



January 12, 2011

John Burke, Chairman
Lower Colorado Region Water Planning Group
P.O. Drawer P
Bastrop, TX 78602

Re: GBRA Simsboro Project and Region L Water Plan – Resolution

Dear Chairman Burke and Members,

Environmental Stewardship represents the interests of concerned citizens and the water resources of the Lost Pines Region primarily located in Bastrop and Lee counties of Texas. We are specifically concerned that the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) Simsboro Project threatens the economic, ecological and social well being of our region. We are especially concerned that the process of “taking” water from our region to be exported to another region has been done without the consent of our local regional water planning group and groundwater conservation district. For the reasons given below, we are requesting that Region K take such actions as are necessary and prudent to protect the groundwater resources of the Region for local use without damaging the groundwater resources by “over-drafting” (mining) the aquifers.

We consider the proposed “overdraft” of groundwater from the Lower Colorado Regional Water Planning Group (Region K) and the Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District required by the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group (Region L) to be a **“conflict” that WAS NOT PROPERLY RESOLVED** before the Texas Water Development Board approved the 2011 Regional Water Plan for Region L and \$2.5 million Water Infrastructure Funding.

As support for our request we are providing:

- 1) Copies of resolutions passed by twelve (12) government entities in Bastrop and Lee Counties. Copies of the resolutions copies have been provided to the Chair, Secretary, Environmental, Public Interest, and Water District representatives to be shared with other members.
- 2) Copies of the CITIZENS’ PETITION TO KEEP OUR GROUNDWATER FOR LOCAL USE along with 550+ signatures and comments.
- 3) A draft resolution for your consideration. We are requesting that the resolution, or a resolution with substantively equivalent language, be on the next regular meeting agenda for consideration and adoption.

Environmental Stewardship is pleased to be able to work with Region K in resolving our concerns with respect to the GBRA Simsboro Project and Region L Water Plan. .

Yours very truly,

Steve Box
Executive Director
Environmental Stewardship

cc: Joe Cooper, General Manager – Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District.

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