

## Summary of Speaker Comments at the May 23, 2005 RCWPG Meeting

### Comments Regarding Action Items

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

#### Action Item A: Initially Prepared Plan

1. George Frost, Region D Water Planning Group Representing the Public

Mr. Frost told the group that Region D had passed a resolution to remove Marvin Nichols Reservoir from their plan. He noted that he had heard that it was cheaper to condemn land and build Marvin Nichols Reservoir than to use existing reservoirs. He said that he had not heard one word about the socioeconomic impact of the proposed reservoir on Region D. He stated that 10 percent of the livelihoods would be impacted in local areas. Mr. Frost told the group that his son is a Texas Representative and that Virginia Towles of the Texas Water Development Board was present at today's meeting. He planned to contact the Senate and House about what had happened at today's meeting.

2. Bill Madden, Greater Dallas Chamber

Mr. Madden thanked the group for their hard work. He sought to clarify the water issue related to purchasing water from Oklahoma. He told the group that he was involved in getting the State of Oklahoma and the Native Americans to agree to sell water to Texas. At the last minute, the agreement fell through. He told the planning group that they should keep their options open for economic reasons. As options are removed, the remaining options become more expensive. Mr. Madden noted that Toledo Bend has about one million acre-feet per year to sell, and that's without Louisiana water. The Dallas Council told Dallas Water Utilities to study Lake Fastrill and the Sulphur Basin. We must keep our options open. He expects that the private sector will carry the burden of funding the recommended strategies. He also noted that slide #34 was very important.

#### Action Item B: Additional Wholesale Water Providers

No public comments were made regarding this action item.

#### Action Item C: Newsletter

No public comments were made regarding this action item.

#### Action Item D: Infrastructure Financing Survey

No public comments were made regarding this action item.

Action Item E: Public Hearing

No public comments were made regarding this action item.

**General Comments**

No one signed up to provide public comments were provided during the general comment period of the meeting.