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Mr. Roberts:

I have reviewed the plan summary nfor Region H, which includes Galveston Bay, and have a few comments.

1. Is there somethine wrong with the data in Table h-3? You have municpal needs in Harris County growing ten-fold over 50 years. The population certainly

is not projected to grow by that much. Where does this enormous increase come from?

2. In general, GBCPA's concerns is for appropriate levels of fresh water inflow into Galveston Bay. I would like to see that issue addressed directly in

the plan, so that the impact of the various options to meet water needs on fresh water inflows can be gauges. For example, effluent reuse can reduce fresh

water inflows to the Bay, which will damage the productivity of the Bay as an estuary.

3. I think interbasin transfers should be avoided. The long term effects of these transfers on all of Texas'' bays has not been adequately assessed. Conservation and, hreaven help us, growth planning should be used to ensure that

each basin is self-sufficient.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

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