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Mr. Jose A. Davila
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
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P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

Dear Mr. Davila:

On behalf of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water District Managers' Association (Association) we would like to extend our appreciation to the TCEQ for seeking input related to our critical basin. Our Association represents approximately 76% of the total irrigation water rights in the Amistad/Falcon Reservoir System (System). Often times our members are the sole source of raw water for this region's municipal users, including cities and water supply corporations.

As you are aware, the sustained lack on inflows into the System has resulted in a water supply shortage that has prolonged for several years. Stakeholder Meetings held by the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC) in 2024 presented data that highlighted less flows are being registered at gaging stations on the U.S. tributaries. We see this opportunity to add additional areas to the Rio Grande Watermaster's jurisdiction, namely, the section of the Rio Grande between El Paso and Fort Quitman and any remaining tributaries, as an opportunity to ensure water right compliance within the basin.

We understand this will require additional resources for the Watermaster. If possible, it would be beneficial to see the estimated number of water rights within these proposed areas, and an estimated budget with a cost analysis, including estimated assessment rates for both irrigation and municipal allottees.

Thank you again for allowing us the opportunity to provide input regarding the expansion of Rio Grande Watermaster jurisdiction. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (956) 540-0023 or at antonio.uresti@hcid6.com.

Sincerely,



Dr. Antonio Uresti
President