

## **Section 7 Plan Adoption**

### **7.1 Public Involvement Program**

The public involvement program was incorporated at the onset of the Brazos G regional water planning process in order to maximize the opportunity for public review and input into the process of developing the water plan as well as critique of the Initially Prepared Regional Water Plan.

The public involvement program included:

- The consultant team included a public involvement specialist
- Quarterly newsletters; dates of newsletters:
  1. March 1999
  2. July 1999
  3. October 1999
  4. March 2000
  5. July 2000
- Two series of public meetings held at four locations around the region:

August 2, 1999 at 10:00 a.m.  
Granbury High School Auditorium  
2000 W. Pearl Street  
Granbury, Texas

August 2, 1999 at 7:00 p.m.  
West Central Texas Council of Governments  
1025 E. North 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Abilene, Texas

August 23, 1999 at 10:00 a.m.  
Bell County Expo Center  
301 S. Loop 121  
Belton, Texas

August 24, 1999 at 7:00 p.m.  
Brazos Center  
3232 Briarcrest Drive  
Bryan, Texas

August 7, 2000 at 10:00 a.m.  
San Gabriel Community Park  
Georgetown, Texas

August 8, 2000 at 1:30 p.m.  
Hood County Annex #1  
200 N. Gordon Street  
Granbury, Texas

August 9, 2000 at 10:00 a.m.  
Embassy Suite Hotel  
4250 Ridgemont Drive  
Abilene, Texas

August 10, 2000 at 10:00 a.m.  
Brazos Center  
3232 Briarcrest Drive  
Bryan, Texas

Public Hearing  
August 28, 2000 at 10:00 a.m.  
Texas Farm Bureau Fleet Sales  
5800 Franklin Avenue  
Waco, Texas

- Press releases and notices of public meetings; and
- Dedicated website for Brazos G information.

## **7.2 Data Gathering and Coordination with Water Supply Entities**

An initial informational mailout was prepared to all identified public water systems within the region. The mailout introduced the Senate Bill 1 water planning process to these systems and provided information on the planning process, the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group, the means for obtaining public input, and a schedule of the major work tasks to be accomplished.

A survey was mailed to designated community water systems in the region (approx 460) to verify and augment existing data contained in the TNRCC database regarding population, number of water connections, water source, and interconnection with other systems. The survey included information regarding current water supply, water supply planning, growth projections and service area.

In order to obtain a sufficient number of responses from community water systems in the region, follow-up contacts of over 200 non-responsive systems were made in order to answer any questions and encourage completion of the survey and its return. For those systems that indicated the need, Texas Rural Water Association (TRWA) scheduled on-site visits with the system owner and/or manager.

### **7.2.1 Informational Mailouts to Water Supply Entities**

#### July 1998

BRA Mailed an information request to community water supply systems to find out any concerns they may have about meeting customer water demands.

#### September 11, 1998

Letter from BGRWPG to water supply entities showing their population and water demand projections as compiled by TWDB and asking for their review.

#### December 21, 1998

Letter from BGRWPG to entities responding to September letter requesting TWDB-required information (*Guidelines and Data Requirements for Addressing Revisions of the Consensus-Based Population and Water Demand Projections*) to revise their respective projections.

March 25, 1999

TRWA mailed approximately 460 draft water demand projections for community water systems through year 2050. Asked for their review and comments if necessary and include supporting information (i.e., engineering studies).

April 29, 1999

TRWA summarized survey results to HDR:

- 77 utilities in 28 counties responded to letter of March 25, 1999
- Follow-up calls concentrated on larger water utilities in each county

May 1999

TRWA made over 200 follow-up phone calls to community water systems that had not responded to survey letter and request.

- 170± municipalities petitioned for changes to their population and water demands.

August 1999

TWDB required additional information to substantiate requested revisions to population and water demands – TRWA/HDR made contacts for additional information.

March 17, 2000

BGRWPG mailed letter to each county with draft interim report data regarding that county's water suppliers for their review and comment and any information they could supply back.

### **7.2.2 Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group Meetings**

The Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group met approximately once every month since the inception of the planning process in order to facilitate and direct the water planning for the region.

### **7.3 Coordination with Other Regions**

Prime consultant has attended several meetings with the Region H consultant and has exchanged information on surface water supply and water management strategies. Special Water Resource tables have been developed for reservoirs that supply water into or out of Region G and these tables have been reviewed with the adjoining regions.

Consultant presented a detailed briefing to a joint meeting of Region G and Region K.