



August 31, 2006

Texas Water Development Board
Stephen F. Austin Building
P.O. Box 13231
Austin, TX 78711-3231

Re: 2007 State Water Plan

Gentlemen:

This correspondence is intended to express how important the City of Justin believes the need to plan and construct an adequate water supply is to the economic future of Texas. Justin became a member of the Upper Trinity Regional Water System in 1991. We consider our membership as one of the most important decisions made for the future of Justin.

Over the past decade, we have seen our population grow at a very rapid pace, while watching our water tables decline. We believe that water planning and water projects must continue, so that those who are dependent on us to plan wisely for today and tomorrow will have adequate water resources. The negative economic limitations that accompany a serious water shortfall are both foreseeable and preventable. The current drought situation only exacerbates the need to develop strategic projects, such as Lake Ralph Hall and other projects, to guarantee against such limitations.

Justin commends the Texas Water Development Board Members and those members of the State Regional Planning Boards for their efforts in drafting the 2007 State Water Plan. It is a job well done! Again, thank you for all that you have done to assure future economic success in Texas.

Sincerely yours,

CITY OF JUSTIN, TEXAS


ED TRIETSCH
Mayor

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