

REGION C WATER PLANNING GROUP

Senate Bill One Fourth Round of Regional Water Planning - Texas Water Development Board

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January 27, 2014

The Honorable Estevan López, Commissioner
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
1849 C Street NW
Washington DC 20240-0001

Re: Support for the City of Arlington, Texas: Installation of "Smart Meters" Program

Dear Commissioner López:

I write on behalf of Region C Water Planning Group to convey our strong support for the WaterSMART grant application of Arlington, Texas. Arlington intends to replace old, outdated meters throughout the community with smart water meters that will help the city detect leaks, conserve water, and reduce energy use and help save customers money.

Dallas-Fort Worth has been one of the fastest growing major metropolitan areas in the nation for decades. As such, concerns about the availability of a safe water supply have grown with the region. Concerted efforts have been underway since the early 1980s at the local, regional and state levels to conserve limited water supplies. Arlington's proposed smart water meter initiative complements these efforts using an innovative technology that has been demonstrated to improve water and energy efficiency.

In the Region C planning area of Texas, conservation of water is a major water management strategy that is critical to meeting the long range-water needs of North Central Texas. The Region C planning group strongly supports the efforts of all communities within the planning area to increase conservation of water. This project will result in significant water savings to this area.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the Bureau of Reclamation to partner with Arlington and other public, private and non-profit organizations to conserve water and avert a drought crisis in the Dallas metropolitan region, reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions, and provide water customers with easy-to-use, accessible information that can help them make intelligent choices that save resources and money. Thank you for doing all that you can do to ensure that this project obtains Bureau of Reclamation grant assistance.

Sincerely,

Jo (Jody) M. Puckett
Chair, Region C Water Planning Group

c: Darryl Westbrook, WaterSMART Program Coordinator

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November 14, 2014

Mr. Jim Parks
Chairman
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RE: Notification of Filing Application for Texas Water Development Board Flood Protection Planning Grant

Dear Mr. Parks,

The City of Mansfield is submitting an application to the Texas Water Development Board for funding assistance through the Flood Protection Planning Grant. I have been designated as the City's main point of contact for this grant application. My contact information is provided below. The grant program guidance requires that I inform you in writing of the City's intent to file this grant application.

The study area for this grant application is the watershed of Hogpen Branch. The watershed begins just upstream of the confluence of Hogpen Branch with Walnut Creek. The watershed is wholly located within the city limits of Mansfield.

The purpose of the proposed planning effort is to study the existing flooding problems and recommend solutions to avoid future flooding in the watershed. The area within the watershed downstream of Highway 287 is almost fully developed while the area upstream of Highway 287 is partially developed. This study will consider impacts on the stormwater system based on fully developed conditions. This study will not duplicate any previous studies. However, information from previous studies will be reviewed and considered for inclusion in this study. Structural and non-structural flood control measures will be considered.

According to the grant program guidance, any comments regarding the proposed planning effort must be filed with the City of Mansfield and with the Texas Water Development Board within 30 days of the date of this notice. Information regarding this grant can be found at <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/flood/grant/FPP.asp>

Comments must be submitted in writing to both of the following:

Mr. Howard Redfearn, CFM
Environmental Manager
City of Mansfield
1200 E. Broadway St.
Mansfield, TX 76063

Kevin Patteson
Executive Administrator
Texas Water Development Board
P.O. Box 13231
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If you have any questions or need additional assistance, please contact me at (817) 276-4240.

Sincerely,


Howard Redfearn, CFM
Environmental Manager

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