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Bill:

As a 'newer' Texas citizen (less than 10 years...) this process is a bit new to me. While I certainly agree with statements which have been submitted by various conservation organizations (e.g. Ken Kramer from the Sierra Club), I'm more appalled that no one seems to be concerned with the fiscal issues of taxpayers building these infrastructures.

As a public utility, the costs of building infrastructures should be borne by those who use the resources. If the state did not have a plan in place these many years past to collect fees appropriate to build up funds to provide for building these infrastructures, then someone has some 'splainin' to do.

Until some explanation is offered (even if it's to ask for 'forgiveness'), and a new financial model is offered that aligns at least a portion of the costs to those who use the resources (I'm particularly interested in making sure that commercial water use is not offered at rates less than those of residences), I will not be able to support any plan which puts the full burden of the infrastructure costs of new water facilities.

Thanks for your efforts on our behalf. Let's just redirect the energies a bit.

Graciously,
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