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Subject: Texas Water Development Plan comments

Mr. Roberts:

Thanks for all of your hard work in trying to protect the water resources of our great state. I do feel, however, that you should know that I oppose building the Marvin Nichols Reservoir as it stands in the plan at this time. I

know that East Texas is richer in water than the rest of the state and that the

population growth is larger in the center of our state, thus causing a need for more water. However, a dam of this magnitude would devastate our plant and

animal life. I am a biology professor, and I know the ramifications that such a plan would bring to this part of the state. A good bit of our economy is

based on the timber, agricultural, and cattle industries, as you know, and we can't afford to send so much of our water to the rest of the state without causing us great economic distress. Plants have to go through a biological process called transpiration in order for them to get, use and retain the water

that they need, and this takes time. If the water is shifted and retained in a reservoir, a lot of the water that falls to the ground will not be soaked up by the plants and they will die. This will eventually change our climate, thereby affecting all the wildlife in this region of the country. What about a compromise? I believe the dam is too large! If it were to be scaled down quite a bit, this wouldn't have such a drastic effect. Please consider my comments as you work on the water plans for our beautiful state.

Sincerely,
Delores McCright