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I am filing this written comment in protest of the new water plan currently being considered for the next 5 year period "Water for Texas 2007."

I strongly believe that the inclusion of new reservoirs in this plan is wrong. According to Texas agricultural officials, we in Texas are destroying approximately 750 acres of land per day in development of homes, roads and highways, shopping centers, etc. The construction of any new reservoir will destroy thousands of acres of prime and sub-prime agricultural land and timberland resources.

I believe your interpretation of Chapter 16.051 and 16.053 of the state water code is wrong. You are required by this code to protect both region and state agriculture and natural resources and you are not doing so in the 2007 Plan.

The TWDB staff seems to me to be catering to the largest of the sixteen planning regions and allowing them to run roughshod over everyone else. This is certainly not right.

As we all well know Texas is currently in a record drought. But if you think for a minute – no one in Texas, except for a mechanical problem, has run out of water. I know that most of the reservoirs in the state are low in the amounts of water contained, but you and I know that when it rains and it will at some point, these reservoirs will return to normal levels.

If the people of Texas would consider many of the conservation measures used this year (2006), in future years of normal weather, we would need much less water in the next fifty years than the 2007 Plan calls for.

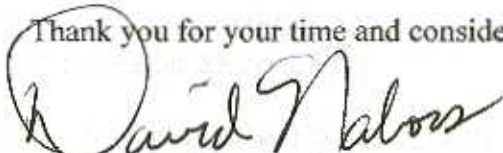
I believe that most of the future water needs for Texas can be met by utilizing water already impounded in over 400 reservoirs (you only count 196) that is not currently being used or permitted. Many of these already built reservoirs could have their conservation pools raised to generate most of the future needed water for Texas. For example – Wright Patman reservoir on the Sulphur River in Northeast Texas could be raised enough to capture all the water, (an estimated over nine hundred thousand (900,000) acre feet per year at no cost to anyone. All you have to do here is close the gates on the dam that are already in place. Not one landowner would be affected by raising the conservation pool of this reservoir.

There are many other reservoirs in Texas that could be raised. I ask you to check into this process first. If your approve the 2007 water plan as it is currently written the large

metroplex water planners are only going to want to build new reservoirs and not use the existing water.

Whichever way we go will require pipelines to connect water sources, I ask you to remove the new reservoirs from the 2007 plan and save our agricultural future of the state as well as irreplaceable natural resources that can never be enjoyed by our children and grandchildren who are the future of our great state of Texas.

Thank you for your time and consideration

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "David Nabors". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Nabors".

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