

Central Texas Water Coalition, Inc. (CTWC) is a non-profit 501(c)4 umbrella organization formed by the Lakes' members of the LCRA Water Management Advisory Committee. In May of 2010, these concerned citizens and business owners were invited by the LCRA to represent the Lower Colorado River basin interests of the Highland Lakes. The Lakes Group met with individuals representing agricultural, municipal and utilities, and environmental interests in a year-long fact finding and negotiating process with the goal of advising the LCRA on how best to manage our most precious and vital resource, Colorado River water.

After this experience, which involved learning about other well-established, competing interests in the Lower Colorado River basin, the Lake Group determined that a more proactive role in policy formation was long past due. CTWC will assist in fostering change by working closely with all individuals, organizations, businesses, and governmental bodies, including LCRA, in creating a united effort dedicated to preserving and conserving our most valuable asset - water.

By focusing on scientific data and regional fiscal impacts, CTWC will work with legislators for a basin-wide policy that will be fair for all, from the Highland Lakes to Matagorda Bay. Senator Troy Fraser, Senator Kirk Watson, Representative Jimmie Don Aycock, Representative Charles Schwertner, Burnet County Judge Donna Klaeger, Burnet County Commissioner Bill Neve, and Travis County Commissioner Karen Huber have all been very supportive of our efforts to share this urgent message: **The water in the Highland Lakes is precious, limited, and must be treated as such; there is no new water; and your voice can help protect our water and our future.**

CTWC Mission: The Central Texas Water Coalition will bring together concerned individuals and groups to constructively address water issues of the Lower Colorado River Basin. Our primary mission is to advocate for the preservation and conservation of the Highland Lakes' water supply and water levels for the benefit of human health, safety, and recreation, and to preserve the Highland Lakes' role as an irreplaceable economic engine for the State of Texas. Tourism has taken a front seat in driving the economy of the Highland Lakes' counties. Hundreds of thousands visit Burnet, Llano and Travis Counties each year, taking advantage of the excellent boating, fishing, camping, cabins, lodges, Inns, spas, and dining opportunities. Central Texas Water Coalition's intent is to assist in all regional efforts to market the Highland Lakes, our most precious natural resource, as a tourism destination, thereby directly boosting our Texas economy.

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We are asking citizens to reach out to Legislators, the LCRA Board, the TCEQ, and the Governor's office as well as neighbors and friends to express their concerns, and contribute to CTWC and Friends of CTWC to support these efforts at www.ourwater-ourfuture.com.

PUBLIC AWARENESS OF CTWC ISSUES

LCRA continues to sell water they don't have.

The LCRA continues to sell water from the Highland Lakes to all comers even while the resources are stretched to dangerous levels. We recognize the need for energy, but 8.3 billion gallons a year to White Stallion? What if this is the beginning of a Drought Worse than the Drought of Record?

#1 priority for water should be people.

The current LCRA water management plan could jeopardize the drinking water availability, health, and safety of Central Texans, potentially leaving Lake Buchanan as a big puddle, and Lake Travis with 40 miles of dry riverbed. Where will the constant level lakes get their water? Then, where will the water come from? Where will hospitals, restaurants, businesses and residences get water?

LCRA must plan based on scientific facts, not politics.

Record low rainfall, record low inflows to the Highland Lakes, and record high winds and temperatures may be a disaster in the making under current LCRA policies. What is the plan if we have no rainfall for a year? Two years? Three years? Where do we get drinking water for our growing population and water for the generation of electricity?

Water plans must use accurate and up-to-date data.

TCEQ and the LCRA must adapt to current climatic and hydrologic research, and take immediate action to better manage water from the Highland Lakes to Matagorda Bay.

Central Texas population has exploded!

The population of the Central Texas region has exploded in the last two decades, creating 100's of thousands of jobs and tourism revenue, and increasing the regional population to almost 2 million. Where is the plan to meet the needs of firm customers? When will LCRA recognize the economic impact of water on the entire basin, from the Highland Lakes to Matagorda Bay?

New water supply resources need to be built.

The population downstream may be decreasing, but where is the plan to provide conservation and new water supplies for agriculture? Off channel reservoirs should be built now! Other options need to be aggressively researched and implemented.

LCRA should follow the 1989 adjudication findings.

Even in this drought, the LCRA sends 70% of the stored water to "interruptible" customers with no