

Notes for Public Comment
Brazos Basin & Bay Area Steering Committee
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You've heard my arguments before. I'm not going to rehash them again now. However, let me reemphasize the following point:

The BBASC is charged with finding a balance between competing water needs.

- BBEST has presented what they consider would be best for the environment. Absolutely no consideration for the needs of man. This is one extreme.
- Reservoir developers might argue for no release requirements. The Texas Water Development Board has identified 10 new water projects that are needed within the basin. No releases would maximize the water available from these projects to meet the needs of man. This is the opposite extreme.
- A compromise has been proposed between the two. The "Cedar Ridge" plan includes the subsidence and low flows proposed by the BBEST. This plan has some, but not all of the high pulse flow releases recommended by the BBEST. The plan has an impact to the water available from the reservoirs, but not a crippling one.
- Other compromises, such as one based on the Brazos River Authority's System Operation Plan could be considered, so long as they do not follow one extreme or the other. I would caution that any compromise should limit the impact to reservoir yield to around 10%.

Thank you for your time.