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Subject: Draft 2007 State Water Plan - ABSOLUTELY NOT!

Members of the Texas Water Development Board
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Dear Members of the Texas Water Development Board,

I am an informed and very concerned citizen of Texas and am APPALLED by your draft water plan. This has been an intense multi-year effort and the studied opinions of many environmental experts have been provided. The draft plan you have presented is wildly expensive in terms of both dollars and cost to our natural heritage.

This plan is supposed to address 50 year needs! Where is water conservation in your plan?? The plan doesn't account for savings from drought management, fails to protect our agricultural and natural resources, and is highly impractical in that it doesn't meet water needs at a reasonable cost. My kids and grandkids (and yours!) are going to have to pay for such a short-sighted approach.

Back to the drawing board! You can and must do better. We are way past the days when it was thought that relentlessly building reservoirs and "infrastructure" was a suitable substitute for common sense and long-range thinking.

Please contact me if this message is not clear to you.

Sincerely,

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