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RE: Irrigation Technology Center (ITC)

Dear Dr. Fipps:

On behalf of the WaterWise Council of Texas, I would like to express our support for the Irrigation Technology Center. On February 8, 2001 the WaterWise Council voted to support your ongoing effort to establish a world-class applied research, testing, and education center with the mission of promoting agricultural and urban landscape water conservation and efficiency.

Adoption and implementation of efficient irrigation technologies and sound water management techniques is critical for policymakers, municipalities, water purveyors and the agricultural and landscape industries in Texas. Once established, we believe the ITC will prove a vital resource for both the "blue" and "green" industries.

We pledge our support of this initiative and invite you to attend one of our meetings to discuss its progress and to convey what more the WaterWise Council can do to help in this endeavor.

Best Regards,

Richard B. "Dick" Peterson
President, Water Wise Council of Texas