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TO: Mayors, County Judges, Water Districts, Water Suppliers,
Water Rights Holders, Regional Water Planning Groups,
and Interested Individuals

FROM: Kenneth N. Jones, Jr., LRGVDC Executive Director

DATE: March 17, 2010

SUBJ: **Public Notice – Two Public Hearings in April to Review and
Obtain Citizen Input on Initially Prepared Plan**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group (RGRWPG) will hold two public hearings in April to review the region’s Initially Prepared Plan (IPP).

1st Public Hearing

Date of Public Hearing: April 21, 2010
Time of Public Hearing: 10:00 a.m.
Location of Public Hearing: Weslaco City Hall Legislative Chamber
255 South Kansas St.
Weslaco, TX 78596

2nd Public Hearing

Date of Public Hearing: April 28, 2010
Time of Public Hearing: 11:00 a.m.
Location of Public Hearing: Laredo Public Library
1120 E. Calton Road
Laredo, TX 78041

The IPP is an update to the 2006 regional water plan and includes new information on water demand due to population change, current water supplies, and water management strategies. The RGRWPG planning area encompasses the 8-county region of Cameron, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Maverick, Starr, Webb, Willacy and Zapata.

The IPP has been submitted to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), which oversees the state’s 16 regional water planning groups. To review the IPP in advance of the public meetings, please go to the website, www.riograndewaterplan.org.

Printed copies of the IPP are available for review in the County Clerks’ offices in each of the eight counties in the RGRWPG’s region. Those locations are:

Cameron County
964 E. Harrison
Brownsville, TX 78520
956-544-0815

Hidalgo County
100 N. Closner
Edinburg, TX 78539
956-318-2100

Jim Hogg County
102 E. Tilley
Hebbronville, TX 78361
361-527-4031

Maverick County
500 Quarry St, Suite 2
Eagle Pass, TX 78852
830-733-2829

***Executive Committee**

Starr County
401 N. Britton Ave., Room 201
Rio Grande City, TX 78582
956-487-8032

Webb County
1110 Victoria St., Suite 201
Laredo, TX 78040
956-523-4266

Willacy County C
576 W. Main St.
Raymondville, TX 78580
956-689-2710

Zapata County
200 E. 7th Ave., Suite 138
Zapata, TX 78076
956-765-9915

Printed copies of the IPP are also available for inspection in the following libraries in the 8-county region:

Brownsville Public Library
2600 Central Blvd.
Brownsville, TX 78520

McAllen Public Library
601 N. Main
McAllen, TX 78501

Jim Hogg County Library
210 Smith
Hebbronville, TX 78361

Eagle Pass Public Library
589 Main St.
Eagle Pass, TX 78852

Rio Grande City Library
591 E. Canales
Rio Grande City, TX 78582

Laredo Public Library
1120 E. Calton St.
Laredo, TX 78041

Reber Memorial Library
193 N. 4th
Raymondville, TX 78580

Zapata County Library
901 Kennedy St.
Zapata, TX 78076

If you are unable to attend either public hearing, but would like to comment on the IPP, please send written comments to:

Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group
Attn: Ken Jones, LRGVDC Executive Director
311 N. 15th St.
McAllen, TX 78501

Mr. J. Kevin Ward, Executive Administrator
Texas Water Development Board
1700 N. Congress
Austin, Texas 78711-3231

Comments may also be emailed to Mr. Jones at knjones@lrgvdc.org.

The deadline to comment on the IPP is June 28, 2010.

The RGRWPG will be accepting written and oral comments on the IPP at these public hearings, and will be acknowledging these comments and reporting to the TWDB how these comments will be incorporated into the final updated plan to be submitted to the TWDB by September 1, 2010.

For further questions or additional information, please contact Kenneth N. Jones at 956-682-3481 / FAX 956-631-4670.

All meetings of the RGRWPG are open to the public and include opportunities for public comment.

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