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Dear Mr. Roberts,

I have looked at the draft of the 2007 Water Plan on the Water Development Board's website. Thank you for allowing public comment in this way.

My concern is that some of the regions are not using enough conservation measures, and instead are proposing to build very expensive dams and reservoirs. I understand that the process allows regions to make their own decisions about water resources; however, when one region's decision affects another region, or causes streamflow consequences that affect the Gulf of Mexico, then your agency should step in to suggest different measures.

I live in Region L, where we have had significant success in reducing per capita consumption of water, especially because the San Antonio Water System (SAWS) expended time and money on: conservation education programs, raising fees, underwriting low flow toilets and showerheads, requiring leaks to be repaired, etc. When a water system is committed to conservation, everyone wins.

If Dallas is allowed to build huge dams and reservoirs without first making a commitment to reducing their consumption habits, it sends a terrible message to the rest of us who care about this precious resource that we all need to share. I urge you to use the authority of the water board to protect everyone's water rights, including those downstream of big users, by mandating conservation measures.

Thank you,  
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