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Mr. Roberts,

I spoke at the open forum held at SFA on September 27, and now I would like to submit my comments in writing.

Thanks.

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Mr. Bill Roberts  
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Dear Mr. Roberts,

I'm a land owner in Region (I) and a member of both the Friends of the Neches and the Texas Committee of Natural Resources. I'm writing to you in protest of the proposed Fastrill reservoir noted in the draft plan of Water for Texas 2007.

I would like to point out that the Neches River National Wildlife Refuge was approved earlier this year, thanks to the support of Senators Hutchison and Cornyn, Congressmen Gohmert and Hensarling, State Representative Hopson, Director Hall of the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and Commissioner Parker of the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. The land for the refuge is being acquired through voluntary sales only, and will increase eco-tourism and help preserve the unique East Texas environment. The reservoir however would acquire land through eminent domain.

Damming the Neches River for the exclusive benefit of Region (C) would impact wildlife, migration patterns, agriculture and timber. Since Dallas is among the highest per-capita water users in the state it seems that there should be a lot more effort towards conservation before the state tries to take the water rights of East Texans. Dallas could meet their demands through existing reservoirs such as Texoma, Wright Patman, and Toledo Bend if they would make a concentrated effort to live within their means.

I understand that the proposed Fastrill reservoir would not only take the land within the footprint of the lake itself, but also many more acres of property in mitigation lands all down the river bottom, and would likely eliminate the Texas State Railroad as well as the Big Thicket preserve. Simply put, it would destroy a critical East Texas environment for the convenience of Dallas business interests.

Forcing a reservoir on the people of East Texas and then taking 80 percent of the water rights may not be against the law, but it sure sounds wrong to me.

Sincerely,

William Lambert