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The Honorable Connie Anderle
Chair
Little River Basin Sub-regional Planning Commission
P.O. Box 833
Cameron, Texas 76520

Re: Little River Basin and Off-Channel Reservoir

Dear Chair Anderle:

Thank you for your letter dated July 27, 2011 regarding the 2011 Brazos G Regional Water Plan (2011 Plan). We very much appreciate the Little River Sub-Regional Planning Commission's (Commission) interest in regional water planning and the invitation to meet and discuss your concerns regarding the Little River Reservoir project.

As you know, the regional water planning process is a "bottom-up" planning approach to addressing the long-term water needs of Texas and thus requires a shared responsibility for local stakeholders to engage in the planning process and make their concerns known. The Brazos G Planning Group (Brazos G) went through considerable effort to facilitate stakeholder involvement during development of the 2011 Plan.

Brazos G provided opportunity for public involvement through numerous meetings and other actions. Over 40 public Brazos G meetings were held from July 2006 through July 2010. Three sub-regional public meetings were held in January 2010 in Abilene, Waco, and College Station to roll out the Initially Prepared 2011 Brazos G Plan. At each of these meetings, the public was invited to speak during public comment periods and make Brazos G members aware of their concerns. In addition to the aforementioned public meetings, a formal public hearing to accept comments on the 2011 Brazos G Regional Water Plan was held on April 21, 2010 at the Brazos River Authority's office in Waco. Verbal public comments were received at this hearing and written comments on the Initially Prepared 2011 Plan were accepted up to June 25, 2010. Public Comments received and Brazos G's response to those comments can be found in Section 10 of the 2011 Plan.

In your letter you mention several concerns about the 2011 Plan regarding the Little River Reservoir in Milam County. In light of this, I would like to point out that neither the Little River Reservoir, nor the Little River Off-Channel Reservoir is a recommended water management strategy in the 2011 Brazos G Regional Water Plan. Since there are no current plans to build either project, we believe the issues raised in your letter have already been addressed in previous plans.

Commission representatives are certainly welcome to attend any of Brazos G's posted meetings and participate during the public comment period. If a more formal discussion of this matter is needed, the Commission can contact Trey Buzbee, Brazos G Administrator, at (254) 761-3168 or tbuzbee@brazos.org and request that an agenda item be added for the next Brazos G meeting tentatively scheduled for September 29, 2011. This will provide the Commission the opportunity to address Brazos G directly and the ability to have a dialogue with Brazos G members on this matter.

Thank you again for you interest in Brazos G's planning efforts. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



SCOTT DIERMANN