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David Barfield  
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1320 Research Park Drive  
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Re: Request for Rattlesnake Creek / Quivira NWR LEMA

Dear Mr. Barfield,

The Big Bend Groundwater Management District No. 5 (“the District”) remains committed to providing a resolution to the impairment complaint at Quivira National Wildlife Refuge (“the Refuge”). The District has spent countless hours working through this complex issue utilizing the best science available. The District stands resolved that the enclosed Local Enhanced Management Area (“LEMA”) plan provides a long-term, sustainable solution to the impairment complaint at the Refuge.

Please find the enclosed Rattlesnake Creek / Quivira NWR LEMA plan as approved by the District board of directors on December 13, 2018. The District recommends the approval of the local enhanced management plan in accordance with K.S.A. 82a-1041. The local enhanced management plan has been discussed thoroughly with public and private stakeholders throughout the area.

If further information is needed, please contact our office.

Sincerely,

Orrin Feril  
Manager

Enclosure (1)

cc: Big Bend GMD5 Board of Directors  
Jackie McClaskey, Secretary, Kansas Department of Agriculture  
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