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Today, State Representative Tim Kleinschmidt announced he has officially asked the Texas Water Development Board to mediate the conflict between the Region K water planning group that has a water management strategy that would use water from the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer in Bastrop and Lee Counties and transport water from Lee and Bastrop Counties to the Hays and Caldwell County areas, which conflicts with the Region L water planning group's (Region L covers Bastrop and Lee Counties) water management strategies which would utilize the same waters to meet the current needs of Lee and Bastrop Counties, as well as those counties' plans for future growth and development.

"I have asked the Water Development Board to mediate this dispute and to use the tools the legislature authorized to resolve this issue and come to a responsible decision regarding our areas water resources", Kleinschmidt said.

Further, as a result of the newest proposal by the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority's plans to ship 71 million gallons of water per day to San Antonio using the same resources again, Kleinschmidt has also called upon the Legislative Budget Board and the Bond Review Board to intervene regarding the issuance of government bonds to fund the purchase of the water from Central Texas.

"This matter was an issue between two water planning regions and its property owners with conflicting plans for use of the same resources. Now, GBRA has decided to fashion a plan that would transport the same water resources to San Antonio rather than the Central Texas area and they propose to pay for the project with government bonds issued by the Water Development Board. This is a new development that requires intense scrutiny and should protect private landowners and taxpayers", said Kleinschmidt.

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The Texas Water Development has approximately \$1 Billion worth of bonding authority remaining to pay for projects such as this and with the projected \$18-20 Billion shortfall going into this legislative session, that bonding authority could be in jeopardy.

“I fully intend to explore all options to limit this use of taxpayer dollars to pay for these projects. These are supposed to be transactions between private water developers and private landowners exercising their rights. It is not, in my opinion, something to be subsidized by taxpayers to benefit another group”, said Kleinschmidt.

