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Mr. Alan M. Day
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Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District
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RE: Protesting Transport Permit Application(s)

Dear Mr. Day,

I recently received the Public Permit Hearing notice from your office informing me that UW Brazos Valley Farm LCC (UCBVF) and seven local landowners, collectively referred to as the Optioned Owners have entered into Option Agreements leasing groundwater rights from the identified local landowners to produce and transport Optioned Groundwater from the Simsboro formation of the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer. Existing or planned water supply agreement(s) will transport Optioned Groundwater out of the District to Williamson County and perhaps Bell, Milam and Travis counties.

Consequently, I am requesting a contested case hearing regarding these seven (7) Transport Permit Applications.

The development of the Groundwater Program has taken time to emerge. For example, UWBVF is expected to develop a gathering network and transmission system soon, while an agreement between Williamson County with EPCOR, a company experienced at building large scale water delivery projects, was completed in August 2023 to receive transported water. Therefore, I respectfully request a reasonable amount of time to gather evidence to support my protest against the Groundwater Transport Permit Application. This evidence may include, but is not limited to environmental impact, water availability, and scientific data.

Sincerely,

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