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I feel I must submit my feelings about the works of the Water Plans of the State Board. I also feel you are not paying attention to any of the opposition from any of those in Region D. It was evident at the meeting in Gilmer on the 21st, when not one of the board members attended.

The reports of the Engineers and other inquiries never show that they had considered those opposed to building the Marvin Nichols Reservoir. They take money every year to "study" the Log Jam on Sulphur, but never a solution. Also, they talk about how much tax money will increase. They should know the landowners are paying tax on their land now, and if taken by a tax exempt, municipal, or state agency there will be NO tax.

Statutory Interests did not include the land owners who will lose in this plan. The Tax roles show a much higher value on this land than you are willing to pay. That makes current landowners unable to sell the land at the true value, as buyers know they would not get their money back. It is not fair, or right, under any law to take land that is productive and put a lake in it and then sell lots at high prices and pocket the money. If any or that land is then resold, the person who had that land taken away from them should get the extra money it earns, if resold. Also, it would be better for the landowners if they could get paid for water royalties, or rights.

With a lake and mitigation land taken there would be no farm land left.

A need of any kind in Region C (or other Region) should not come to Region D when they have numerous water places; Ray Hubbard; Trinity and they also have available existing lakes which would not require new lakes, but pipelines. Several Lakes have indicated they have ample water and are willing to sell the water. This would take only a small portion of the land that a Reservoir would, and would not cause mitigation loses.

Without proper conservation, any area will waste the new supplies. Therefore first and foremost the conservation should be started immediately, if not already carried out.

Please think of the Region D residents. We chose to live where we do, worked hard on our land to make it what it is and are not ready to give it up. We need all the water from this Region for our needs.

Sincerely,

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