

April 18, 2018

Mr. Jesus Reyes
Region E Chair
c/o El Paso County Water Improvement District #1
13247 Alameda Ave
Clint, TX 79836

RE: Far West Texas (Region E) Regional Water Planning Group (RWPG) request for approval to modify surface water availability hydrologic assumptions for development of the 2021 Region E Regional Water Plan (RWP)

Dear Mr. Reyes:

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) has reviewed your request dated February 22, 2018 for approval of alternative water supply assumptions to be used in determining existing surface water availability. This letter confirms that the TWDB approves the following requests:

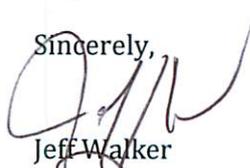
1. Utilize the lowest annual historical allotment delivered to entities utilizing supply from the Bureau of Reclamation's Rio Grande Project.
2. Adjust the demand pattern for irrigation water rights above Fort Quitman.
3. Remove canceled or abandoned claims from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) Rio Grande Water Availability Model (WAM), subject to the TCEQ's approval of such removal or cancelation.
4. Incorporate hydrologic variances approved for use by the Region F RWPG for the Balmorhea area in the Pecos sub-basin.

For the purpose of evaluating potentially feasible water management strategies, the TCEQ WAM Run 3 is to be used.

While the TWDB authorizes these modifications to evaluate existing water supplies for development of the 2021 Far West Texas RWP, it is the responsibility of the RWPG to ensure that the resulting estimates of water availability are reasonable for drought planning purposes and will reflect conditions expected in the event of actual drought conditions; and in all other regards will be evaluated in accordance with the contract Exhibit C, *Second Amended General Guidelines for Fifth Cycle of Regional Water Plan Development*.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Tom Barnett, project manager for Region E, at 512-463-4209 or via email at thomas.barnett@twdb.texas.gov.

Sincerely,



Jeff Walker
Executive Administrator

c w/o enc: Ms. Marisa Quintanilla, Rio Grande Council of Governments
Ms. Jennifer Herrera, WSP

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