



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

September 4, 2015

Ms. Denise L. Harris
1670 South Cranes Mill Road
New Braunfels, Texas 78132-1651

Dear Ms. Harris:

Thank you for contacting the Office of the Governor. We understand you are concerned about Texas' water regulations and, specifically, the future of the Dry Comal Creek watershed. Governor Abbott's advisor on environmental issues will visit with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to discuss the concerns you raised.

In the meantime, with hundreds of new residents moving to Texas every day, and to maintain our position as the best state for business and job growth, we must ensure that Texans have an adequate supply of water. Governor Abbott is focusing on local solutions that are best for each region, while also working to protect private property rights. He is hopeful that the voter-approved State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) and a mix of conservation, innovation and investment in water infrastructure will keep our water secure for decades.

You can learn more about SWIFT by visiting the Texas Water Development Board's website: <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/swift>. Information about desalination projects in Texas is also available on TWDB's website: <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/innovativewater/desal>.

Please let us know if we can assist you in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dede Keith".

Dede Keith
Deputy Director
Constituent Communication Division
Office of the Governor

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