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Mr. Jerry D. Olds, P.E.  
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Dear Mr. Olds:

On behalf of Western AgCredit, we would like to thank you for your efforts toward developing a Ground Water Management Plan for the Beryl/Enterprise area. Western AgCredit is the largest mortgage lender in the Beryl/Enterprise area, and as such, we have a vested interest in seeing the water issues resolved in a prudent manner.

We compliment you and your staff for being responsive to suggestions and concerns when addressing this complex issue. We were particularly encouraged by the progress made to have the Water Users work with each other to reduce water usage in ways that would minimize the economic impact on individuals and the communities. We also feel that the proposed gradual reduction in water usage, which allowed sufficient time for ongoing measurements and multi-phase implementation, would greatly reduce the risk of unnecessary damage to the area's economy and to individual property owners.

Because of the progress that had been made in developing a reasonable Plan, we were disappointed to receive your recent letter reporting that no further work would be done on the project during the current budget year beyond June 30, 2008. Doing nothing about the situation is the worst possible outcome, so we are disappointed that the Legislature changed direction after so much progress had been achieved. We hope that when work on the Plan resumes, that the spirit of cooperation will also continue and that a resolution can be achieved to the overall benefit of the Water Users in the area. Thank you again for your efforts in resolving this critical matter. If we can be of assistance to you, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Richard Weathered  
President

Wayne A. Smith  
Chairman