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January 20, 2012

Judge Ramon Garcia  
 Hidalgo County  
 P.O. Box 1356  
 Edinburg, TX 78540

Dear Judge Garcia:

As you know, the Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group (RGRWPG), as designated by Senate Bill 1 (SB-1), comprises the eight (8) counties of Cameron, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Maverick, Starr, Webb, Willacy, and Zapata. **The RGRWPG has the legislative charge to develop and maintain a viable Regional Water Plan consistent with the guidelines set forth by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB).** I am happy to report that the RGRWPG has consistently met this statutory responsibility since its creation. The most recent Water Plan Revision was completed successfully and submitted to the TWDB. This is a crucial accomplishment as water conservation and supply improvements must be consistent with this plan in order to receive funding assistance from the State of Texas. The plan can be viewed on the TWDB website at [www.twdb.state.tx.us](http://www.twdb.state.tx.us).

Financially, preparation of this Regional effort continues to be *made possible* through funding from the TWDB Board and local contributions by local governments, the agricultural community, and the private sector. On behalf of the RGRWPG, I want to thank you for the past financial by your local government.

Under direction of the TWDB, the RGRWPG has began the **water planning cycle** for the next biennium. Again this biennium, state funds will not support 100% of the total water planning expenses; therefore local funds will be needed to support this effort so critically important to this region.

The RGRWPG unanimously approved a goal to raise approximately \$77,280.20 from local governments to meet our upcoming financial needs. This RGRWPG also approved a formula for collecting this amount assessed on a per capita basis utilizing the most recent (January 1, 2010) Texas State Data Center population

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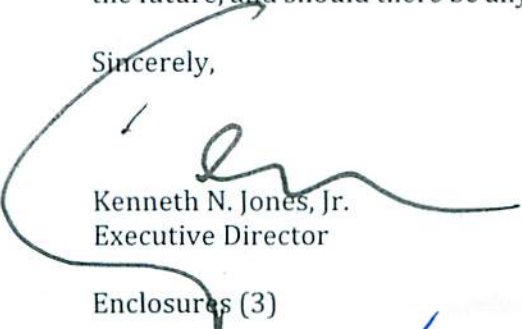
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estimates. Utilizing this formula, the local contribution requested from your local government is \$10,863.05. Also for your reference I have attached a chart illustrating the contributions requested and received to date from local governments throughout the eight (8) county region.

On behalf of the RGRWPG members, we recognize the hard economic times all of us are facing; however, I trust your local government can contribute to this planning process that is so critical to the economic sustainability of this region. For your convenience a statement in the amount of \$10,863.05 is also attached for processing. Please note that checks should be made payable to the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) as the LRGVDC is continuing to serve as the administrative/fiscal agent for the RGRWPG.

Thank you for consideration of this request and for the past support of this major drought planning process. I look forward to continuing our collaborative efforts in the future, and should there be any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Kenneth N. Jones, Jr.  
Executive Director

Enclosures (3)

Cc: Ms. Yolanda Chapa ✓



Local Fund Contribution Match Schedule  
RGRWPG (Region "M") - January 2012

Entity	Population*	Local Government Match based on .05%	Payment Received	Committed	Total Committed & Received Contributions
<b>Willacy County</b>	20,985				
City of Lyford	2,897	\$144.85	\$144.85		
City of Raymondville	9,772	\$488.60			
City of San Perlita	722	\$36.10	\$36.10		
Balance for Willacy County	7,594	\$379.70	\$379.7		
<b>Hidalgo County</b>	747,512				
City of Alamo	19,102	\$955.10	\$955.10		
City of Alton	10,934	\$546.70			
City of Donna	18,299	\$914.95			
City of Edcouch	4,390	\$219.50			
City of Edinburg	72,944	\$3,647.20	\$3,647.20		
City of Elsa	6,885	\$344.25			
City of Granjeno	332	\$16.60			
City of Hidalgo	11,866	\$593.30	\$593.30		
City of La Joya	4,396	\$219.80			
City of La Villa	1,428	\$71.40			
City of McAllen	132,204	\$6,610.20	\$6,610.20		
City of Mercedes	16,472	\$823.60			
City of Mission	69,584	\$3,479.20			
City of Palmhurst	6,376	\$318.80	\$318.80		
City of Palmview	5,652	\$282.60			
City of Pecos	2,439	\$121.95			
City of Pharr	66,813	\$3,340.65	\$3,340.65		
City of Progreso	6,138	\$306.90			
City of Progreso Lakes	277	\$13.85	\$13.85		
City of San Juan	35,330	\$1,766.50			
City of Sullivan City	4,770	\$238.50			
City of Weslaco	33,620	\$1,681.00			
Balance for Hidalgo County	217,261	\$10,863.05			
<b>Cameron County</b>	398,624				
Town of Bayview	434	\$21.70	\$21.70		
City of Brownsville	176,985	\$8,849.25			
Town of Combes	2,875	\$143.75			
City of Harlingen	68,675	\$3,433.75			
Town of Indian Lake	605	\$30.25	\$30.25		
City of La Feria	8,098	\$404.90	\$404.90		
Town of Laguna Vista	4,150	\$207.50			
City of Los Fresnos	5,804	\$290.20	\$290.20		
Town of Los Indios	1,353	\$67.65			
City of Palm Valley	1,336	\$66.80	\$66.80		
City of Port Isabel	5,311	\$265.55			
Town of Primera	4,228	\$211.40			
City Of Racho Viejo	2,083	\$104.15			
City of Rio Hondo	2,278	\$113.90			
City of San Benito	26,255	\$1,312.75	\$1,312.75		
Town of Santa Rosa	3,197	\$159.85	\$159.85		
Town South Padre Island	3,177	\$158.85			
Balance for Cameron County	81,780	\$4,089.00			
<b>Jim Hogg County</b>	5,181		\$258.55		
Guerra	10	\$0.50			
City of Hebbronville	4,390	\$219.50		**	
Las Lomitas	268	\$13.40		**	
South Fork Estates	48	\$2.40		**	
Balance for Jim Hogg	465	\$23.25		**	
*** All Jim Hogg amounts are paid for, except Guerra***					

<b>Maverick County</b>	<b>53,897</b>			
Eagle Pass	27,384	\$1,369.20		
<b>Balance for Maverick County</b>	<b>26,513</b>	<b>\$1,325.65</b>		
<b>Webb County</b>	<b>241,974</b>			
El Cenizo	3,804	\$190.20	\$190.20	
Laredo	224,956	\$11,247.80	\$11,247.80	
Rio Bravo	5,936	\$296.80		
<b>Balance for Webb County</b>	<b>7,278</b>	<b>\$363.90</b>		
<b>Starr County</b>	<b>62,748</b>			
Escobares	2,136	\$106.80		
La Grulla	1,746	\$87.30	\$87.30	
Rio Grande City	14,523	\$726.15	\$726.15	
Roma	11,767	\$588.35	\$588.35	
<b>Balance for Starr County</b>	<b>32,576</b>	<b>\$1,628.80</b>		
<b>Zapata County</b>	<b>14,683</b>			
Falcon Lake Estates	1,016	\$50.80		
Falcon Mesa	576	\$28.80		
Lopeno	176	\$8.80		
Medina	3,638	\$181.90		
Morales-Sanchez	113	\$5.65		
New Falcon	219	\$10.95		
Siesta Shores	1,076	\$53.80		
Zapata	5,775	\$288.75		
<b>Balance for Zapata County</b>	<b>2,094</b>	<b>\$104.70</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,545,604</b>	<b>\$77,280.20</b>	<b>\$31,424.55</b>	<b>0</b>