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TO: Dr. Joanne Smith
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FROM: Bill Nance 
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SUBJECT: ASG Legislation – S.R.S. 2013-2014/11

Facilities reviewed ASG's S.R.S. 2013-2014/11 "A Resolution in Support of Ending the Water Fluoridation Program on the Texas State University Campus" and would like to state for the record that the university does not add fluoride or Fluorosilic acid to water pumped from the Edwards Aquifer as part of our potable water program including water supplied to JCK. The potable water for campus facilities located east of the river including Strahan Coliseum, Jowers, and Bobcat Stadium is supplied by the City of San Marcos. In order to stop using City water at these locations, the university would need to consider extending a potable water line from a suitable point of connection to the university's potable water network somewhere on the west side of the river to the locations mentioned in the resolution. The environmental impacts including archeological and cultural of such an endeavor would need to be assessed and may pose significant cost implications. The university's potable water is chlorinated and a pipe crossing over or under the San Marcos River would have to meet stringent federal and state requirements for such a crossing. The river crossing requirement alone may prove to be cost prohibitive or insurmountable. Also, the overall costs of such a project assuming the river crossing is possible could easily exceed one million dollars.

Facilities recommends that the response to ASG state that extending a potable water line to the facilities on the east side of the river is not a prudent course of action due to environmental impacts and potential impacts of a pipe crossing over the river plus it may prove to be cost prohibitive. Also, the response should further state that the university is committed to sustainable practices and incorporates US Green Building Council LEED criteria as part of the campus master plan and campus construction standards.