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April 11, 2003

Lieutenant Colonel Robert P. Morris, Jr.
District Engineer
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Fort Worth District
P.O. Box 17300
Fort Worth, Texas 76102-0300

Dear Lt. Colonel Morris:

This is to advise you that the Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD) continues to support the proposed Riverside Oxbow Project located in Fort Worth, Texas as described in the Interim Feasibility Report and Integrated Environmental Assessment, dated April 2003. We understand the requirements for local involvement in ecosystem restoration and recreation projects as directed in the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, as amended, and intend to serve as the non-Federal sponsor, subject to availability of local funds.

TRWD has the authority and capability to furnish the local cooperation requirements for the project. It is our intention to enter into a binding agreement to provide local cooperation requirements for the project when approved for construction. In addition, we concur with the findings and conclusions of the Interim Feasibility Report and Integrated Environmental Assessment, dated April 2003, and intend to support the construction of the Locally Preferred Project. We have examined a copy of a sample PCA agreement and find its provisions, including the cost sharing requirements set forth in the agreement, generally acceptable.

TRWD offers this letter of intent to fulfill the non-Federal responsibilities for possible implementation of the National Environmental Restoration (NER) Plan as outlined in the Interim Feasibility Report and Integrated Environmental Assessment, dated April 2003. We understand, at present, our financial responsibility for the NER plan is estimated to be approximately \$5,173,500 based upon a project cost of \$14,352,000.

However, TRWD recognizes the non-Federal responsibilities for implementation of the Locally Preferred Plan as outlined in the Interim Feasibility Report and Integrated Environmental Assessment, dated April 2003. It is understood that the financial responsibility for the Locally Preferred Plan (LPP) could be as much as \$13,019,500 based upon a current estimate of LPP project cost being \$22,198,000.

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The Tarrant Regional Water District requests the Fort Worth District to expediently proceed with the final approval of the Feasibility Report and seek congressional authorization in the Water Resources Development Act of 2003. If there is any additional information we can provide to you, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Wayne Owen, (817) 335-2491.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JMOliver", written in a cursive style.

James M. Oliver
General Manager



March 19, 2003

Marcia R. Hackett
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
819 Taylor Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Re: Gateway Park/Riverside Oxbow

Dear Marcia,

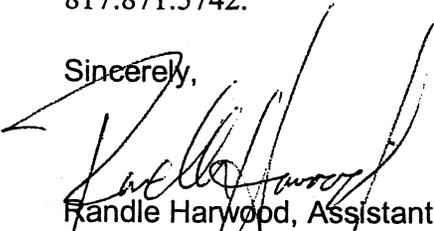
In a conference call this morning with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE), Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD) and Parks and Community Services Department (PACSD) a final recommendation was made regarding the Locally Preferred Plan (LLP) as it relates to the USACOE Alternative Formulation Briefing (AFB) Riverside Oxbow Project.

The recommended LPP scenario includes construction of a new bridge at Beach Street, a new entrance road and river bridge crossing into Gateway Park, ecosystem restoration and recreation amenities. Also included is the existing Tandy Hills Nature Preserve and the acquisition of an adjacent tract of land, ecosystem restoration and recreation amenities. Ancillary items in the overall project include a hazardous, toxic and radioactive waste (HTRW) and cultural resources investigations, real estate appraisal and acquisition costs, topographical survey and value engineering study.

The LPP meets the goals and objectives of the City by following the direction of the recently adopted revisions to the Gateway Park master plan. The City is working with the TRWD to secure local funding consistent with previous cost participation scenarios.

If you have any questions regarding the LPP scenario please call me at 817.871.5743 or Eric Seebock at 817.871.5742.

Sincerely,



Kandle Harwood, Assistant Director
Planning and Resource Management
Parks and Community Services Department

Attachment- LPP

C: Joe Paniagua, Assistant City Manager
Sandy Oliver, CIP Program Director
Richard Zavala, Parks and Community Services Department Director
Eric Seebock, Senior Landscape Architect
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

April 9, 2003

Planning Environmental and Regulatory Division

SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Assessment of the Riverside Oxbow Environmental Restoration Project, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas

Mr. F. Lawrence Oaks
State Historic Preservation Officer
Texas Historical Commission
P.O. Box 12276, Capital Station
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Mr. Oaks:

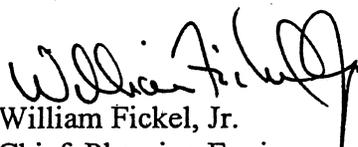
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, has conducted a cultural resources reconnaissance survey for the above referenced project, utilizing one of our contractors, Geo Marine, Inc. As a result of their archaeological survey, one potentially eligible prehistoric site (41TR198) was recorded on the flood plain of the West Fork of the Trinity River. The site is located in the proposed path of an outflow channel for planned wetlands. As recommended by the contractor's report, the District decided to avoid impacts to the newly recorded site by revising the location of the proposed channel north of the site.

Under the new design, the planned channel will measure 50± feet wide at the surface with a bottom width of 5 feet. Excavation will be approximately 5 feet deep. The new design calls for trees and native grasses to be planted in the general location of site 41TR198. Excavation for tree planting will not exceed 50-60 cm in depth and grass planting will require only 1 to 2 inches of surface disturbance. No other excavation is planned in the site's vicinity.

In consultation with Mr. Bill Martin of your office, the District has designed a plan to conduct a subsurface archaeological survey of the new channel alignment prior to excavation to assure identification and avoidance of previously unknown historic properties in the area of potential effect. The survey will consist of the excavation of a series of eight backhoe trenches spaced at 20m intervals along the proposed new alignment. Each trench will measure a minimum of 5m in length and 1m in width, and will be excavated to a minimum of 2m in depth. This survey effort is designed to locate a suitable alternative alignment for the channel and will be modified if cultural materials are encountered until such an alignment is located.

When we have completed the survey of the new alignment, we will provide the results of that investigation to your office. Should you require any further information or details regarding this action, please contact Dr. Jay R. Newman, Project Manager, at (817) 886-1721.

Sincerely,



William Fickel, Jr.
Chief, Planning Environmental and
Regulatory Division