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Tarrant Regional Water District provides surface water supply to an eleven county service area in north central Texas encompassing the western third of the Fort Worth / Dallas Metrolplex.

The Tarrant Regional Water District supports the draft 2007 State Water Plan. The draft plan is a significant improvement over the 2002 State Water Plan. The draft plan has significantly increased the emphasis on water conservation and reuse. Tarrant Regional Water District's service area population will increase from 1.6 million to more than 3.5 million between today and 2060. Conservation and water reuse are major water management strategies. Nearly 25% of our new supplies will result from conservation and reuse.

However, additional supplies from new reservoirs will be required. The state water plan clearly supports development of additional water supplies.

A key management strategy in the Region C Water Plan is the delivery of water supply from Toledo Bend Reservoir. Toledo Bend supply and the capital costs for conveyance are included in regional plans, as well as the draft state water plan. Based upon the regional water plans and the importance of the pending permit amendment for Toledo Bend, we offer these comments on the State Water Plan:

1. Chapter 6, page 152: We suggest the addition of a note in the Reservoir Yield table that the 750,000 acre-feet per year from Toledo Bend Reservoir is the permitted diversion.
2. DB07 database: We suggest the addition of a regional comment to water management strategies C07TB, C07.1TB, C07.2TB, and C07.3TB that acknowledges that, "The Sabine River Authority is seeking a water right to divert an additional 293,300 acre-feet per year from Toledo Bend Reservoir, and a right to move this water from the Sabine River Basin to the Trinity River Basin. This permit amendment, when granted, will support this water management strategy."

We would otherwise support comments put forth by the Sabine River Authority regarding clarifications within the draft 2007 State Water Plan concerning the Toledo Bend management strategy.

I urge the Texas Water Development Board to commit to direct these water management strategies toward implementation. A key step will be recommending to the Texas Legislature the designation of unique reservoir sites included in the state water plan. It is imperative that these future reservoir sites be designated and protected.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wayne".

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