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Board Members and staff
Sirs

I am filing this written comment in protest of the "Water for Texas 2007" state water plan as it is currently written.

The figures of the amount of water available for 2007 and beyond are drastically different from "Water for Texas 2005." In 2005 you state that there is over 41 million acre feet of surface water and 14 million acre feet of ground water. In the 2007 plan you state that there is less than 18 million acre feet of surface water and ground water. I realize we are in a drought of record but not that bad.

I believe the population projections on the plan are overly optimistic. A large percentage of our current population increases are people who naturally do not use or waste large amounts of water.

There is no feasible reason to approve a water plan that allows one of the planning groups to obtain 20 percent more water than would ever be needed when most of their water will come from another planning region.

In Chapter 6 the plan lists surface water resources but fails to explain the fact that just because of infrastructure, contract and permit limitations does not mean there is no water – The water is there and available. The entities just have to complete paperwork and connections to obtain the water.

There is no need for any new reservoirs. Let's use what we have first. By utilizing existing reservoirs and raising the conservation pools where they could be raised will generate more water than the 14 proposed reservoirs in the 2007 plan.

The use of desalination techniques of both the Gulf of Mexico as well as the estimated 2.7 billion acre feet of brackish ground water will solve a lot of problems in providing water for Texas.

As I read the 2007 plan I notice numerous instances of the figures you use being vastly different from a previous chapter. This is very misleading to anyone who reads this plan. Each chapter has differences in the numbers quoted.

I urge you not to adopt this plan as it is written. There are many and better ways to solve our future water needs and protect our natural resources for future generations without constructing any new reservoirs.

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