

Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District



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Mr. Raabe,

Please include this letter in the public record as written comments regarding the proposed amendment of the 2006 Regional Water Plan. In addition, please forward this letter to the members of SCTRWPG.

Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District is concerned that the inclusion of the Lower Guadalupe Water Supply Project for Upstream GBRA Needs could lead to circumstances, either directly or indirectly, that negatively impact the groundwater resources in Victoria County.

While the project focuses on the diversion of surface water supplies and includes a prohibition of the use of fresh groundwater, the District believes this implies that non-fresh groundwater use (i.e. brackish groundwater use) could be included as part of the project in the future. It is our view and basis for concern that any large groundwater development project in Calhoun County, whether brackish groundwater or otherwise, could cause significant negative impacts on the groundwater resources within Victoria County including substantial drawdown or water quality degradation.

Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District respectfully requests that the Region L membership consider our concern as you decide whether or not to amend the 2006 Regional Water Plan for Region L. In addition, the District strongly encourages the planning group to adequately investigate the impacts current and future projects would have on groundwater resources.

Regards,

Tim Andruss
General Manager