



October 29, 2010

The Honorable Frank M. Reilly
Mayor of the City of Granite Shoals
2221 North Phillips Ranch Road
Granite Shoals, Texas 78654

Dear Mayor Reilly:

LCRA is pleased to hear that the City of Granite Shoals is exploring a centralized sewer system for the benefit of its residents. We appreciate the challenges the City faces in balancing development pressures with water quality protection, particularly when the primary source of wastewater disposal is through septic systems. When properly designed and operated, centralized wastewater collection and treatment, with no discharge, is a highly effective way to protect water quality in the Highland Lakes, particularly when the system replaces failing or problem septic systems. We support the City's efforts to protect water quality in Lake LBJ by considering centralized sewer to replace aging septic systems in the sensitive area around Lake LBJ.

We have worked with a number of communities as they face the same challenges and work through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) permitting process for a wastewater plant. As you may know, LCRA reviews each TCEQ water quality permit for wastewater discharges and land application in the lower Colorado River basin to ensure water quality is protected. As a part of this process, we would like to work with the City to provide technical review before you begin the TCEQ process. This can help avoid complications as the process moves forward. The planning stage is also a prime opportunity to include the potential infrastructure for a regional beneficial reuse program, and we look forward to visiting with you about this option.

Given the challenges of wastewater disposal around the Highland Lakes, we appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance as early in the process as possible. We again appreciate your commitment to water quality protection. We look forward to working with the City and support this major undertaking.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact me at 1-800-776-5272, ext. 3283, or Suzanne Zarling, Executive Manager of Water Services, at ext. 3297.

Sincerely,

Thomas G. Mason
General Manager