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Re: Monitoring Water Conservation Strategy Implementation

Dear << RWPG Chairman >>:

The Water Conservation Advisory Council (Council) has been working diligently to address the charges given to it by the 80th Legislature in Senate Bill 3 and House Bill 4 (80R). As you know, one of the Council's charges is to monitor the implementation of water conservation strategies by water users included in the 16 regional water plans. The Council has no way of directly obtaining this information because the Council is a group of volunteers that lack the resources to collect the necessary information. To address this legislative directive, the Council requests your Region's assistance in obtaining the vital information needed regarding implemented water conservation practices in your area.

Council needs the following data to obtain in order to respond to this legislative charge:

1. A list of the conservation strategies included in the Region's current Water Plan;
2. The expected water savings on an annual basis for each conservation strategy listed in number one above;
3. A list by water user of the amount of water saved on an annual basis by each conservation strategy implemented; and
4. A list of additional conservation strategies being considered by your region.

We believe that your Regional Planning Group is best qualified and situated to provide this crucial information and we respectfully request that your regional water planning group respond to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) with the most accurate information available, by October 1, 2008, and each even numbered year thereafter. Because the TWDB staff is providing some staff assistance to the Council, this information could then be easily forwarded to the Council for inclusion in the Council's biennial report to the Texas Legislature.

The Chairs of Regions A and C have already requested our respective consultants to include this task in our additional funding requests to the TWDB. We need to clearly understand how much conservation is actually being implemented, since almost every regional group has significant conservation strategies contained in their plan.

Thank you for your assistance with this project. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

C.E. Williams, Chairman
Texas Water Conservation Advisory Council

CC: Kevin Ward, Executive Administrator, TWDB