



Brazos River Authority



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Mr. Bill Roberts
Texas Water Development Board
P.O. Box 13231
Austin, Texas 78711-3231

RE: Comments on the Draft 2007 State Water Plan

Dear Mr. Roberts:

The Brazos River Authority would like to congratulate the Texas Water Development Board on development of the 2007 State Water Plan, which is the culmination of the locally-driven, regional water planning cycle that began over five years ago. We have reviewed the Draft 2007 Plan and feel that the TWDB has done a good job of assimilating the sixteen regional water plans into a state-wide picture.

One of the eye-opening components of the Plan is the estimated cost for its implementation. While financing survey responders across the State indicated that a majority of the projected cost for implementing the Plan will be provided by project sponsors through traditional financing mechanisms, we support and encourage TWDB efforts to pursue other appropriate funding vehicles that are needed and that may help better facilitate implementation of long term water supply projects. It may take all our efforts, inevitably, to obtain the additional state and/or federal funding necessary to meet the challenge of providing water and associated infrastructure for our future.

We look forward to working toward implementation of the water management strategies and resolution of the water policy issues that are vital to the future of Texas. We continue to be excited about the opportunity to implement our System Operations management strategy that is a key component of both the Brazos G and Region H water plans.

Again, we commend you on reaching this milestone.

Sincerely,

PHILLIP J. FORD
General Manager/CEO