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Subject: Proposed Marvin Nichols Reservoir

As a resident and concerned citizen of the geographical area within Region D of the Regional Planning Group, I strongly protest the inclusion of the proposed Marvin Nichols Reservoir in the Texas Water Development Board's new Texas Water Plan.

The economy of North East Texas is heavily farming/forestry dependent. To remove as many acres of land as would be required for the construction/mitigation of such a reservoir would have a great negative impact on the productivity of the area.

It is extremely unfair to include the proposed reservoir in the Texas Water Plan because the Dallas area group wants it, despite the fact that the Region D board has made it clear that the reservoir is not wanted in this area. Other alternatives should be pursued, such as raising the level of existing lakes/reservoirs, in order to plan for future water needs of the Dallas area.

A reduction in usage should also be pursued. My understanding is that the per capita consumption of water in the Dallas area is among the highest in the state, if not the highest. One only has to drive around Dallas to see that water is being used to create a lush, green environment for residents there, without regard to the price that other areas of the state must pay in the form of losing productive land to water collection and storage.

I urge you to re-examine your proposed draft and delete inclusion of the proposed Marvin Nichols Reservoir! Find other solutions, including the insistence that Dallas substantially decrease its per capita water usage.

Respectfully submitted,

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