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Mr. Roberts.

My name is Larry Ray and live in Littlefield, Texas.
I too am concerned about the water for our region, and to this day have yet to figure out why we have not completed or looked into what was started many years ago.

I am not sure if you remember the project started in the early to mid sixties. I was not yet out of high school but still remember how excited we all were thinking that a lake west of our city of Littlefield would be used as a storage facility that would be used for recreation also.

The project as I remember was named WATER INC. The idea was to bring flood water from the East, (not real sure which river) canal, pipe and store in a lake named Bull Lake west of Littlefield. Now the price was high at that time around fifty-million is what I was told, yet that would have been real cheap considering what it could have done for this area.

Now my question is, Why could this not now be done, even with such elevated prices. Sure it will cost a great amount, yet look at all the place that could benefit from it. Lake Meredith, White River Lake, not to mention Bull Lake which without any construction would cover a vast area and hold trillions of gallons. Now that said, there in my opinion would alleviate all the water worries for more than fifty years. Hey even the farmers would not have to pump the Ogalala so much.

It's probably just a dream, yet that dream was a good one then and seems to even be a vision we should look at again. To the best of my knowledge a model of the plans is still stored away someplace in the Texas Tech basement. They had an engineering class build it, so maybe it's still there.

Well, I've put my few cents worth in, and with any luck and enough letters to others in official places, and by word of mouth maybe it will someday come to pass so all our kids and grandchildren will not have to worry about what or where their next drink will come from.

Thanks for listening.

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