

## **Summary of Speaker Comments at the May 17, 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 told the RCWPG that she appreciated them considering the comments submitted by the Texas Committee on Natural Resources (TCNR). She asked if the planning group is considering new water supplies from Lake Texoma above the 150,000 currently available. Ms. Johnson stated that she was sure that Congressman Sandlin would likely promote the Lake Texoma project. She noted that the Dallas Chamber of Commerce had been very receptive to the water quality projects that would affect Lake Texoma. She noted that 15 to 20 years was still less time than what is required for developing new reservoirs. Ms. Johnson stated that the planning group had not been given the currently available supplies, only the projected demands. She also mentioned that water conservation is related to water management strategies. She asked how the RCWPG could choose water conservation strategies without input from the Water Conservation Task Force.

#### Action Item B: Updated Media Materials

1. Beth Johnson

Ms. Johnson told the RCWPG that she had not had a chance to review the media materials in their entirety. However, she noted that she disagreed with the last bullet on the "Did you know" page that indicated that only half of the projected demands could be met with existing supplies by the year 2050. She stated that the existing supply was approximately two million acre-feet in 2050 and the projected demands was approximately 3.1 million acre-feet in the year 2050. Ms. Johnson stated that her concerns were with the terms "existing" and "half". She suggested rewording the statement to "half of sources in the 2001 plan".

### **General Comments**

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

1. Beth Johnson, Freelance Issue Advocacy

Ms. Johnson told the RCWPG that she would like to see more information added to the drought memo. She would like to see the flip side of drought, meaning what happens if you do not conserve water. She would like to work with Alan Plummer on this topic. She would like to see the impacts of not conserving water on hardwood timber industries and landowners inundated by reservoirs. Ms. Johnson also mentioned that she would like to see the impacts of not fully utilizing the existing

reservoirs. She would like to see the impacts on the federal tax payer by not fully utilizing Toledo Bend Reservoir and Joe Pool Lake.

2. David Nabors, Region D landowner

Mr. Nabors stated that common sense would solve most of our problems. He encouraged the planning group to buy Mesa's water and bury the Marvin Nichols and George Parkhouse Reservoirs.