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Subject: state water plan

Dear Mr. Roberts:

I am opposed to the draft of the State Water Plan as presently written. In particular, I oppose the creation of 14 major new reservoirs.

As I understand, Region D (Northeast Texas) omitted Marvin Nichols Reservoir from their regional plan. Yet it appears on the list. My understanding is that control of water issues is to come from the bottom up. The new plan appears to come from the top down.

The language in the plan notes that because of federal intervention in the form of the proposed Neches River Wildlife Refuge, the proposed Fastrill Reservoir will be preempted unless court challenges are successful. When Dallas interests lost their potential hold on Region I resources, they pressured to get a foothold in Region D resources.

The plan must be rejected as now written. A more equitable plan that emphasizes conservation must be substituted. The sections on conservation and environmental concerns need to be given priority in a new plan.

The big water guzzling cities cannot dictate land/water use for other areas of Texas. Conservation has to be a keystone in the new plan!

Sincerely,
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