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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

**DRAFT REALLOCATION REPORT WITH INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
FOR THE MIDDLE BRAZOS SYSTEMS ASSESSMENT, PHASE II: AQUILLA WATER
SUPPLY**

The public is hereby notified of the availability of the Draft Reallocation Report with Integrated Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Middle Brazos System Assessment: Phase II Aquilla Water Supply in Hill County, Texas. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District prepared the draft report with integrated EA to identify, evaluate, and disclose all impacts that would result from the implementation of proposed alternatives to address projected future water supply needs in portions of Hill and Johnson counties in North Central Texas.

Increasing demand due to population growth, which is driving the need for additional water, is projected to result in water supply shortages of 2,800 to 3,700 acre-feet per year beginning as early as 2020 with the shortage in 2070 forecasted to be approximately 7,500 to 30,000 acre-feet. The water storage in Aquilla Lake is covered under a Water Supply Agreement, dated April 5, 1976, between the U.S. Government and the Brazos River Authority.

Alternatives evaluated in the reallocation study include 2.5-foot, 4.5-foot, and 6.5-foot increases in the elevation of the top of the conservation pool at Aquilla Lake, a "no action" alternative, and a pipeline alternative that would divert water supply from Whitney Lake to an existing pipeline that extends from Aquilla Lake to Pat Cleburne Lake near Cleburne, Texas.

The draft Reallocation Report with integrated EA and draft FONSI will be available for review at the following locations:

Hillsboro Library
118 South Waco Street
Hillsboro, Texas 76645

Cleburne Public Library
302 W. Henderson Street
Cleburne, Texas 76033

West Public Library
209 Tokio Road
West, Texas 76691

The document can also be viewed on the Fort Worth District's website at the following address:

<http://www.swf.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Aquilla/>

A 30-day public comment period begins with the date indicated on this Notice of Availability. Please address any comments to Ms. Marcia Hackett, Environmental Compliance Branch, Regional Planning and Environmental Center, 819 Taylor Street, Room 3A12, Fort Worth, Texas 76102 or at the following email: marcia.r.hackett@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

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