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Comments from Dallas Water Utilities on the draft 2007 State Water Plan are attached for TWDB consideration.

Thanks.

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October 6, 2006

Mr. Bill Roberts
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Re: Comments on Draft 2007 State Water Plan

Dear Mr. Roberts:

The City of Dallas would like to commend the State for its efforts related to regional and state water planning. Dallas fully supports the Texas State Water Plan process and the recommendations and proposed strategies identified in the Region C Plan as submitted. We believe that water conservation, water reuse, connection of existing supplies and the development of new water supply reservoirs all play an important role in meeting the water demands in the Dallas area to the year 2060. Dallas currently provides water and wastewater services to over 2.3 million people in Dallas which includes twenty-six metroplex communities in Dallas, Collin, Denton, Ellis and Kaufman counties.

Included in the Plan are water supply strategies approved by the Dallas City Council which have water conservation and reuse as a significant foundation. Dallas water conservation efforts date back to the early 1980s. More recently, in 2001 the City increased its conservation efforts by initiating mandatory requirements relating to lawn and landscape irrigation. These measures include:

- No irrigation from 10 am to 6 pm every year from June 1 through September 30 except for hand watering and soaker hoses;
- Not allowing sprinkler systems to water driveways, sidewalks and streets;
- Not allowing water to runoff onto a street or other drainage area;
- Not allowing outside watering during any form of precipitation;
- Sprinkler Systems must be maintained and repairs made to any broken, missing or mis-directed sprinkler heads. Rain and freeze sensing devices must be installed on all sprinkler systems.

In an effort to further encourage conservation, the Dallas City Council adopted a five-year strategic plan for water conservation in 2005. The plan is comprised of a three pronged approach: city leadership and commitment, enhanced education and outreach initiatives and rebates and incentive programs.

Since 2000, over \$5M has been invested in public information and outreach programs to emphasize water conservation. Although our service area population since Fiscal Year 2000 has increased by 14%, we have been able to reduce our municipal per capita consumption from 247 gallons per capita per day in Fiscal Year 2000 to 203 gallons per capita per day in Fiscal Year 2005. This decreasing trend in per capita water consumption can be attributed in large part to Dallas' water conservation program.

Our Vision: To be an efficient provider of superior water and wastewater service and a leader in the water industry.

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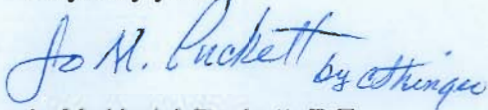
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Looking ahead, Dallas will continue to strive to meet its water conservation goals and targets identified in our Water Conservation Plan in an effort to extend the life of our existing water supplies through efficient conservation practices without excessive burden to our customers.

However, water conservation alone is not sufficient to meet all of Dallas' long range water supply needs. Therefore, as the Board moves forward in finalizing and adopting the Draft 2007 State Water Plan, Dallas would like to encourage you to adopt the Plan with all of the water supply strategies for Dallas remaining intact. The City is actively investigating each of its recommended strategies, alternative strategies and opportunities to further enhance the yield of its existing supplies.

Please contact me at (214) 670-3144 should you require further information. Thank you very much for your consideration and attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



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