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Texas Water Development Board Members

I am deeply concerned that the Draft 2007 State Water Plan does not provide for aggressive water conservation, does not factor in water savings from drought management measures, does not ensure adequate protection of the agricultural and natural resources of the state, and it does not meet water needs at a reasonable cost.

The first and primary goal of the plan should be aggressive water conservation. The plan falls far short of realizing anywhere near the full potential of this critical water supply strategy. As you know, conservation is usually the least expensive and least environmentally damaging water supply.

Because the Draft does not address the important water savings possible through the use of drought management it, it fails to meet the statutory criteria for the water planning process. This failure to employ sensible drought management results in unacceptable costs and damage to rural Texas and to our natural heritage.

The plan relies far too heavily on building additional reservoirs and other costly water supply projects. This continued reliance on building more infrastructure before water conservation represents a failure in meeting the objectives of the water planning process.

The Water Development Board's recommendation to designate of a large number of unique reservoir sites is ill-considered, is opposed by a broad segment of citizens, and would result in a large-scale oversupply of water in more than half of the sixteen water planning regions. This costly over-planning represents a failure in meeting the legislative directives for the planning process.

I urge you to seriously consider the consequences of planning in a way that drains our state of its finances and natural heritage. We can provide for the water needs of our growing population in a fiscally responsible way while also protecting the environment, but to do so, we must go about water planning in a more conservative and deliberate fashion.

Thank you for your careful consideration of my comments.

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