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Mark Meek  
Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District  
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Dear Mr. Meek and VCGWCD Board Members:

VEDC Regional Partnership requests a continuation of accepting applications for high-capacity non-historic-use production permits and deep-saline non-historic-use production permits for the economic health of our region's future.

The VCGWCD has established rules for non-historic-use production derived from the deep saline aquifer. This aquifer serves as a water resource to be used by industrial and commercial operations as a provision; thus, allowing the conservation of fresh-water aquifers and surface water resources. Do not further restrict or abandon the use of deep-saline water by industry and commercial operators, forcing them to utilize only fresh water. We urge you to refrain from a suspension or a moratorium on use of high-capacity non-historic-use production and deep-saline non-historic-use production.

Changing or restricting rules and regulations will drive industrial users to consider greater use of fresh groundwater and surface water sources. We are concerned about the unintended consequences of increased regulatory rules being considered. New industrial developments are prepared to utilize high-capacity non-historic-use production and deep-saline non-historic-use production resources by making an investment to draw from brackish water and thus preserving our fresh-water resources.

The potential for new investment and job growth in our community is aligning in transformative ways. The window of opportunity is open now. Due diligence on projects is happening and represents billions of dollars in capital expenditure and the creation of hundreds of new jobs. I urge you to remain open-for-business by refraining from instituting a moratorium or suspension and any further restriction of brackish cap limits.

The Victoria Economic Development Corporation – VEDC Regional Partnership is a non-profit economic development organization created in 1982 to diversify the local economy by increasing job opportunities and earnings for citizens, and growth of the tax base to mitigate tax burdens on residents. Our product is where we live and raise our families. We are engaged in promoting the Victoria community as a good location for investment by potential new businesses and the expansion of existing businesses. While we have no authority to direct the location, timing, or type of project that may be considering a new development, we work diligently to forge relationships with community leaders to prepare and present our community for growth.

VEDC greatly appreciates your role in preserving Victoria as a desirable place to grow a family and business. By advancing the use of brackish groundwater without a change to further restrict the rules, you will be making an investment in the future of Victoria.

Sincerely,

Jonas Titas, CECD  
President