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Kevin Patteson
Texas Water Development Board
1700 North Congress
Austin, Texas 78711-3231

RE: Request to Use Safe Yield for City of Dallas

Dear Mr. Patteson:

The City of Dallas has requested the use of safe yield for their supplies for the 2016 Region C Water Plan. The RCWPG approved this request at its January 26, 2015 meeting. The City of Dallas has recently updated its Long Range Water Supply Plan and has chosen to use managed supply amounts for their future planning that are slightly less than firm yield. For the purpose of Regional Planning, we are referring to this supply as "safe yield". For Dallas, safe yield is defined as the water that could have been supplied from a reservoir or reservoir system during a repeat of drought-of-record conditions, leaving a predetermined supply (roughly three to nine months) in reserve. Dallas reservoirs include Lake Ray Roberts, Lake Lewisville, Lake Grapevine, Lake Ray Hubbard, Lake Tawakoni, and Lake Fork. For some of these lakes, Dallas holds only a portion of the water rights. Supply for the other water right holders in these lakes will continue to be calculated using firm yield.

As required by TWDB rules, firm yields will be reported for these supplies, both in the database and in the report. However, the available supply will be limited to the safe yields to be consistent with Dallas' Long Range Supply Plan.

Please call me if you have any questions regarding our request.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Region C Water Planning Group

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