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To: Commissioners Court
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Subject: Endorsement of two legislative options for a Groundwater Conservation District

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On January 27, 2009, Commissioners Court voted to endorse legislation that would create a two county groundwater conservation district comprised of Denton and Collin Counties. Since then, Cooke, Fannin and Grayson counties have expressed interest in a multi county district with Collin and Denton Counties. We request that Commissioners Court consider endorsing 2 legislative options:

Option 1:

- *Two County District comprised of Denton and Collin County*
- *Locally controlled, separate regulatory entity.*
- *Non taxing, fee based district. Revenue comes from groundwater producers.*
- *Include oil and gas well regulatory authority*
- *District Board is comprised of 5 board members. Each county will select two (2) members that serve four (4) yr terms, alternating every two (2) years. Designation of the fifth (5th) board member, or chairmanship, would alternate between the two counties.*

Option 2:

- *Multi-County County District comprised of Denton, Collin, Fannin, Grayson and Cooke Counties.*
- *Locally controlled, separate regulatory entity.*
- *Non taxing, fee based district. Revenue comes from groundwater producers.*
- *Include oil and gas well regulatory authority*
- *District Board comprised of board members from each county based on Groundwater usage.*

We have run a Public Notification in the Dallas Morning News as required for bill filing. (See attached). Once we reach an agreement with all counties involved, we will bring the draft legislation back to court for your consideration.

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