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RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE TITUS COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT, OPPOSING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED MARVIN NICHOLS RESERVOIR; REQUESTING REMOVAL OF THE PROJECT FROM THE STATEWIDE WATER PLAN; URGING THE DALLAS-FORT WORTH METROPLEX TO UTILIZE CONSERVATION, AND USE ALTERNATIVE, EXISTING WATER RESOURCES FOR THEIR REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY.

WHEREAS, the Marvin Nichols Reservoir, proposed on the main stem of the Sulphur River in Red River, Titus and Franklin Counties would flood approximately 66,000 acres of hardwood and upland forest, pasture and farmland, and wetlands; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 130,000 additional acres would be removed from private land ownership for mitigation required by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, this project would force local property owners off thousands of acres of family lands, drown resources that would devastate the timber and agriculture-based economy in the region, negatively impact wildlife habitat and inundate archaeological and historic sites and cemeteries; and

WHEREAS, those promoting the reservoir can use eminent domain to force one of the biggest transfers of private land to public in modern history; and

WHEREAS, the private land lost to the proposed Marvin Nichols Reservoir would negatively impact local tax bases and jeopardize funding for our schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, reducing the watershed of the Sulphur River Basin would negatively impact existing manufacturing operations and could make it difficult to attract new industry region; and

WHEREAS, at least 80 percent of the water would be piped 150 miles to the Dallas Fort Worth Metroplex, a region that could do more to conserve water and leverage existing sources of water regionally; and


WHEREAS, the time frame for development of the project has been moved forward in the 2022 State Water Plan; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Marvin Nichols Reservoir poses a serious threat to the people, economy, and natural character of Northeast Texas.

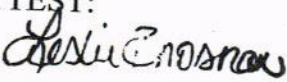
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

TITUS COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT IS OPPOSED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF MARVIN NICHOLS RESERVOIR, REQUESTS THAT THE PROJECT BE REMOVED FROM THE STATEWIDE WATER PLAN, AND THAT THE DALLAS FORT WORTH METROPLEX (REGION C) UTILIZE CONSERVATION, AND USE ALTERNATIVE, EXISTING WATER RESOURCES FOR THEIR REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY.

APPROVED this the 12th day of November, 2024



Kent Cooper Titus County Judge

ATTEST:


Titus County Clerk

