

Texas Water Development Board Members,
 The draft water plan for 2007 is full of discretions. It reads as if Region D is in favor of the Marvin Nichols Reservoir throughout the plan. I was in attendance at the Region D meeting where a vote was taken to remove Marvin Nichols from the plan. One member voted to keep the lake on the plan and all other members voted to remove it. The members of Region D are intelligent enough to realize this lake would devastate the entire region. If the lake and mitigation acreage was removed from the tax base, then the schools will be forced to close. Many people, some who have owned their property for six generations, will have to sell everything of value they own to try to pay the elevated tax rates. Is this knowledge the reason the new plan shows a decline in the population of Red River County in 2060?

If this new water plan is any indication of the future, then we should disband the Texas Water Development Board and let Region C rule the entire state. That is what is being allowed to happen, and we could save the Texas tax payers a lot of money if the Texas Water Development Board was eliminated. The Texas Water Code is referred to several

times in the 2007 water plan. Were the people co-ordinating this plan wearing blinders?

Texas Water Code Ch. 16.051 states that the TWDB is charged with protecting the agriculture and natural resources of the entire state.

Section 16.053 a further charges the TWDB with protecting Agriculture and natural resources of a particular region (regional water planning areas.)

Section 16.053 (D) (5) C insists that water planning groups include as part of this five year plans "acquisition of available existing water supplies" as a feasible water management strategy.

I find that Tule Lake (1,000,000 acre feet), Lake of the Pines (100,000 acre feet), raising the level of Wright Patman, desalination, or Lake Tawakoni waters were not given the consideration they deserve.

How can you expect us to surrender our property and homes to the DFW Metroplex when it is published in the "Dallas Morning News" that some individuals use over a million gallons of water per month?

This entire process is not necessary. There is water in existing lakes in the State of Texas that has water for sale that would cover the needs of Region C. The truth

of the matter is DFW Metroplex wants
Control of all the water in East Texas.
If their water rates were raised to the
level we pay for water, conservation
would come out of the closets. They have
very low rates but the cities get
large rebates from the water suppliers
each year. Have you ever heard
of any cities returning these rebates
to the individuals who paid their
water bills? I feel this is why hardly
anyone is ever charged with wasting
water. Remember the higher the
water bills, the more the rebate to the
cities.

There is more to the state of Texas
than the DFW Metroplex, but the Texas
Water Development Board must find this
hard to understand.

Region C should not ^{be} allowed to push
their mistakes and problems on to people
and areas in Region D.

Thank you,
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