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Bill Roberts  
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Dear Mr. Roberts,

Please allow me to make these last minute comments, which I have been trying to get done. I attended the meeting in Arlington, Texas on the subject and submitted a letter at that time. However, following the meeting I was very frustrated and wished to add an additional note.

I heard nothing at the meeting about the concept of sustainability. Just as finally the rest of society is beginning to talk about issues of sustainability in construction, development, resource extraction, energy usage, etc. it seems as if water planning is the same old song, a rehash of 50's mentality.

The plan postulates a number for water usage in this area that is way too high and pretty much equal to what we use now, and the DFW area leads state in these numbers now! If the board endorses and allows the taking of water from other basins, the incentive to get real conservation of a precious resource in this area goes out the window.

Nothing was also said in our meeting about the importance of fresh water flows to our bays and estuaries. We cannot appropriate all the available water and leave a food source and who knows what all else of value along the coast, to die. Every person needs to know that their green grass when it does not rain, causes the death of other creatures and plants.

I am a 72 year-old native Texan who knows and values the precious water. It is absolutely wrong to rob Peter to pay Paul by continuing to go elsewhere for water. Fastrill Reservoir must be removed from the plan. The Marvin Nichols Reservoir should not be built until we can prove that developers, landscapers and property owners return to a sensible level that is sustainable with what naturally falls from the sky. I do not see that happening and it won't if Marvin Nichols is in the plan.

I have been aware of the Region C committee's activities and have objected to their mindset. I must dissent. Please consider my thoughts seriously. I have college degrees from S.M.U. and U.T.A. I served on the Arlington City Council beginning in 1997 and retired in 2003 after three terms.

Sincerely,

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