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THROUGH: Carolyn L. Brittin, Deputy Executive Administrator
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Dan Hardin, Director, Water Resources Planning *DH*
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FROM: Matt Nelson, Regional Water Planning *mn*
Water Resources Planning and Information

DATE: May 13, 2009

SUBJECT: Consider approving the City of Granbury Minor Amendment to the 2006 Brazos G
(Region G) Regional Water Plan

ACTION REQUESTED

Consider approval of the City of Granbury minor amendment to the 2006 Brazos G Regional Water Plan for a surface water supply water management strategy.

BACKGROUND

The City of Granbury plans to remove infrastructure limitations at its Lake Granbury water intake and water treatment plant in order to utilize its available surface water supply from Lake Granbury. The minor amendment accounts for the costs of a larger water intake, a storage tank, and pump station as well as replacement of its 30-year old 0.5 MGD water treatment plant with a new 1.5 MGD plant with the potential to expand the capacity in the future to 7.5 MGD. The associated capital cost of \$26,907,360 was not identified in the 2006 Brazos G Regional Water Plan.

Minor amendments to regional water plans may be made if the Executive Administrator determines that an amendment is minor under 31 TAC § 357.16. The criteria under 31 TAC § 357.16 that must be met for an amendment to be considered minor include that the amendment:

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- (1) does not result in overallocation of an existing or planned source of water;
- (2) does not relate to a new reservoir;
- (3) does not have a significant effect on instream flows, environmental flows or freshwater flows to bays and estuaries;
- (4) does not have a significant substantive impact on water planning or previously adopted management strategies; and,
- (5) does not delete or change any legal requirements of the plan.

On March 11, 2009, Region G submitted a request for a minor amendment determination from TWDB (Attachment A). In response to the Region's request, the Executive Administrator determined that the proposed plan amendment constituted a minor amendment and sent a letter to the planning group on April 13, 2009 (Attachment B). On April 15, 2009, the Region G Regional Water Planning Group unanimously approved the minor amendment to their 2006 Brazos G Regional Water Plan.

KEY ISSUES

The Region G Water Planning Group received no written or verbal public comments in opposition to the proposed water management strategy for the City of Granbury.

An associated amendment to the 2007 State Water Plan is presented for your consideration in a separate Board item.

ANTICIPATED OPPOSITION

None.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the City of Granbury minor amendment to the 2006 Brazos G Regional Water Plan.

This recommendation has been reviewed by legal counsel and is in compliance with applicable statutes and Board rules.

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Ken Petersen
General Counsel

- Attachment A: Cover Letter Request for City of Granbury Minor Amendment to the 2006 Brazos G Regional Water Plan
- Attachment B: Minor Amendment Determination from Executive Administrator

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March 11, 2009

Mr. Kevin Ward
Executive Administrator
Texas Water Development Board
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1700 North Congress Avenue
Austin, TX 78711-3231

RE: Amendment to the 2006 Brazos G Regional Water Plan related to the City of Granbury Surface Water Treatment Plan

Dear Mr. Ward:

The Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group (Group) requests that the Texas Water Development Board consider a proposed amendment to the 2006 Brazos G Regional Water Plan (2006 Plan) related to the City of Granbury Surface Water Treatment Plant. The Group met in a regularly-posted public meeting on February 18, 2009, and directed HDR to forward the amendment materials to you for concurrence that this amendment can be considered "minor."

The Group and the applicant, the City of Granbury, believe this proposed amendment qualifies as a "minor" amendment to the 2006 Plan based on the criteria set-forth in Texas Administrative Code Rule 357.16:

- It does not result in over allocation of an existing or planned source of water. The amendment does not change the allocation of any source of supply.
- It does not relate to a new reservoir. The amendment only relates to the development of treatment and transmission facilities.
- It does not have a significant impact on instream flows, environmental flows, or freshwater flows to bays and estuaries.
- It does not have a significant impact on water planning or previously adopted management strategies.
- It does not delete or change any legal requirements of the plan.

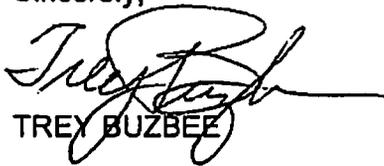
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Addressee
Date

The proposed amendment materials are enclosed for your review.

The Brazos G Group plans to formally consider this amendment at its next meeting, scheduled for April 13, 2009. Please notify us of your decision prior to this date so that the Group can act on the matter accordingly.

Should you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact me at (254) 761-3168 or via e-mail at tbuzbee@brazos.org. We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



TREY BUZBEE

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April 13, 2009

Mr. Trey Buzbee
 Brazos G Administrative Agent
 Brazos River Authority
 P.O. Box 7555
 Waco, TX 76714-7555

RE: Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group's (Region G) written request, dated March 11, 2009, for a determination regarding whether or not amending the 2006 Region G Water Plan to include the City of Granbury Surface Water Treatment Plant would be a minor amendment under 31 TAC Ch. 357.16.

Dear Mr. Buzbee:

I have reviewed Region G's request and, based on Region G's request and supporting materials, have determined that adding the City of Granbury Surface Water Treatment Plant and ancillary infrastructure constitutes a minor amendment under 31 TAC Ch. 357.16.

If Region G adopts the proposed minor amendment, Region G will need to:

- Provide the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) with documentation of the planning group action adopting this water management strategy as a minor amendment;
- Issue and distribute an addendum to the 2006 Brazos G Regional Water Plan updating the plan accordingly;
- Provide TWDB with corrected DB07 data to reflect all the associated changes to the 2006 Region G Water Plan and the State Water Plan; and,
- Request that the City of Granbury obtain a web link from TWDB staff in order to fill out an associated online Infrastructure Financing Survey regarding how the entity plans to finance the project associated with the amendment.

If Region G makes any substantive changes to the project components or configuration during the minor amendment process, TWDB will need to review the modified proposed amendment to ensure that the modified project still meets all of the criteria under 31 TAC Ch. 357.16.

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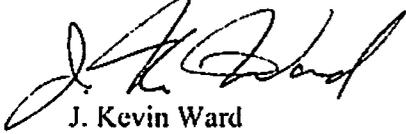
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If you have any questions concerning this approval or its associated requirements, please contact Matt Nelson, the Board's designated Project Manager for this region at (512) 936-3550.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Kevin Ward". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "J." and last name "Ward" clearly distinguishable.

J. Kevin Ward
Executive Administrator