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DEADLINE NEARS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON DRAFT REGIONAL WATER PLAN FOR NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS

*Interested Parties Encouraged to Provide Feedback In Writing or Via E-Mail No Later Than September 9;
Public Feedback Also Sought on Supplemental Work Addressing Conservation and Reuse*

DALLAS – August 31, 2005 – The Region C Water Planning Group (RCWPG), which recently presented a draft version of its updated regional water plan to the public, is seeking public feedback on the draft plan no later than September 9, 2005. The draft plan, formally called the Initially Prepared Plan, includes recommended water management strategies to provide sufficient water for a 16-county region in North Central Texas through 2060. The plan has been updated to take into account new population and water needs projections for the region, as well as the RCWPG's careful evaluation of all feasible water management strategies over the past few years.

The Initially Prepared Plan has also recently been updated with supplemental work reflecting an increased focus on water conservation and reuse. The public is particularly urged to note those plan additions, which address the following issues:

- Trends in per capita use in selected cities.
- Comparison of historical per capita municipal use in various parts of the state.
- Analysis of the impact on water use of factors such as climate, existing conservation measures, water quality, commercial development, water prices, adequacy of supplies, adequacy of delivery infrastructure and per capita income.
- Historical and planned reuse efforts in Region C.

The supplemental work is formatted as Chapter 11 of the Initially Prepared Plan. The supplemental volume will be available in the county clerks' offices and libraries listed below, as well as on the Region C website, www.regioncwater.org, on September 1.

Written public comments on the Initially Prepared Plan, including Chapter 11, are due to the RCWPG by **5:00 p.m. on September 9, 2005** and may be submitted to **James M. Parks, RCWPG Chairman/Administrator, c/o NTMWD, P.O. Box 2408, Wylie, TX 75098-2408**, or via e-mail to **regionc@freese.com**.

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Based on the comments provided by the public and other entities, the regional water plan will be adjusted as necessary and is expected to be adopted by the RCWPG in December 2005, prior to submission to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) no later than January 5, 2006. By January 5, 2007, the TWDB will approve the final plan and submit it as part of a consolidated, statewide water plan for consideration by the Texas Legislature.

The Initially Prepared Plan may be viewed on Region C's website at www.regioncwater.org, and is also available in each county clerk's office and at least one public library in each of the region's 16 counties, including: Schimelpfenig Library, Plano; Cooke County Library, Gainesville; Dallas Public Central Library, Dallas; Lewisville Public Library, Lewisville; Nicholas P. Sims Library, Waxahachie; Bonham Public Library, Bonham; Fairfield Library Association, Fairfield; Sherman Public Library, Sherman; Denison Public Library, Denison; Henderson County Library, Athens; G. J. Ritchie Public Library, Jacksboro; Kaufman County Library, Kaufman; Corsicana Public Library, Corsicana; Weatherford Public Library, Weatherford; Rockwall County Library, Rockwall; Fort Worth Central Library, Fort Worth; and the Decatur Public Library, Decatur.

The RCWPG is one of 16 regional water planning groups selected by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to help develop a comprehensive state water plan for Texas over the next 50 years, as mandated by Senate Bill 1 (SB 1). Each water planning group is responsible for preparing and adopting a regional water plan for its area. The counties represented by Region C include: Collin, Cooke, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Fannin, Freestone, Grayson, Henderson, Jack, Kaufman, Navarro, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant and Wise. The RCWPG is made up of 19 members representing 11 different interest groups.

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