. Our Population is projected to grow from over 5 million residents in the year 2000 to over 13 million by the year 2060. It is imperative that we provide the water infrastructure needed to support this population growth.

Approval of the 2007 State Water Plan is essential for our region's future economic development and quality of life. It is clear that conservation alone will not get us where we need to be, and we at Greater Dallas Chamber urge you to adopt the plan in its entirety.

Thank you.