

To Region L Board Meeting  
April 12, 2010

My name is Dr. Mac Lee. I reside in Jackson County which is just east to the limits of Region L. I represent my family and a growing number of Jackson County residents.

I want to thank you for your time and I appreciate the hard work the board is doing. Your task is most important and extremely difficult.

My reason for being here is to advise you there are components of your plan that could have severe negative impacts on Jackson County, its residents and on the estuaries of the Lavaca River Basin. You have included both Palmetto Stage II and the Off Channel Reservoir in your Regional Water Plan. The plan seems to indicate that the citizens of Jackson County have no problem losing their land, their water, their tax base or their future. Nothing could be father from the truth.

Over thirty years ago, Jackson County suffered a devastating blow on the construction of Lake Texana. It took 17,000 acres of prime bottom land away from its citizens and away from its tax base while it deprived our estuaries of a living river. 98% of all of our water is now shipped out of Jackson County with nothing to show for it. Half of that amount is going to other estuaries. This is just not right.

The first dam ripped the community apart and thirty years later the scars are being reopened. On the first go around, most of the community fell for the propaganda that Texana would be the next Garner State Park. Time has proven the propaganda totally wrong and the citizens will not fall for it again.

I feel this board would want to know what is happening in our county.

- A sample of a county wide petition that is growing every day
- A yard sign that people are putting the attached signs in their yards
- 4 X 4 signs that people are putting on their rive property.
- We have a Save the Lavaca River Facebook page with over 1,000 concerned members
- LOLA stands for Leave Our Lavaca River Alone. Each week, citizens are donating money to advertise and educate in our local paper.
- It is common knowledge that Stage I did not help our county nor will Stage II

We have studied the issue enough to know the state will need water in the future. We are asking that if you do take our water, please leave the river running free. With the technology we have today, water can be retained and used without damming one of the most valuable assets we have; the Lavaca River.

Dr. Mac Lee