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Ms. LaDonna Castanuela
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Re: Application No. 5838 of the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) and proposed agreed order amending the LCRA Water Management Plan; TCEQ Docket No. 2010-0025-WR

Dear Ms. Castanuela:

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) supports the proposed Agreed Order Approving Amendments to the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) Water Management Plan (WMP). The Agreed Order represents an extraordinary effort by the applicant and the protesting parties to address diverse concerns and to create a positive working relationship between the parties that will hopefully lead to a more efficient and productive WMP amendment process in the near future. Especially important to TPWD are the refined and improved instream flow protections contained in the Agreed Order. Additionally, a key component of the settlement is the expedited schedule for updating the WMP in order to include and address recent science and information regarding environmental needs and water supply in the Lower Colorado River Basin.

TPWD respectfully requests the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) issue the Agreed Order without any substantive changes.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Should you have any questions, please call me at 512 389 8899.

Sincerely,

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