

Summary of Speaker Comments at the July 12, 2004 RCWPG Meeting

Comments Regarding Action Items

The following public comments were provided to the RCWPG regarding the following Action Items:

Action Item A: Water Management Strategies

1. Beth Johnson

Ms. Johnson opted not to speak on this action item.

Action Item B: Neighborhood Study

1. Beth Johnson

Ms. Johnson asked for clarity that those neighborhoods in higher income areas were found to use more water outdoors.

Action Item C: Water Conservation Survey

1. Beth Johnson

Ms. Johnson opted not to speak on this action item.

General Comments

The following public comments were provided during the general comment period of the meeting:

1. Beth Johnson, Freelance Issue Advocacy

Ms. Johnson asked why the cut-off for unaccounted water in the water conservation strategies was set at 12%. She stated that AWWA uses 10% and recommended that the cutoff be set at 10%. Ms. Johnson stated that irrigating lawns more than once every seven days was a waste of water. The TWDB available yield does not include return flows. She suggested that a theoretical estimate of actual return flows be included in the Region C plan. Ms. Johnson stated that Lewisville had a volunteer program to decrease peak demand and she hoped that would be included.

2. David Nabors, Region D landowner

Mr. Nabors told the RCWPG that they needed to raise the price of water. He asked why new reservoirs were being recommended in the Region C plan. He answered his own question stating that he believed new reservoirs were being included in the plan because the Region C consultants would get a 30% contingency fee and 15% contingency fee for these new projects. He told the RCWPG to use the groundwater from Mesa and the available surface water from Toledo Bend. He pleaded with the RCWPG not to destroy anymore land.