



November 21, 2016

Mr. Mike Sandefur
Chairman, Sulphur River Basin Authority
911 North Bishop Street, Suite C 104
Wake Village, Texas 75501

Dear Chairman Sandefur:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has requested that the Sulphur River Basin Authority and the Joint Committee for Program Development (JCPD) provide financial and other commitments as part of the ongoing Sulphur River Feasibility Study. According to the USACE letter, "...the official schedule for the Sulphur River Feasibility Study was revised to complete all studies within a timeframe of three years, and at a cost not to exceed \$3.0 million. Any increases in time or cost would require an exemption from current U.S. Army Corps of Engineers policy. Since all studies have not been completed within the previously specified time frame, an exemption will be required." The JCPD (City of Dallas, City of Irving, North Texas Municipal Water District, Upper Trinity Regional Water District, and Tarrant Regional Water District) has come to consensus that it can support the following response from SRBA to the Corps of Engineers.

The Sulphur River Feasibility Study is a critical piece in Texas' efforts to ensure long-term water supply reliability. The JCPD therefore strongly supports the request for an exemption from current U.S. Army Corps of Engineers policy so that the current study can be completed. To that end, the JCPD will commit funding, in supplement to USACE Fiscal Year 2017 funding, to reach the Tentatively Selected Plan (TSP) milestone. It is our understanding that the SRBA and JCPD would need to provide \$300,000 in 2017 to reach the TSP milestone and we are committed to providing those funds. We understand that the USACE TSP deliverable would include a Draft Environmental Impact Statement, but that it would not be considered complete until after the Wright Patman dam safety study is finished and included in the Draft EIS.

Until the TSP milestone is reached and SRBA is provided the USACE's proposed selected plan, we believe it is premature to commit funding to a process that may result in a Chief's Report that does not meet our mutual goals. Though we recognize that addressing the Wright Patman Lake dam safety rating may be an essential element of the overall plan, it is best to defer JCPD commitments to fund that work until after the Tentatively Selected Plan milestone has been reached.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James M. Oliver", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

James M. Oliver
General Manager

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