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

Dear Mr. Evans:

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) has reviewed your request dated May 29, 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. Use of the modified Trinity River Basin Water Availability Model (WAM) approved for use by the Region C RWPG in analysis of Trinity River Basin water rights.
2. Include a limited quantity of return flows in the Trinity River Basin.
3. Use of the modified Brazos River Basin WAM approved for use by the Region G RWPG, for analysis of the Brazos River and San Jacinto-Brazos Coastal Basins.
4. Modify the Colorado WAM RUN3 to adjust multiple water rights within the Brazos-Colorado Coastal Basin.

Through subsequent clarification of the submitted letter from the RWPG consultant, it was determined that the requested variance to modify reservoir conservation pool elevation levels for the San Jacinto River Basin is not being used. The RWPG must submit a follow up hydrologic variance request with additional details on this specific exception, should Region H determine this variance to be necessary at a later date.

For the purpose of evaluating potentially feasible water management strategies, the appropriate Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's WAM RUN3 is to be used, unless a hydrologic variance request for future surface water source availabilities is submitted and approved.

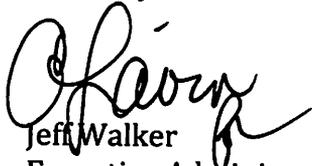
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While the TWDB has authorized these modifications to evaluate existing water supplies for development of the 2021 Region H RWP, it is the responsibility of the RWPG to ensure that the resulting estimates of water availability are reasonable for drought 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 Lann Bookout, project manager for Region H, at 512-936-9439 or via email at lann.bookout@twdb.texas.gov.

Sincerely,



Jeff Walker
Executive Administrator

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