

FORT BEND COUNTY FRESHWATER SUPPLY DISTRICT NO. 1
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April 2, 2009

The Honorable Pete Olson
U.S. House of Representatives
22nd District, Texas

Re: Fiscal Year 2010 Appropriations Request – Fort Bend County Freshwater Supply District
No. 1

Dear Congressman Olson:

It has come to the attention of the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of Fort Bend County Freshwater Supply District No. 1 (the "District") that Fort Bend County submitted an appropriations request for the 2010 fiscal year covering projects within the District. Please accept this letter as the District's formal support for said request.

The District was created in 1997 to provide a public water and wastewater system to the residents of the unincorporated area of Fresno, Texas. The area has no existing comprehensive water or wastewater system. Residents utilize private wells and septic system for their utility needs. Most of these private water wells produce low quality water with significant color, odor and taste problems. Additionally, these wells in many instances are not located the proper distance from septic tanks, resulting in possible contamination of the shallow wells. As such, the Fort Bend County Environmental Health Department has logged numerous violations associated with the existing private septic systems throughout the District's boundaries.

The District would greatly benefit from any available federal assistance. While the District is in the process of completing Phase One of its waterline project, which will provide water service to a segment of the District within an estimated eighteen months, funds do not exist to extend such service to large portions of the District. Moreover, the District is in need of funding for its wastewater collection system. As the census data indicates that the minority population within the District is 66 percent, and the household median income is \$31,000, this project would serve a broad public purpose in providing clean water and sewer services in an area where the private systems in place are failing to protect the health and safety of the residents. This project would permanently correct significant environmental health hazards that exist in the Fresno area.

Again, the District would like to offer its support of this appropriations request and reiterate the need for federal assistance in the Fresno area. If you have any questions regarding this project, please feel free to contact the District's attorney at 713-651-0111. Thank you for your continued assistance and support regarding this matter.

Best regards,



John Borden
President, Board of Supervisors