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October 5, 2021

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Re: Grand Jury Investigation

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This office has received a complaint and information regarding actions of the Tarrant Regional Water District, TRWD, specifically including the proposed settlement and payment reviewed and discussed by the TRWD Board on September 29, 2021. It is the duty of the Grand Jury to inquire into all offenses liable to indictment of which they shall be informed by the attorney representing the State. TEX. CODE CRIM. PROC. Art. 20A.051. As the elected prosecutor, it is my duty to represent the State in Tarrant County in regard to any and all allegations of potential criminal conduct. Vernon's Ann. Texas Const. Art. 5, § 21.

The purpose of this letter is put you on notice that the Tarrant County Grand Jury has opened an investigation into actions taken by the Tarrant Regional Water District. Because you have received notice of this investigation, Texas Penal Code Section 37.09, as well as other statutory provisions, apply to your actions including the prohibitions against tampering with physical evidence. These prohibitions include actions of altering, destroying, or concealing records that constitute evidence of a crime. You are hereby put on notice that evidence in this matter may include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Recordings or records of all closed meetings of the TRWD Board including meetings closed under the auspices of V.T.C.A. Government Code §§ 551.071 (Consultation with Attorneys), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.0745 (Personnel Matters Affecting County Advisory Board);
2. Documents and records related to actions taken by the TRWD related to personnel, Paid Leave Policy changes, and grants of paid leave; and
3. Any communications or other evidence made in furtherance of a felony.

Furthermore, as this investigation progresses, we would like to hear from individuals with knowledge related to actions by the TRWD, or with knowledge related to the location or storage of evidence. As such, we invite you to meet with us. Without making any assertions as to criminal liability, we invite you to bring an attorney to these meetings with you. We will be in contact with you in order to arrange a time for such meeting. Please be prepared to bring all relevant material to the meeting.

Sincerely,

Sharen Wilson
Criminal District Attorney