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Mr. Eric Beverly
Executive Director
Sunset Advisory Commission
1501 N. Congress Ave.
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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

RE: Sunset Consistency Review of River Authorities

Dear Mr. Beverly,

The Texas Water Conservation Association (TWCA) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the river authority consistency review that was directed by the Sunset Commission at the start of the 88th Legislative Session. TWCA is a nonprofit association for the Texas water industry, focusing on water supply and management. From drought to flood, TWCA works with its members to promote sound water policy for Texas. TWCA's membership includes all 15 river authorities that are subject to Sunset review.

As the Sunset reports on each river authority state, "Through its reviews, Sunset staff has found that no two river authorities are identical." TWCA agrees with this statement and has no recommendations for consistency among river authorities. TWCA does not believe that uniformity among river authorities is appropriate because each river authority is purposefully different and unique. Each river authority's functions and governance were locally negotiated during the authority's creation to reflect local geographic needs. River authorities differ in their functions, size, governance, and challenges. The only universal characteristic of a river authority is its name. Application of any recommendation should be considered based on any applicable law, enabling legislation, public interest, and local needs of the authority.

TWCA greatly appreciates the efforts of Sunset staff as it works to complete its first set of reviews of river authorities. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can be a resource or otherwise be of assistance in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stacey Steinbach", is written over a horizontal line.

Stacey Allison Steinbach, Executive Director