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## **Region G Regional Water Planning Group (RWPG) Awarded 2006 Long Range Planning Award**

The Texas American Planning Association (APA) has chosen the Brazos G 2006 Regional Water Plan as the recipient of the Chapter's 2006 Long Range Planning Award. The awards program allows Texas APA to promote the work of planners in Texas by recognizing exemplary work at the annual state conference which was held in Corpus Christi last week.

"The future of Texas will depend on the quality of life and business opportunities in our many diverse communities," said David Hoover, AICP, president of the Texas APA. "The Brazos G 2006 Regional Plan demonstrates the benefit of quality planning to achieve that future."

The Region G consists of a 37-county planning area, which extends generally along the Brazos River from Kent, Stonewall and Knox Counties in the Northwest to Washington and Lee Counties in the Southeast and includes many jurisdictional areas of the Brazos River Authority

The 2006 Brazos G Water Plan addresses the water supply needs for the region with various water management strategies including conservation, developed to meet the Region's demands for municipal, industrial, irrigation, mining, livestock, and steam electric water uses for the next 50 years.

The Brazos G plan, completed in 2005, is one of 16 regional water plans developed across the state over the last 5 years and approved by the Texas Water Development Board earlier this year. The Texas legislature has required regional water planning since 1997. This was the second round of regional water planning by the RWPG which will be incorporated into the 2007 State Water Plan available later this year.

The planning activity was financed by the Texas Water Development Board, administered by the Brazos River Authority and assisted by a team of engineering consultants led by HDR Engineering, Inc.

### ***About the Brazos River Authority***

The Brazos River Authority, with headquarters in Waco, is the oldest river authority in Texas. Created by the Texas Legislature in 1929, the Authority's 42,000 square-mile territory includes all or part of 70 counties; extending from the Texas-New Mexico border west of Lubbock to the Gulf of Mexico near Freeport.

The Authority built, owns, and operates three reservoirs (Lakes Possum Kingdom, Granbury, and Limestone). In addition to these water supply reservoirs, the Authority contracts with the Corps of Engineers for the water supply storage space at eight Federal multi-purpose flood control and water conservation reservoirs (Lakes Whitney, Belton, Proctor, Somerville, Stillhouse Hollow, Granger, Georgetown and Aquilla).

The Brazos River Authority owns and operates a regional wastewater system for the cities of Temple-Belton. The Authority also operates wastewater treatment plants for Brushy Creek Regional Wastewater System in Round Rock, and the cities of Hutto, Georgetown, Dime Box, Clute-Richwood and Sugar Land.

The Authority owns and operates water treatment systems at Lake Granbury (which supplies potable water to wholesale customers in Hood and Johnson Counties), the City of Taylor and the City of Dime Box. A potable water treatment plant located in Leander is owned jointly by the Lower Colorado River Authority and the Brazos River Authority. The Authority also engages in water quality monitoring activities throughout the Brazos River Basin.

For further information on the Brazos River Authority, please contact Judi Pierce, Public Information Officer at 254-761-3103.