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WR 13832

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Greater Dallas Chamber urges the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to grant a permit for the Upper Trinity Regional Water District (UTRWD) to construct a dam and reservoir, known as Lake Ralph Hall. This lake will be used for municipal, industrial, and agricultural purposes, and will service all or part of Collin, Cooke, Dallas, Denton, Fannin, Grayson, and Wise Counties within the Trinity River Basin and Sulphur River Basin.

As you may already know, the Upper Trinity Regional Water District was created in 1989 by the State of Texas to provide towns, cities, and utilities with a sound, long-term water supply. Because ground water is so limited in this region, the most reliable water for the future is from surface water sources or lakes. For safety and reliability, we applaud the strategy of Upper Trinity in developing a diversified portfolio of water resources:

> 1) Surface water from City of Dallas from local lakes, (2) water from existing Chapman Lake in Sulphur River Basin, (3) Conservation and reuse, (4) water from proposed Lake Ralph Hall, and (5) other sources still being evaluated.

Present supplies are adequate for approximately 25 years, and additional water sources are needed to extend the water supply to 50 years. The requested permit will authorize the UTRWD to construct and divert up to 45,000 acre-feet of water per year in accordance with the 50-year water plan. Along with conservation efforts, water re-use plans, and full utilization of existing water supplies, the proposed lake is necessary in order to avoid a water shortage in the region.

The proposed Lake Ralph Hall is located southeast from the City of Bonham and north of the City of Ladonia. Once built, it will provide approximately 30 million gallons of water a day (mgd) and 15 mgd of reuse for the Upper Trinity service area, the City of Ladonia, and Fannin County. Lake Ralph Hall will also bring approximately $18 billion in economic benefits to Denton, Dallas, Collin, and Fannin counties. With the population expected to increase dramatically in the next 50 years, the lake will supply water to one of the fastest growing regions in North Texas.

We urge you to favorably consider granting a permit for Lake Ralph Hall to insure that this region will have a safe, economic, and reliable water supply for the future.

Sincerely,

Jan ~~Hart~~ Black
President

c: Thomas E. Taylor, Executive Director, Upper Trinity Regional Water District

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If yes, which one? City of Justin — Upper Trinity Board Member

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Hello, I'm Virginia Blevins. I am the Assistant City Administrator and City Secretary for the City of Justin.

At Justin, we have learned the need to plan ahead for a safe and reliable long-term water supply. Justin chose to become a member of Upper Trinity shortly after the District was created (by the State Legislature) in 1989. Today, realizing that ground water is limited in our region, Justin looks to the District to provide it with the necessary diversification to insure an adequate, reliable and safe water supply – both for current and future needs.

The District's diversity of sources affords protection against future water crisis, natural disasters or terrorist threat. Such diversity consists of surface water from Ray Roberts Lake, Lewisville Lake, Chapman Lake, possible additional water from the Sulphur River Basin; proposed purchase of additional water from the City of Dallas; conservation; reuse; and the proposed Lake Ralph Hall to be located southeast of the City of Bonham and north of the City of Ladonia.

Justin wholeheartedly supports the granting of a permit for the District to construct Lake Ralph Hall. Lake Ralph Hall offers an affordable water source – and it is a do-able project – and the lake can be completed in time to avoid a water shortage.

At the same time, the construction of Lake Ralph Hall will improve serious existing environmental problems in the lake area. And more importantly, I understand that the water will be made available as needed for the people of Ladonia and Fannin County. Clearly, Lake Ralph Hall is unequaled as an option for an additional water source. The Region "C" Water Planning Group, Dallas Water Utility, the Upper Trinity Regional Water District and the City of Justin all support Lake Ralph Hall. **At Justin, we believe that we cannot afford to fail our region and our public.**

Lake Ralph Hall will supply water to Fannin County and to one of the fastest growing regions in North Texas. The most valuable marketing tool a city can possess is an adequate, safe and long term water supply, as a shortage of water quickly diminishes our quality of life.

The **City of Justin strongly urges you to support the granting of a permit for Lake Ralph Hall.** We must make wise decisions and plan ahead. It is our job – and we need the help of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality -- to assure an adequate water supply for future generations.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to speak tonight.

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Have you taken into consideration not only who will be affected in the immediate area where Lake RALPH HALL will be built, but the other Texans that live down stream all the way to the Arkansas State Line. Water will be diverted that people have counted on for decades, not only for personal use but for their employers as well. I live in Bowie County and work at International Paper in Cass County on the Sulphur River. Myself and 900 (approx.) other employees depend on this water for our jobs. Ours is not the only industry that depends on the "River" water to sustain jobs.

I would like to state my objection, for the record, to Lake RALPH Hall being built. Not only for the 20 people who would have their land taken in the Lake proper, but for the THOUSANDS of others down stream that will be affected.

Thank You for Your Consideration;

James D. (Greg) Bush
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RE: UPPER TRINITY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT APPLICATION NO. 5821

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Gene Carey, Mayor of the City of Lewisville. The City of Lewisville is supportive of Application No. 5821 and Upper Trinity Regional Water District's efforts to secure future water for the region and the State.

The City of Lewisville was one of the founding members of the Upper Trinity Regional Water District and supported legislation regarding its creation in 1989. Upper Trinity Regional Water District was created through a joint effort of cities to provide future water for Denton County. Since most cities in Denton County could not individually procure future water rights, creation of a Regional Water District was the best option for insuring future water needs of Denton County would be met. Lewisville has supported all positions regarding future water supplies and development of new resources through Upper Trinity Regional Water District.

With exponential growth of our region, seeking new and innovative methods to secure water is the reason Lewisville supports the efforts of Upper Trinity Regional Water District to obtain and develop future water resources, whether by conservation methods through maximum utilization of existing supplies, or development of new reservoirs such as Lake Ralph Hall.

In closing, Lewisville supports Upper Trinity Regional Water District regarding construction and operation of future Lake Ralph Hall. Lewisville respectfully requests your full consideration of the application and approval of the Water Use Permit as submitted and filed.

Sincerely,

Gene Carey

Gene Carey
Mayor

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To: Texas Committee On Natural Resources

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Re: Ralph Hall Lake – Fanning County

This letter is to **contest** Ralph Hall Lake. My reasons are as follows:

1. My parents Ezra and Marilyn Scott have lived on their land for over 30 years. They own over 70 acres. The building of the Lake has the potential of wiping out their property. The property that they have raised 5 children on and numerous grandchildren.
2. There is a cemetery located on the site of the Lake and it would be destroy my family history, which goes back over 4 generations. My brother was buried there in 1996.
3. My great-grandfather came to Texas in the eighteen hundreds and purchased his land, building this lake would take along his legacy.

In conclusion, a lot of families would be hurt, especially my own. I would like for my grandchildren to have the same pride that I have in my family history and walk on the land that my great-grandfather walked on. I see No real benefit to my parents are the City of Ladonia.

Donna Dockery

Donna Scott Dockery
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Ms. LaDonna Castanuela, Chief Clerk
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
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Austin, TX 78711-3087

Re: Support Granting Permit for Lake Ralph Hall - Upper Trinity Regional Water District

Dear Ms. Castanuela:

The Region C Water Plan is critical for North Texas, and Denton County in particular. As you know, Denton County, on the north side of the D/FW Metroplex, is one of the fastest growth areas in Texas. A key project in the Region C plan is proposed Lake Ralph Hall.

I am a federal executive for agriculture programs in North Texas, and represent Denton County on the Board of Directors for Upper Trinity Regional Water District.

When I was first assigned to this area, the population of Denton County was 300,000. Now the Texas Water Development Board and Region C tell us that we need to plan for a 2060 population of 1.9 million. Consequently, the water supply needs of this area are immense and the Region C Planning Group has been diligent in carrying out their duties. Likewise Upper Trinity has been diligent in pursuing several alternatives for future water supplies.

The Region C Planning Group conducted a thorough analysis of needs, of existing resources, and of alternative strategies to meet future needs of their 16-county region. I have had the opportunity to observe the diligent work of this dedicated group of volunteers, as well as the 25 volunteers who serve on the Board of Upper Trinity Regional Water District.

The Regional C plan as adopted includes some recommended new reservoirs including proposed Lake Ralph Hall. Some of the Region C strategies may be controversial, but often times, controversial strategies are the best strategies. Lake Ralph Hall has drawn some opposition, as we would expect in today's world. But, I am encouraged that Lake Ralph Hall is a sound project. The site is very suitable for a lake, and the cost will be reasonable.

Therefore, I urge that TCEQ grant the pursuit for Lake Ralph Hall, to assure that the people of Denton County have adequate water for the future.

Sincerely,

Blake English

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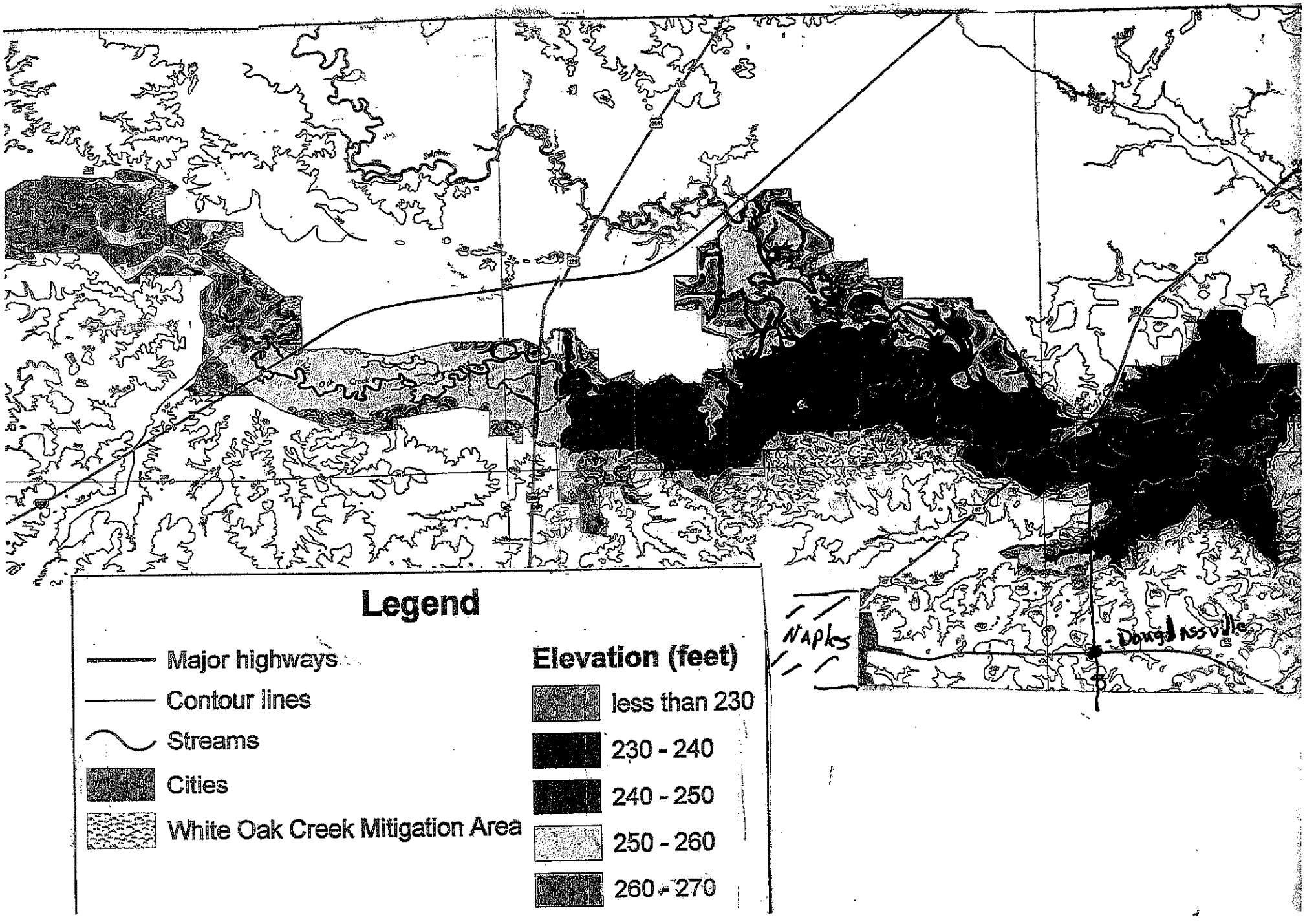
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I am totally opposed to Ralph Hall Lake

Donald R. Gaines
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Regarding Lake Ralph Hall – Lewisville – March 28, 2006

Since 1989 the members of Upper Trinity Regional Water District have proactively planned to secure a safe and reliable water supply for the future. Practical solutions like the Lake Ralph Hall will help ensure that future generations of North Texans never face a water crisis.

I understand that Once completed, Lake Ralph Hall will yield 30 million gallons of water per day, including water for our local partners in Fannin County. Long range water plans must allow for possible water source contamination, accidents, natural disasters or (unfortunately) terrorism. Diversity of sources is absolutely crucial and this is where Lake Ralph Hall fits in. There is no substitute for a safe, reliable water source for our children and grandchildren, supporting the economy and creating jobs.

I believe Lake Ralph Hall to be a smart future investment as the cities and utilities that rely on Upper Trinity may be assured of a safe, reliable water supply for their citizens and the investment will produce multi-billion dollar dividends of economic benefits for North Texans.

Communities can not be prosperous without a clean, safe and abundant water supply. Years ago others had the forethought to plan for the prosperity we enjoy today, we must be responsible citizens and plan for the rapid growth that is ~~projected~~ anticipated for this region in the future.

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RALPH HALL LAKE PUBLIC HEARING

I am in favor of the development of Ralph Hall Lake as a water source for the following reasons:

1. Dependence on Dallas to meet future requirements could prove to be a mistake. Dallas will take care of their requirements first and excess water for others could prove to be a problem.

2. Dependence on well water becomes a problem as the aquifer continues to drop. Don't be surprised if the state mandates the use of surface water when available. This action would make future requirements grossly underestimated.

3. I don't agree with the opinion that there is an adequate water supply without Ralph Hall Lake. Only a rose colored crystal ball could come up with such an analysis. To pass up this future source of water would be a big mistake.

The Upper Trinity Regional Water District is a very valued resource with a board that is dedicated to providing management for your present and future water requirements. They have brought you a long way and should be allowed to follow their plan to insure an adequate water supply is available.

Del Knowler
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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Office of Public Assistance
12100 Park 53 Circle, Bldg. F
Austin, Texas 78753

To Whom it May Concern,

Please accept the attached document as a written submission of verbal comments presented by Flower Mound Town Councilmember Laurie Long to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on March 27, 2006 during the Lake Ralph Hall public meeting in Ladonia, Texas.

These comments are being submitted at the request of Janice Boyd Hudson, TCEQ Environmental Law Attorney. If further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact me directly in my Town office at 972.874.6074 or place4@flower-mound.com.

Sincerely,

Laurie Long

Laurie Long, Councilmember
Town of Flower Mound

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Laurie Long Talking Points
TCEQ Lake Ralph Hall Public Hearing

Monday, March 27 2006

Hello. I am Laurie Long, Town Council representative for the Town of Flower Mound. I would like to begin by thanking you for the opportunity to speak today regarding the proposed Lake Ralph Hall. I greatly appreciate your time and consideration.

I am here today representing the residents and Town Council of Flower Mound. Our community is located in southwest Denton County in the service area for the Upper Trinity Regional Water District. We are opposed to the construction of Lake Ralph Hall for a variety of reasons, three of which I would like to bring to your attention today:

> #1 - It is less than an ideal site for a reservoir as it has significantly high sedimentation rates, is not spring fed, and will likely be dry during times of drought.
>
> #2 - Its financial and environmental costs are much greater than are being reported and result in a disproportionate cost-benefit ratio.
>
> #3 - There are significant financial and management concerns that must be rectified with the UTRWD before their operations unnecessarily expand and drain its membership of excessive funds.

Regarding the high sedimentation rates, a preliminary engineering report has indicated that the sedimentation rates for this region are disproportionately high. As you know, excessive sedimentation can drastically reduce the productive life of a lake, create additional environmental concerns, significantly increase the financial costs associated with the operation and maintenance issues of the reservoir, and potentially force the consideration of costly mitigation measures in the future, including check dams.

In addition to the high sedimentation rate, the lake is not spring fed, solely relies on rainfall, and has inferior water rights, which means that the lakes downstream will have to fill up first and Lake Ralph Hall would remain dry in times of a drought. The Town of Flower Mound recently authorized a more in-depth engineering study of the proposed lake site. For these reasons, we would like TCEQ to review the engineering studies and give this adequate consideration when determining the viability of permitting of Lake Ralph Hall.

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In addition to the productivity concerns of the lake, serious issues exist regarding the excessive financial burden it is placing on its member entities. There are outdated and understated cost projections being utilized by Upper Trinity.

Relying on Upper Trinity's cost projections, Region C estimated that Lake Ralph Hall will cost an estimated $211 million, but an independent engineering report has estimated cost projections for Lake Ralph Hall at more than $260 million. These reports have indicated that their roadway, bridge, and construction costs are significantly low and this was reported even prior to Hurricane Katrina, which resulted in a 20% increase in construction costs by conservative estimates.

In addition, their mitigation projections estimated only $700 per acre, which by any reasonable estimate is understated for land in this area.

Prior to permitting this project, we would like to request that TCEQ require the Upper Trinity to provide updated cost estimates for the total cost of Lake Ralph Hall as well as a cost benefit analysis to determine the per unit cost of water from LRH as compared to alternative water supply sources being presented to TCEQ. This includes the tapping of existing lakes with pipelines as was discussed by some of the prior speakers. This method of accessing water is cheaper, does not displace residents, nor destroy our farms and ranch lands, which are also limited resources and should not be discounted.

The final concern regarding Lake Ralph Hall that I would like to address with you today relates to the financial instability of the Upper Trinity Regional Water District. The District has been operating at a financial loss for the past four years and currently has one of the highest debt loads of any comparable organization. If the permitting process is approved, it will elevate Upper Trinity's combined debt load to an excess of $1.15 billion (billion, with a B!), which is an unacceptable level of financial burden to place on the District's members.

There has been no demonstrated need that reflects urgency in building this new reservoir. Alternate water supply sources exist that can provide water to our residents at significantly lower financial and environmental costs, therefore they should be prioritized over Lake Ralph Hall. If water supply is truly UTRWD's primary motivation, why aren't these other alternatives being prioritized over Lake Ralph Hall?

In summary, I would like to request that TCEQ halt the permitting process for Lake Ralph Hall until the problems surrounding the location's sedimentation and productivity concerns, the underestimated and escalating price projections, the poor cost to benefit ratios, and the district's financial instability can be corrected.

In closing, from my own personal point of view, I believe the destruction of one of our natural resources (land) to merely relocate another (water), is not an acceptable reason to build a lake. This is in essence what Upper Trinity is proposing. They are not creating new water, they are just relocating it, at extreme costs to their members, our environment, and our neighbors in Fannin County.

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KEVIN MERCER
TCEQ PUBLIC MEETING
REGARDING LAKE RALPH HALL
LEWISVILLE, TEXAS
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Good Evening,

I'm Kevin Mercer. I am the General Manager of Denton County Fresh Water Supply District No. 7; commonly known as Lantana. We are one of the 25 member entities of Upper Trinity Regional Water District.

At Lantana, we depend totally on Upper Trinity for our water supply. We do not have any wells or secondary water sources. Water is the most essential commodity that we provide for our residents. Future generations are depending on us and Upper Trinity's efforts and our follow-through for an adequate water supply.

At Lantana, we recognize that the Upper Trinity's proposed new reservoir - Lake Ralph Hall - - is a very important element of its' overall strategy for a dependable water supply for this region. Lake Ralph Hall is included in the Region C Water Plan as one of the recommended water management strategies for the Denton County area. In addition, the proposed Lake is widely supported by many counties, cities, utilities and local citizens.

Please grant Upper Trinity a permit to continue its planning for future water for this region.

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Dave formally commented (9)
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I graduated as a civil engineer and am registered. But, I have spent most of my career in state and local government, and ~~in~~ the business sector ~~community~~. Long ago, I came to realize that public officials and responsible agencies have a duty to make decisions between alternatives – to make informed choices – to make a sound judgments between the available alternatives.

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Habitat
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Oral comments given on behalf of Angela Scott, Ezra + Marilyn Scott.

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City/State: Ladonia Tx Zip: 75449

Phone: 903 367-7514

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From: Angela J. Scott
985 CR 3635
Ladonia, Texas 75449
(860) 985-6205
Land Abstract A1154 C Woods
Land and cemeteries reside within the body of the proposed Ralph Hall Lake

To: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Attention: The Office of the Chief Clerk

Subject: Upper Trinity Regional Water District
Application No. 5821

We the heirs to the land of Will and Savannah Scott ~~request a contested case hearing regarding Application No. 5821 by the~~ Upper Trinity Region Water District.

You ask that we be brief in our description of how we would be affected, which to us are not something of a brief matter. The fact that Will Scott (my great grandfather) left Potosi Missouri as a slave, labored and was able to gain ownership of these lands that we now reside on is far from brief. We can't find records of his slavery, nor of his family, nor of his slave master because "THE SLAVE MASTER" chose not to keep records. So, our history starts upon these lands. To pursue our home is to remove us not only of our history but also of our livelihood. We grow our food, raise our children, and bury our family on these lands. Our survival is based upon the lands that our ancestors have left for us.

Is it so important that the lands be removed from us for a need that has not been proven? Why do we as Americans wish to rape and steal from each other without working with resources that we have. You are willing to take what you consider to be cheap land and give it to someone so that they may gain riches. Well, our land is rich in history, love, and life for us. Please, go look for an area where people are willing to sell, wanting to start over, perhaps someone that doesn't care about their family's history.

The New Harmony and Pleasant Grove cemeteries will be affected. Moving graves stones would not be satisfactory. William, Edward, Luther, Thaddeus, Ezra, Ora, Vernon, Susie, Mary, and Allie Scott are my ancestors that worked these lands. They donated land for the building of Pleasant Grove Church, and they maintained the Pleasant Grove cemetery. We still worship at Pleasant Grove Church, we still maintain Pleasant Grove cemetery. Have those who wish to remove us done or do such things. Maybe you need to reflect upon your family and your heritage. Maybe you need to go to your families' church or tend to the burial site of your loved ones that's passed on. Then and only then will you be able to understand our plea. We will be affected because we cannot replace what's being gained.

against Ralph Hall Lake

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Ezra and Marilyn Scott
March 6 2006. Ladonia Tex 75449
Phone 903-367-7514.

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My Wife and i do Not believed Ralph Hall Lake Would do the Hard Working People + SS, SSI ~~Peppe~~ People in this town of Ladonia eny good,
Only those that all ready (Have).
The tax Would be raised We can Hardly Pay them Now.
The Real Estate People are and will have a feild day.
My Grand father Came here a slave He Was about 13 years old.
When He Came With a family of (White) Scotts, Free He Work and brough this land where i lived Now. He had about Three Hundred Acre, Which He left for His 8 Children, My Grandfather Work Hard for this land, it Was Not given to Him he Work for it, and i Wont to Keep it for My Children and grand Children

also the Cemetery is near
where i lived it is where grand-
fatha and Grand Mother are laid
to rest, as well as My Mother and
Father. and lot more of My family
Member. its stand close to the
lake, no one i have talk to, that have
love one there wont this lake.
My Wife and I have a son laid
to rest there, Please do not let
them put this lake here.

Ezra Scott
Marilyn Scott.

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Cheryl Sullivan

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Represents the city

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TCEQ Lake Ralph Hall Public Hearing
Paul Stone Speech
Monday, March 28 2006

Hello…My name is Paul Stone and I serve as the Mayor Pro-Tem for the Town of Flower Mound. I am here today representing our residents and Town Council.

Please allow me to start by thanking you all for the work you do and for the time and effort you dedicate to planning for our State's water needs.

As you know, Flower Mound is located here in Denton County. We are the Upper Trinity Regional Water District's largest member and its largest customer. We purchase approximately 32% of the Upper Trinity's annual water output and contribute approximately 35% of the District's annual revenue.

Our Town Council and residents are opposed to the construction of Lake Ralph Hall based upon a number of factors, the most significant of which are the inability of the District to adequately demonstrate a need for this reservoir, the environmental concerns associated with the proposed site, and the abundance of more cost-effective water that is already available to our region from other sources.

The construction of Lake Ralph Hall is being justified based upon inflated and outdated population projections that are being utilized by both the Upper Trinity Regional Water District and Region C. More than 20 entities have requested that the projections for their communities be lowered.

Population projections for our region have fallen short for the past six years. The Upper Trinity Regional Water District's capacity and available water supply already far exceeds its demand. When the District's new Treated Water Plant system goes online this Summer, they will be utilizing only 45% of their capacity.

We question the need to construct Lake Ralph Hall, drive landowners from their property, and increase the cost of water in Denton County when population estimates are falling, there will not be enough residents to support a new lake, and there is more than enough water available to our region from current sources to sustain the population that will be here.

In addition to a lack of need, we also oppose Lake Ralph Hall based upon a variety of environmental concerns surrounding the proposed site. It's well known that the soil in that region and along the North Sulfer River is prone to erosion.

As you know, excessive sedimentation can drastically reduce the productive lifespan of a lake and create a need for costly mitigation measures in the future. A preliminary engineering report has indicated that the sedimentation rates for Lake Ralph Hall will be disproportionately high.

For us, it is a simple question of "Why build a lake on an environmentally risky site that you know will suffer from excessive erosion and reduce the lake's productivity?"

Our community has commissioned an independent engineering firm to conduct an in-depth study of the site to provide a more accurate assessment of the potential problems. We ask that you not permit Lake Ralph Hall until this assessment is done and take it into consideration prior to making a decision.

We also question the necessity to construct Lake Ralph Hall based upon its ability to truly make a difference in our water demand.

According to the Upper Trinity Regional Water District, at its productive peak, Lake Ralph Hall will only produce 30 million gallons per day. Relatively speaking, this is not a high-producing reservoir.

Dallas Water Utilities, the Upper Trinity's primary water supply, has already committed to providing the Upper Trinity with additional water at a much lower cost than is projected for Lake Ralph Hall.

If Lake Ralph Hall were not permitted, and thus excluded from the Upper Trinity's 50-year plan, the District's additional water supply strategies would be able to meet the region's projected water needs while still providing a surplus.

Again we question, why build a lake that is going to make such a minimal impact upon our region's water supply needs at such a high cost.

In closing, please allow me to request that TCEQ fully evaluate the population projections, assess the true need, consider the availability of water from other sources, and investigate the environmental issues surrounding the site prior to considering the permitting of Lake Ralph Hall.

We believe that Region C and the Texas Water Development Board were correct in 2001 when they listed this lake as an Alternative Water Supply Strategy, and nothing has changed over the past four years that would warrant permitting Lake Ralph Hall.

Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Town of Copper Canyon
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Fax 940-241-2727

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12100 Park 35 Circle
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OPA
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BY

Re: Applicants Name — Upper Trinity Regional Water District
Permit Number — 5821
Request for Contested Hearing: — Flower Mound, TX

Dear Ms. Castañuela:

This letter is written in support of the Request for Contested Hearing filed by the Town of Flower Mound to Application No. 5821 submitted by the Upper Trinity Regional Water District (the "Flower Mound Request").

The Town of Copper Canyon would like to join their support to Flower Mound Request for the reasons stated herein. Our Town has been actively raising many of the same financial issues with regard to the management practices of the Upper Trinity Regional Water District.

Specifically, the Town of Copper Canyon joined with the Towns of Double Oak and Flower Mound in a Public Water Forum sponsored by Denton County Commissioner Jim Carter on February 27, 2006 where issues of the overwhelming debt load of the Upper Trinity Regional Water District were detailed. The Board and Management of Upper Trinity Regional Water District, after agreeing to appear and address the issues, withdrew from attendance in the last few days before the hearing was scheduled to be held, evidence we believe of its inability to provide a rationale to the public and its constituency of its extravagant and wasteful financial management practices.

We would like to incorporate *verbatim* the following items set forth in the Flower Mound Request:

1) Outdated construction cost estimates for construction of Lake Ralph Hall are understated. ... [C]onstruction costs have increased substantially due to recent price increases in fuel and materials and the effects of hurricanes along the Gulf Coast in 2005. Cost estimates for the construction of Lake Ralph Hall should be updated and indexed to inflation.

2) The fragile financial condition of the UTRWD indicates that they do not have the financial strength to follow through with the project. The UTRWD Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) as of September 30, 2005 indicates that their Net assets invested in capital assets – net of related debt is a negative $15 million. In other words, the UTRWD is upside down on its assets and debt. Their current debt is $295 million and exceeds that of many of its largest member communities including Highland Village, Flower Mound, Lewisville, and Carrollton. State participation debt owed to the Texas Water Development Board is $55 million plus accrued, unpaid interest of $16 million.

3) Inflated population projections in connection with surplus reserves do not make this additional water supply necessary. Comparison of population estimates used by Region C and UTRWD to selected community build out projections indicate that the Region C/UTRWD population estimates exceed those of the communities by 41% overall. In addition, the UTRWD Surplus as shown in the 2006 Region C Water Plan is 17% - 35% of their Supply and 20% - 54% of their Demand over the 50 year period shown in the report. The other regional water suppliers show surpluses of 1% -26% of Supply and 1% - 35% of Demand. The UTRWD higher than average surplus plus inflated population estimates has exponentially overstated the need for Lake Ralph Hall.

4) Sedimentation rates are disproportionately high for the region and bear further analysis. On May 13, 2005, Kellogg Brown & Root, Inc. (KBR) issued a report titled "Preliminary Technical Review of Sedimentation Study Issues". The report identified three levels of analysis regarding Lake Ralph Hall Sedimentation. A Level 1 analysis is a qualitative assessment that relies on field observations, data collection, and engineering experience. This type of assessment is not derived from modeling or calculations and would look at questions regarding sediment transport, channel hydraulics and stability, and basin characteristics. The primary purpose of this work was to determine if a more detailed quantitative analysis would be required. A Level 1 analysis is not sufficient to challenge the viability of the Lake Ralph Hall project. The Lake Ralph Hall Sedimentation Potential Study was issued by KBR in December 2005 and concluded that the proposed reservoir is subject to a rate of sedimentation that is disproportionately high for the region and high enough that the project life may be significantly shortened. On March 6, 2006, the Flower Mound Town Council approved a work order with KBR for a Level 2 Sedimentation Analysis. A Level 2 analysis is a quantitative but very simplified assessment of the river sediment transport. The scope of work is a quantitative study to calculate the volumetric rate of sedimentation over the

anticipated reservoir lifespan. Both the Level 1 Sedimentation Study and the Level 2 Scope of Work are attached.

5) Per unit cost calculations for Lake Ralph Hall do not promote an equable [sic] comparison among proposed reservoirs because the calculations for Lake Ralph Hall include reuse estimates. ....

The Town of Copper Canyon has worked with the Town of Flower Mound and other surrounding cities to seek implementation of sound financial management practices through the Upper Trinity Regional Water District. These issues have not been addressed and the construction of Lake Ralph Hall will only compound already serious financial issues faced by the District.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or comments.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Sue Tejml, Mayor
Town of Copper Canyon, Texas

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cc: Jody A. Smith, Mayor
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My name is T. Jervis Underwood, and I live in Oak Point, a small but growing city on the shores of Lewisville Lake. When I was Mayor of that city, I developed an appreciation for the vital services a community needs, including an adequate water supply. I have also been a member of the Denton Water Council, which intensified my awareness of the water needs of the area. I am strongly in favor of building Lake Ralph Hall, and of the Upper Trinity Regional Water District building it. I appreciate the years of planning that Upper Trinity has already put into this project; and it is in a unique position to bring water from the lake to the Denton County area, because it already has a transmission line in close proximity.

Unlike other proposed lake sites, Lake Ralph Hall will actually benefit its area environmentally. The channeling of the Sulphur River was an enormous mistake, leading to disastrous erosion which continues today, and building the lake will help control the damage. There are no old growth trees in the area, and few structures will be flooded.

The opponents of Lake Ralph Hall have their heads in the sand, and dry sand at that, when they claim that the area has enough water. If the current drouth doesn't convince them, then they should come to the northeast Denton County area and look at the sea of new houses there, and more on the way. There seems to be no end to growth in the area, and no way to stop the demand for more water.

Drouth not only creates a shortage of surface water; it also fails to recharge the aquifers, which we are draining dry. We are literally running out of water.

The cost of building Lake Ralph Hall has also been cited as an impediment to building it, but if you have no water at all, no price is too high. You can't drink money! I urge the TCEQ to grant Upper Trinity a permit to plan for this valuable future water.

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Floyd (Happy) and Joetta Wallace
5920 FM 68
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To Whom It May Concern:

My husband and I are opposed to the creation of Ralph Hall Lake. We will not be directly affected by the lake project – at least we think we won't. However, it is possible that our property may fall within land areas taken for mitigation.

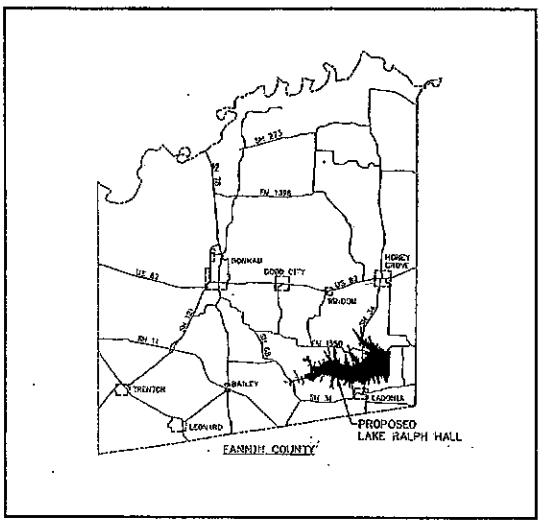
We live near the small farm community of Goher, being located at 5920 FM 68, which is approximately two miles southeast of the Sulphur River. We are primarily opposed to the [redacted] creation of Lake Ralph Hall because it won't benefit the citizens of Fannin County. In fact, its creation will become a tax burden on the citizens. So many of our citizens are economically disadvantaged so additional taxes imposed as a result of the lake will be a problem. In addition, the County has no money to utilize the water from Lake Ralph Hall.

Another major reason we are opposed is because approximately 180 acres of our land that will possibly be involved in mitigation because of Lake Ralph Hall have been in our immediate family's ownership for 103 years. My grandfather and grandmother purchased this land in 1903, and the land has remained in Smith descendant ownership since.

In 2003, my parents were awarded a plaque from the state of Texas – Texas Land Heritage – for having had the property in family ownership for 100 years. How sad it would be for the state and for our family if this property were taken for the purpose of creating a lake which I feel is not necessary.

Joetta Wallace
Happy Wallace

BASIC FACTS ABOUT RALPH HALL LAKE



Size: 8,500 surface acres

Location: 4.8 miles northeast of Ladonia, 22.5 miles southeast of Bonham, on the North Sulphur River, in southeastern Fannin County

Water to be diverted: 45,000 acre-feet per year

Where water will be piped: Collin, Cooke, Dallas, Denton, Fannin, Grayson, and Wise Counties

Applicant for the permit to build Ralph Hall Lake: Upper Trinity Regional Water District

RALPH HALL LAKE WOULD BE BAD FOR FANNIN COUNTY:

If Ralph Hall Lake is built, many Fannin County families will be forced to sell their land so it can be flooded by the lake. Other landowners could lose their land to compensate for wildlife land drowned by the lake. People will lose their livelihoods and county property taxes likely will go up to make up for land taken out of production.

It is not true that the Ralph Hall Lake project is a "done deal". The Upper Trinity Regional Water District does not yet have a state permit to build the reservoir. One of the Water District's members cities, Flower Mound, is fighting the project and could help undercut funding for the project. There are many politically-based decisions still to be made. *This reservoir can still be stopped!*

It is not true that the water from Ralph Hall Lake is "needed" for water supply, as promoters of the reservoir claim. There is more than enough water available for all the Dallas-Fort Worth-North Texas area from existing lakes whose water is not all used. There are a number of other potential sources of water for Upper Trinity RWD, including buying water from Dallas or obtaining it from Lake Texoma, Lake Wright Patman, or Toledo Bend Reservoir.

The claim made by promoters of Ralph Hall Lake that the reservoir would bring a boom to the economy of Fannin County ignores the dramatic negative impacts of the lake project. More than 10,000 acres of Fannin County would be taken out of production — 8,500 flooded by the reservoir and additional land set aside to compensate for lost wildlife habitat. Landowners would be forced to sell their ranches and farms and give up their livelihoods. Some families would lose their homes.

There are so many reservoirs in East Texas now that building one more is unlikely to bring much development to the area. If homes *are* built on the lakeshore, much of their value will be lost once the Water District begins taking water from the lake. A look at Jim Chapman Reservoir (formerly called Cooper) shows what it would be like -- people's docks would be high and dry and their view would be of a mudflat between them and the distant water.

For more information:
Contact Janice Bezanson, Texas Committee on Natural Resources (TCONR)
512-327-4119, bezanson@texas.net

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Save Our Land

Memorandum

To: Save Our Land Members

From: Shane Wallace, President Shane Wallace

Date: February 27, 2006

Re: Hearings/ Meetings Set for Lake Ralph Hall

Enclosed is information that I recently received regarding upcoming hearings and meetings scheduled for Lake Ralph Hall. I felt an urgency to contact each of you regarding these important happenings.

1. Contested Case Hearings: **It is VERY IMPORTANT that each of you sends a written request to TCEQ for a contested case hearing by March 13.** The more of us who submit a written request the better! Detailed instructions for creating the written request are located on page two of the enclosure.
2. Public Meetings to be Held in March:

* March 27, 2006, 7:00 pm, at Fannindel High School Cafetorium, Ladonia, TX
* March 28, 2006, 7:00 pm, at City of Lewisville -- Municipal Annex, Lewisville, TX

More than likely, these hearings and meetings will be our last opportunities to express our individual concerns about the construction of Lake Ralph Hall.

TEXAS COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
3532 Bee Caves Road, Suite 110
Austin, Texas 78746
512-441-1122

February 22, 2006

To: Landowners and others with an interest in Fannin County

Fr: Janice Bezanson, Texas Committee on Natural Resources
David Nabors of Paris
Max Shumake, President, Sulphur River Oversight Society

Re: Hearings/meetings set for Ralph Hall Lake

The Upper Trinity Regional Water District wants to build Ralph Hall Lake in Fannin County, flooding 8,500 acres of productive farmland and forcing families off their land. The reservoir would flood the North Sulphur from northeast of Ladonia almost to Gober. 80% of the water would be piped to Denton County and surrounding counties for use by cities outside Fannin County. Fannin County would bear all the impacts, while the area north of Dallas-Fort Worth would get all the benefit.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has put out formal notice that it will begin considering whether or not to grant a permit for the Upper Trinity Region Water District to build Ralph Hall Lake.

Persons who oppose Ralph Hall Lake have **two opportunities to communicate with TCEQ:**

1. ***Contested Case Hearing Must Be Requested by March 13***

Persons who are affected by the proposed reservoir – nearby landowners, downstream water rights holders, people whose livelihoods depend on the river or river bottoms, people who use the river and river bottoms for recreation, etc – may send a letter to the TCEQ and request a "contested case hearing". **If TCEQ does *not* receive any requests** for a contested case hearing, then the executive director of TCEQ may approve the permit himself. **If TCEQ *does* receive a request** for a contested case hearing, then the issue must go before the TCEQ Commissioners at a scheduled meeting.

If the Commissioners grant a contested case hearing, then people who would be affected by the reservoir will have the opportunity to present evidence to TCEQ as to why the reservoir should not be built or as to ways in which the proposal should be changed before it is permitted.

To request a contested case hearing, you must send a request *in **writing*** to TCEQ. The letter must be sent *within 30 days of the day Upper Trinity Regional Water District published notice of the project*, that is, **by March 13.**

Fax 512-327-2115, tconr@texas.net, www.tconr.org

Your letter **must include** the following items:

1) Your name (or for a group or association, the name of the group and of an official representative), your mailing address, a daytime phone number where you can be reached, and your fax number, if any

2) The name of the entity applying for the permit, which is Upper Trinity Regional Water District, and the permit application number, which is Application No. 5821

3) The statement "I [or we if more than one person] request a contested case hearing."

4) A brief and specific description of how you would be affected by the reservoir in a way not common to the general public

5) The location and distance of your property relative to the reservoir

Send your letter to

The Office of the Chief Clerk
MC 105
TCEQ
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, TX 78711-3087

If you have questions about the project or about the process, contact TCEQ's Office of Public Assistance at 1-800-687-4040.

2. ***Public Meetings to be Held in March***

Anyone, whether directly affected by the reservoir or not, can voice their opinion about the project at two public meetings which will be held in March – or in writing before or during the meetings.

Monday, March 27, 2006, at 7:00 p.m.
Fannindel High School-Cafetorium
601 Main Street
Ladonia, Texas 75449

Tuesday, March 28, 2006, at 7:00 p.m.
City of Lewisville – Municipal Annex
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Lewisville, Texas 75067

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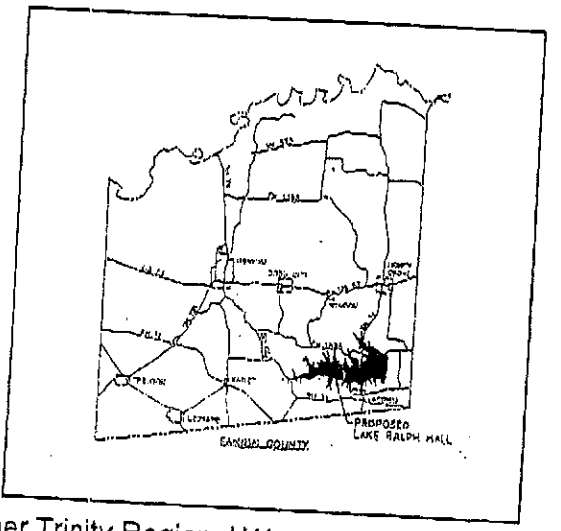
BASIC FACTS ABOUT RALPH HALL LAKE



Size: 8,500 surface acres

Location: 4.8 miles northeast of Ladonia, 22.5 miles southeast of Bonham, on the North Sulphur River, in southeastern Fannin County

Water to be diverted: 45,000 acre-feet per year

Where water will be piped: Collin, Cooke, Dallas, Denton, Fannin, Grayson, and Wise Counties

Applicant for the permit to build Ralph Hall Lake: Upper Trinity Regional Water District

RALPH HALL LAKE WOULD BE BAD FOR FANNIN COUNTY:

If Ralph Hall Lake is built, many Fannin County families will be forced to sell their land so it can be flooded by the lake. Other landowners could lose their land to compensate for wildlife land drowned by the lake. People will lose their livelihoods and county property taxes likely will go up to make up for land taken out of production.

It is not true that the Ralph Hall Lake project is a "done deal". The Upper Trinity Regional Water District does not yet have a state permit to build the reservoir. One of the Water District's members cities, Flower Mound, is fighting the project and could help undercut funding for the project. There are many politically-based decisions still to be made. *This reservoir can still be stopped!*

It is not true that the water from Ralph Hall Lake is "needed" for water supply, as promoters of the reservoir claim. There is more than enough water available for all the Dallas-Fort Worth-North Texas area from existing lakes whose water is not all used. There are a number of other potential sources of water for Upper Trinity RWD, including buying water from Dallas or obtaining it from Lake Texoma, Lake Wright Patman, or Toledo Bend Reservoir.

The claim made by promoters of Ralph Hall Lake that the reservoir would bring a boom to the economy of Fannin County ignores the dramatic negative impacts of the lake project. More than 10,000 acres of Fannin County would be taken out of production — 8,500 flooded by the reservoir and additional land set aside to compensate for lost wildlife habitat. Landowners would be forced to sell their ranches and farms and give up their livelihoods. Some families would lose their homes.

There are so many reservoirs in East Texas now that building one more is unlikely to bring much development to the area. If homes *are* built on the lakeshore, much of their value will be lost once the Water District begins taking water from the lake. A look at Jim Chapman Reservoir (formerly called Cooper) shows what it would be like -- people's docks would be high and dry and their view would be of a mudflat between them and the distant water.

For more information:
Contact Janice Bezanson, Texas Committee on Natural Resources (TCONR)
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