Regional Water Planning

- *The role of RWPGs needs to be clarified.* Some planning group members believe the planning process should be used to limit population growth, redirect land use, change local water plans, and obstruct permitting of “undesirable” projects.

- *TWDB guidance is needed to describe the extent to which TWDB wants innovative strategies to be pursued in regional water planning.*

- *TWDB should encourage “management supplies” in regional water plans.* Some believe this is “over planning”, ignoring the facts that the drought of record being planned for may not be the worst to come; that not all of the projects in the plan will be developed for various reasons; and, that water suppliers need options in the regional plan.

- *Provide funds for “special studies” that can improve the quality of regional water plans, similar to the funding of studies to improve the SB 4 instream flow standards.* If a planning group believes a special study would improve its plan, and TWDB agrees, a fund would be available to accomplish the study.