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DEADLINE EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 10 FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SUPPLEMENTAL WORK TO DRAFT REGIONAL WATER PLAN

Interested Parties Encouraged to Provide Feedback In Writing or Via E-Mail on Supplemental Work Addressing Conservation and Reuse in North Central Texas

DALLAS – September 8, 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 newly-prepared **supplemental work** to the draft plan no later than October 10, 2005. The supplemental work to the region’s Initially Prepared Plan reflects an increased focus on water conservation and reuse.

More specifically, the supplemental work addresses the following issues:

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

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

Comments on the **supplemental work (Chapter 11)** to the Initially Prepared Plan are due to the RCWPG by **12:00 p.m. (noon) on October 10, 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.

Comments on other portions of the Initially Prepared Plan, apart from the supplemental work (Chapter 11), are still due to the RCWPG by 5:00 p.m. on September 9, 2005.

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Based on the comments provided by the public and other entities on the Initially Prepared Plan and supplemental work, 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 and supplemental work may be viewed on Region C's website at www.regioncwater.org, and these documents are 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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