



June 4, 2015

Richard Hyde, P.E.
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Dear Mr. Hyde:

On May 15, 2015, the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) filed an application with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) seeking emergency relief from the 2010 Water Management Plan through the end of the 2015 irrigation season. Given the substantial rainfall the basin has experienced since the application was filed, your staff asked that we update our application to reflect any changed conditions. To that end, a revised brief and amended affidavits supporting LCRA's application are provided with this letter. As you will see, though substantial gains in water storage in the reservoirs managed by the LCRA have occurred, the water supply conditions for the lower Colorado River basin stand out as significantly lagging behind the recovery curve that most reservoirs across Texas have enjoyed. Accordingly, LCRA continues to urge that the requested relief be granted.

We look forward to hearing from you regarding this LCRA application. For questions or a meeting, please contact David Wheelock, Manager of Water Supply and Conservation, at (512) 730-6822 or Lyn Clancy, Managing Associate General Counsel and Senior Water Policy Advisor at (512) 578-3378.

Sincerely,

Phil Wilson
General Manager

cc: Kellye Rila, TCEQ
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Dear Mr. Hyde:

On March 24, 2015, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) affirmed the Executive Director's issuance of an order granting the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) emergency relief from its 2010 Water Management Plan for the first part of the 2015 irrigation season. Although we have seen some recent widespread rain events, inflows to the Highland Lakes remain at low levels and combined storage on May 1, 2015 was the third-lowest May 1 level in the history of the lakes (only having been lower in 2014 and 1952). Because drought conditions continue to threaten LCRA's water supply, LCRA hereby files the attached application seeking further emergency relief through the end of the irrigation season.

LCRA urges that this relief be granted notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the 2010 WMP, and has included in its application the information needed to support TCEQ's processing of this application under any or all of TCEQ's emergency authorities it may deem most appropriate, including Texas Water Code §§ 5.501, 11.138, and 11.139. LCRA requests that TCEQ process this request under whatever authority it deems most appropriate in light of the exceptional drought and in a manner that allows LCRA to gain the benefit of the authorization for the duration of the 2015 irrigation season.

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