

City of Daingerfield Water Update –

Recent public quotes from multiple East Texas Politicians indicate that they have met with DFW potential water purchasers (North Texas Municipal Water District in April, and that this area will not sell water rights but instead would lease “extra” water to DFW.

Recent public comments from NETMWD have been selling the story that Caddo Lake gets plenty of water and that there is plenty of water here to share with our neighbors in Dallas.

A Lease = a pipeline. A Pipeline = lower lake levels in East Texas, loss of control in a drought, and unregulated exploitation of our groundwater also.

DFW has many plans for East Texas Water. East Texas Economic Development people are working hard to use some of that water here. NETMWD says there are no customers here and that is why they have to sell to North Texas/DFW to cover future infrastructure needs. NETMWD has revenue that exceeds expenses. They have significant savings. They have guaranteed income from ratepayers. They are eligible for state funding for infrastructure, even grants.

We need to keep Northeast Texas water in Northeast Texas to be used for Northeast Texas.

This region has economic development people working VERY hard to bring in industry that will use our water. Lone Star Steel is a good example.

Right now, NETMWD is participating in voluntary flow releases for downstream that are NOT harming Lake O Pines (10 years of proof) and are proven to be needed for the health of the watershed.

Caddo Lake Institute wanted to be an in region customer, to provide some income for cities and district. There is no “downside” to amending part of the permit for a few years. There are upsides to amending the permit, such as getting to count the water used instead of showing it as unused. It is added flexibility and has no downsides. The NETMWD directors asked zero questions about the proposal.

Last month you got a binder with all of the specifics about that proposal and all of the sources to counter the mis-information.

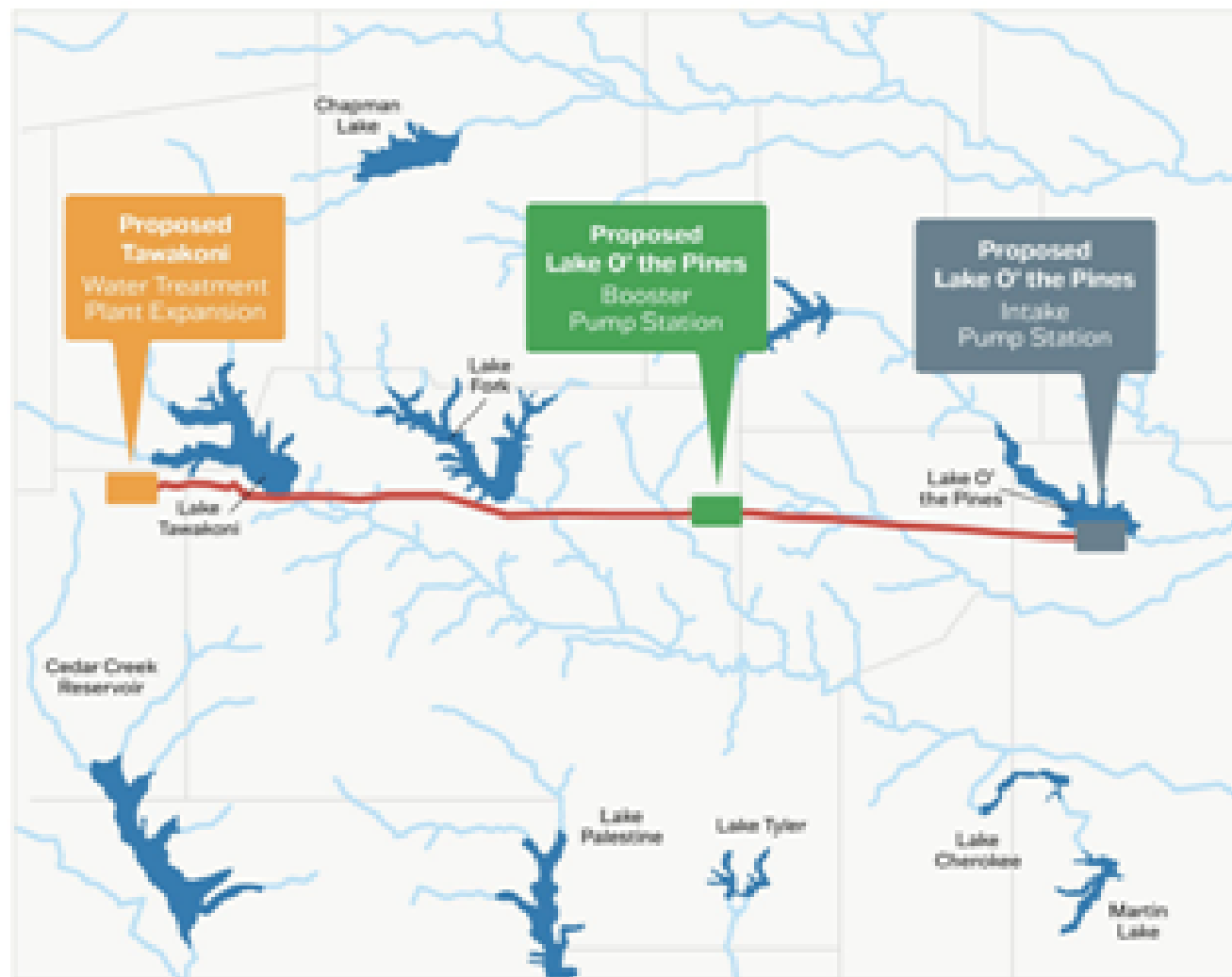
C.L.I. offered \$596,250 to Daingerfield over 9 years. To KEEP the water here and not consumed! \$3 million to the District. The fact that NETMWD will not take \$6million to keep water in our local bayous and lakes, is not a good sign for our area and we need to have our eyes wide open.

The following pages show you all the water DFW wants from our lakes and aquifer. The NETMWD lease, that Daingerfield has a say over, would start all of it.



Focus on Lake O' the Pines

- Next potential major project for new water supply in NTMWD service area
- Included in the State Water Plan as a potential strategy for NTMWD since 2007
- Complex deal involving raw water purchase from Northeast Texas Municipal Water District (NETMWD) and/or other existing water rights holder in Cypress Basin
- Could supply 50–100 million gallons per day (MGD) to NTMWD service area, when needed
- Infrastructure to transport water to North Texas would include:
 - 107 miles of 78-inch diameter pipeline
 - A 100 MGD intake pump station
 - A 100 MGD booster pump station
 - Water treatment facilities

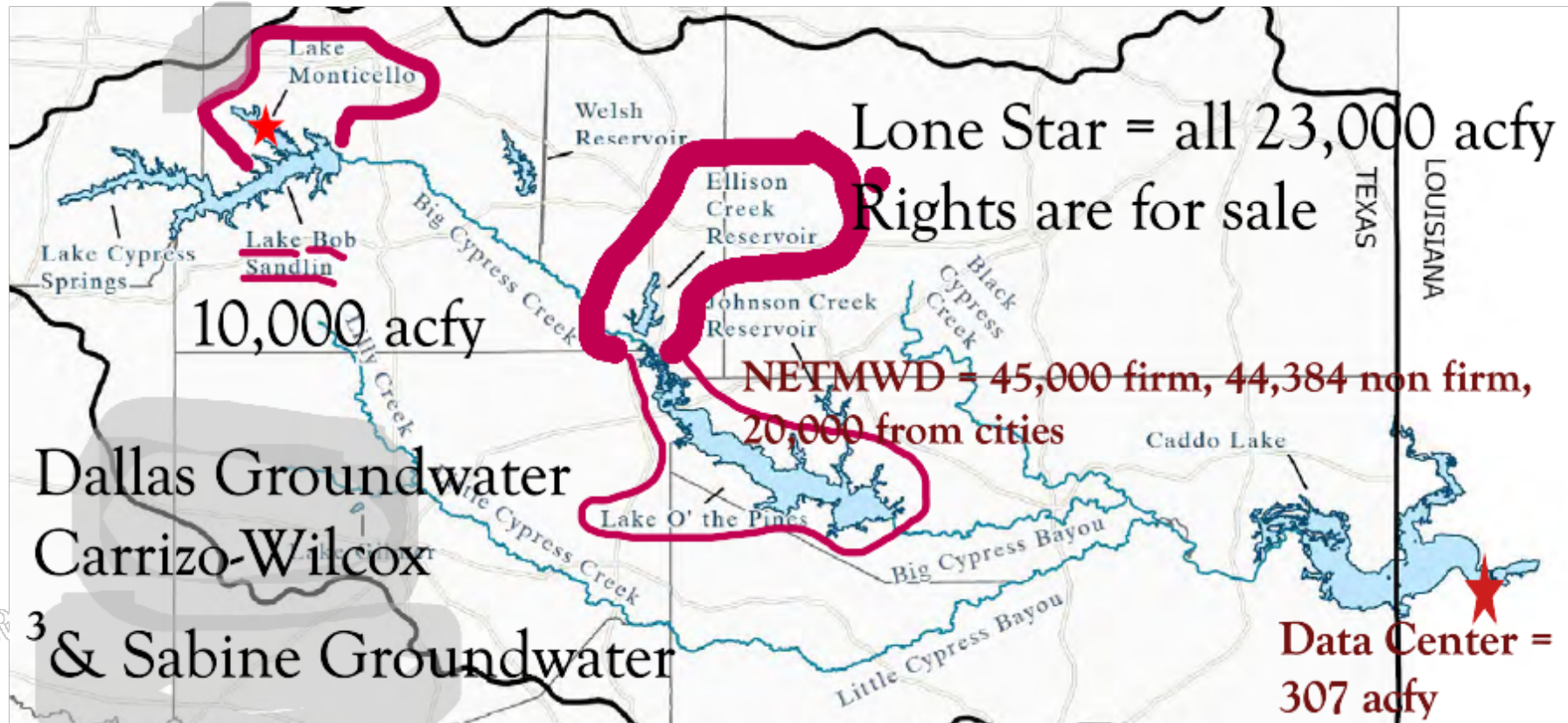


If 5 NETMWD cities/Daingerfield says “yes” to a 50 year lease, then the dominoes start to fall and **NTMWD buys rights to Lone Star/US Steel water**, and Maybe Monticello

The Pipeline is the problem. A lease = pipeline

Pipeline = loss of control & exploitation, loss of our economic future and damage to our way of life.

Monticello = 16,300 acfy + Groundwater



The pipeline to DFW can carry 112,041 Acre Feet a year.

NETMWD's
45,100 firm
44,383 nonfirm
~ 20,000 from cities

Plus Lone Star & Monticello

PLUS GROUNDWATER
KNOWN LOCATIONS

Dallas Groundwater
Carrizo-Wilcox
& Sabine Groundwater

Lone Star = all 23,000 acfy
Rights are for sale

NETMWD = 45,000 firm, 44,384 non firm,
20,000 from cities

Data Center =
307 acfy

NTMWD pipeline carries 112,041 acre feet per year

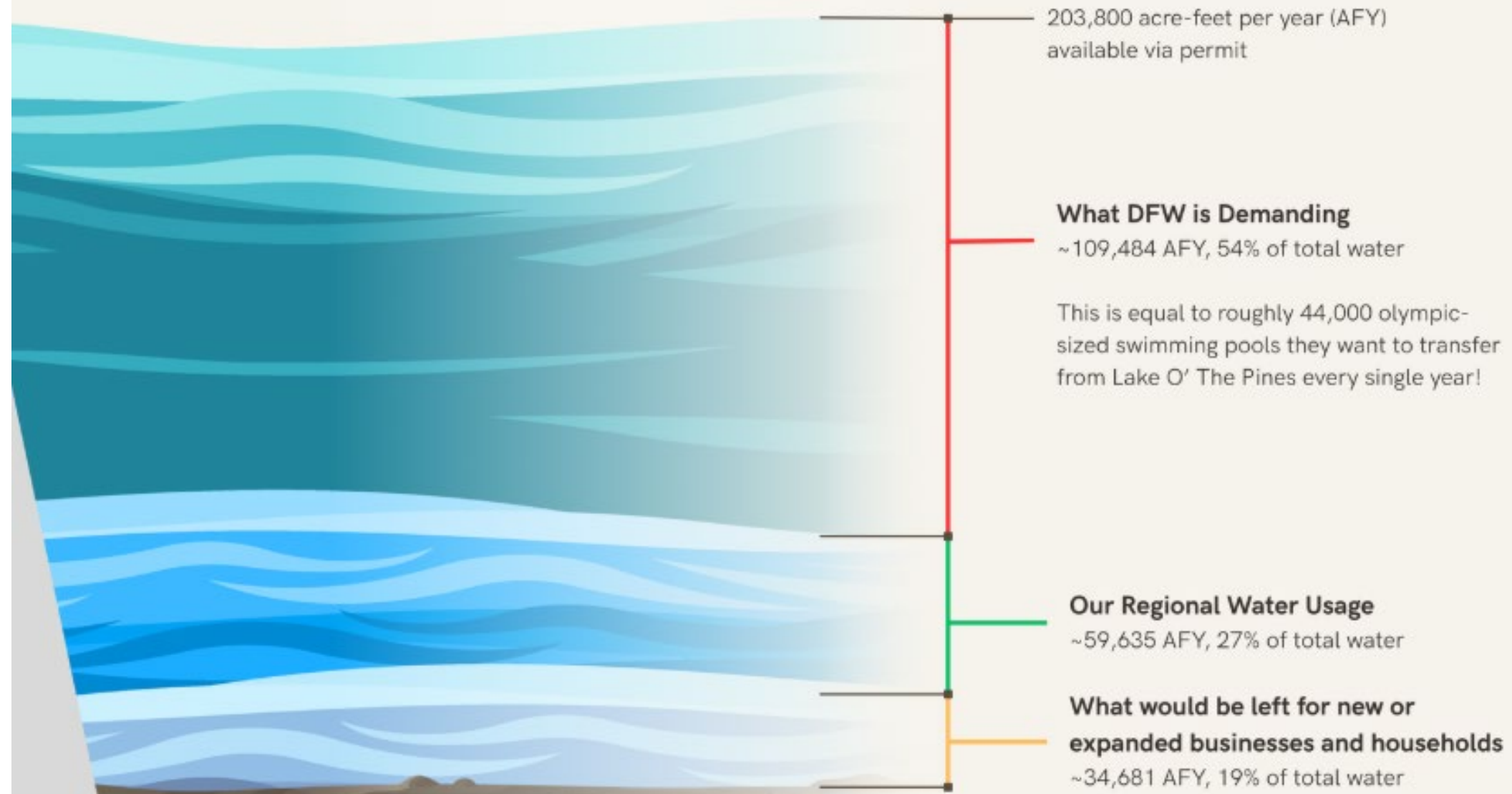
(23,000 Lone Star Rights, 16,300 Monticello Rights, NETMWD 55,100 uncontracted (10,000 of that in Bob Sandlin), 44,384 non-firm, ~20,000 ish from NETMWD cities) PLUS GROUNDWATER IN 3 KNOWN LOCATIONS

(Pipe could get larger and hold more because this is already more than 170,000 acre feet per year combined)

*for perspective, the Blanchard data center is 307 acre feet year, 99.73% less than the pipeline to DFW (DFW pipeline amt is 36,395% more than the data center)

DFW wants 54%, East Texas is left with 19%

The Dallas Metro Area wants more than half of our available water from Lake O' The Pines and Lake Bob Sandlin.



203,800 acre-feet per year (AFY) available via permit

What DFW is Demanding

~109,484 AFY, 54% of total water

This is equal to roughly 44,000 olympic-sized swimming pools they want to transfer from Lake O' The Pines every single year!

Our Regional Water Usage

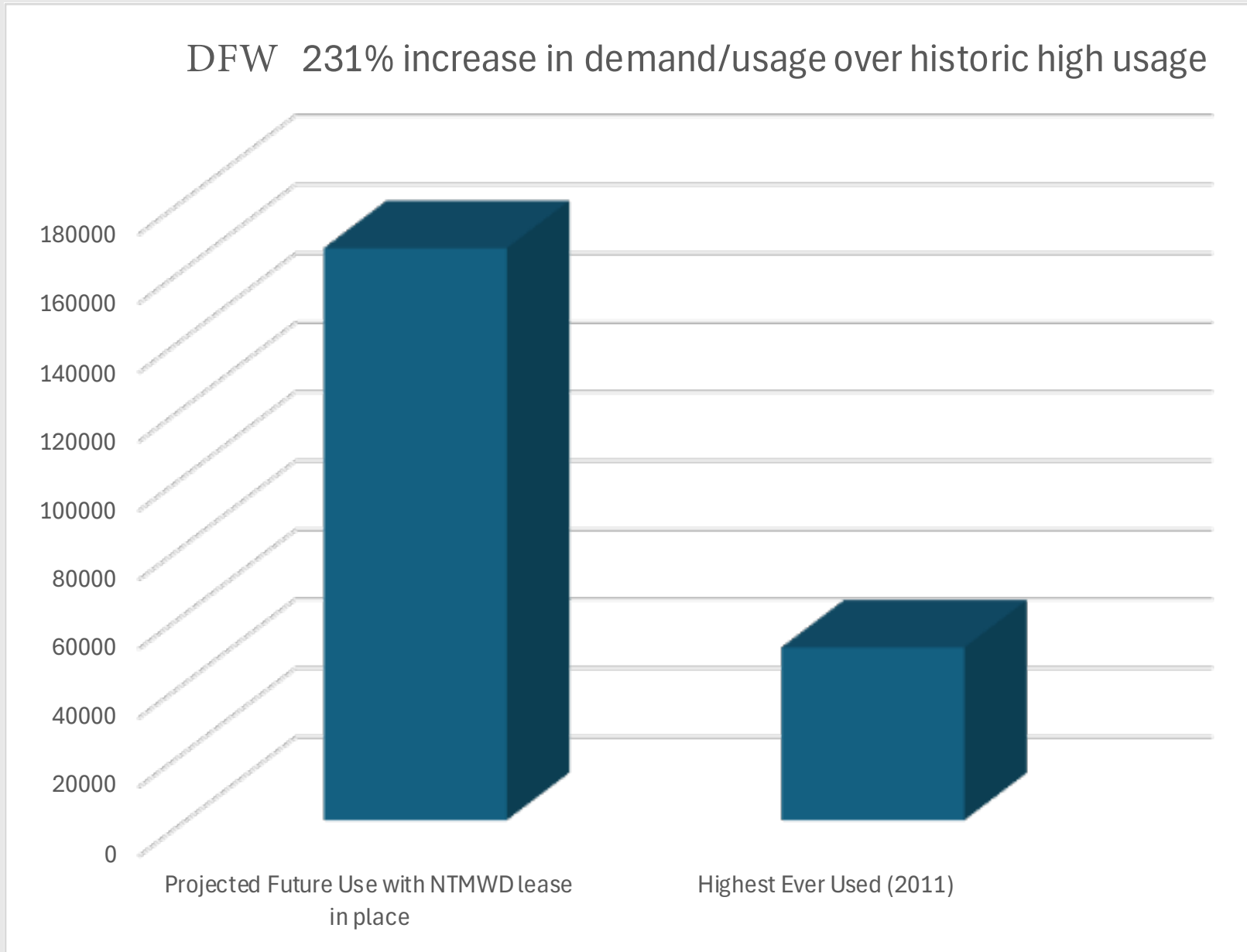
~59,635 AFY, 27% of total water

What would be left for new or expanded businesses and households

~34,681 AFY, 19% of total water

Sources:
• 2026 Region D Initially Prepared Plan (<https://www.twdb.texas.gov/water/planning/twp/plans/2026/index.aspx>)

It is very reasonable, and not “emotional” to be concerned about 231% more usage out of the basin than has EVER been used before



Financial and Bureaucracy Consequences –

Lose more than you gain

It's too much water, taking us from a position of abundance to a position of scarcity.

1. Loss of property values (therefore, tax base)
2. Damage to tourism (fishing tournaments, Caddo visits)
3. Less attractive to people who may want to move here (retirees)
4. Capping our growth and loss of economic opportunities –

100,000 acre feet of water equals \$30 billion in economic activity source - https://texas2036.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Prospective-Costs-and-Consequences-of-Insufficient-Water-Infrastructure-Investment-in-Texas_11182024_FinalCover.pdf

5. Especially harming Lone Star – an RFI is in to State for selection for new Steel Mill at Lone Star – would provide 150 jobs at avg \$120,000 salary. Without the water, Lone Star will be out of the running and never get an industry at that site.

6. Industrial scale groundwater extraction would harm rural people (pay to deepen wells,) and agriculture industry and timber, losing even more \$. Could even change FEMA flood maps (has happened in Southeast Tx)

1. With DFW having a pipe in our lake and taking over 100,000 ft per year, we would need 2 things we have never needed here:
 - a. WaterMaster, costing \$500,000 every year for locals to pay, to monitor meters and disputes for water in a drought
 - b. A Groundwater Conservation District to prevent exploitation (Kyle Bass style) of our Groundwater if a pipe is in here (locals would have a new bureaucracy and have to have a new tax to pay for the GCD.)

Water, labor force factored into dairy facility decision to ...

It's estimated to bring 150 jobs to Longview. Mansfield says the facility is slated for a 2027 completion date. This will be Ninth Avenue Foods' ... [Read more](#)



City of Daingerfield, Texas

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Big news for Morris County and Northeast Texas! The Lone Star Mega-Site has been selected for CPKC's Site Ready Program — the only Texas site currently recognized. This milestone reflects strong teamwork between local partners and industry leaders, creating new opportunities for industrial growth, jobs, and future investment right here at home. The future is looking bright for Lone Star, Daingerfield, and all of Morris County.



Longview News-Journal

https://news-journal.com › 2025/10/23 › dairy-industry...

Dairy industry company to bring \$200M-plus investment ...

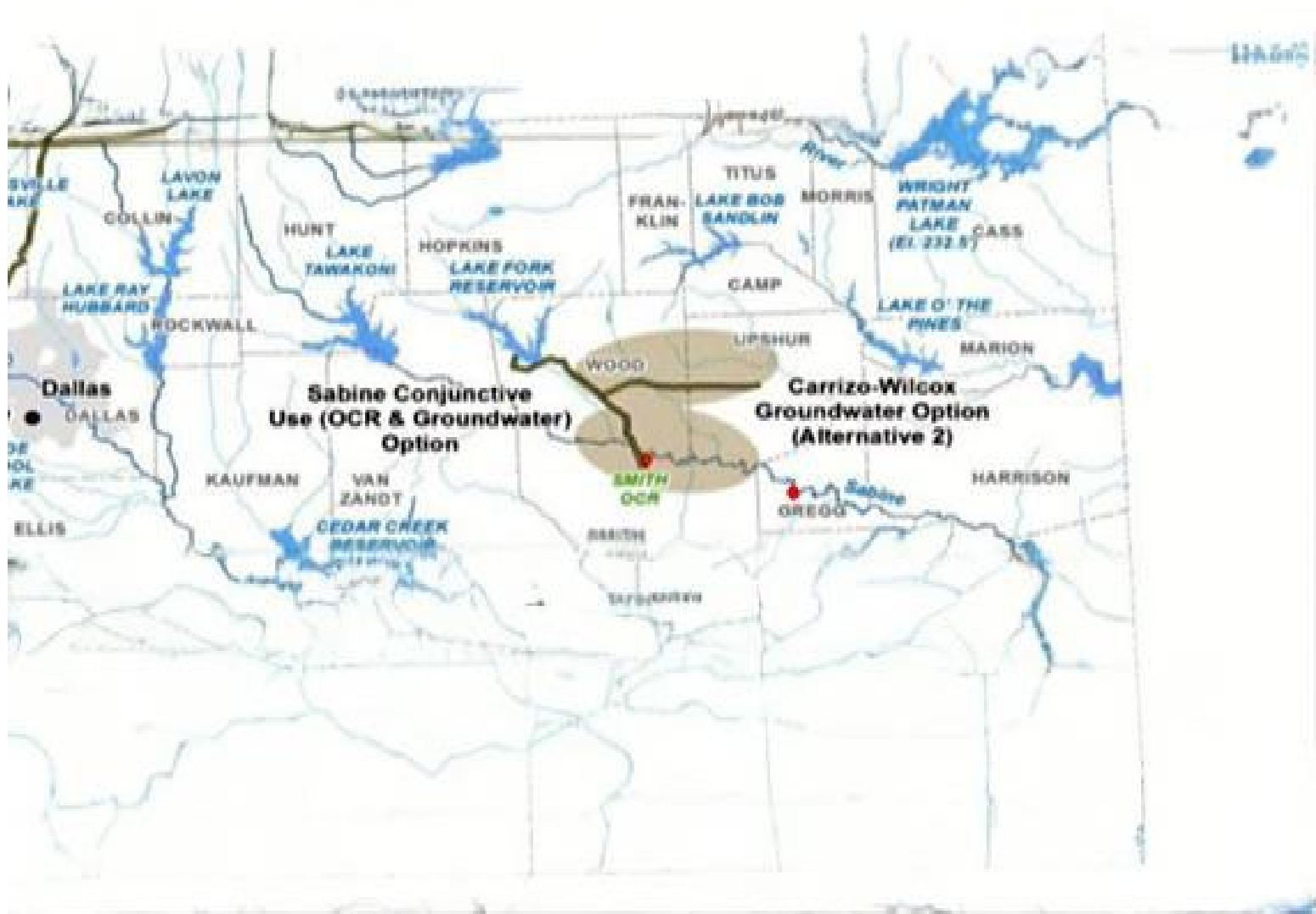
The company plans to build an extended-shelf-life manufacturing facility in Longview' North Business Park off of Judson Road. The LEDCO board of ... [Read more](#)

Once the **Pipe** is in Lake O' Pines, it opens up East Texas to the Kyle Bass situation with **exploiting Groundwater** – and we have **no defense at all**. And google Lake Texana/Corpus Christi – Lake Texana said Corpus could pump some water but had to stop when Texana got low – Abbot said Corpus keep pumping beyond the limit

The next 2 slides show they are already talking about Groundwater from our area in at least 3 places so far. The Pipe to NETMWD/LOTP makes it possible. Then the 3rd slide shows this is exactly what happened with the Kyle Bass situation – surface water (in the exact 53.7% like LOTP/NETMWD) from Lake Palestine got the pipe and then Kyle Bass could put his groundwater in it

Lake Monticello – Real Estate Listing

- Listed for sale by Hortenstine Ranch Company
- Owned by Luminant
- Property supported former Monticello Power Plant and includes:
 - 5,700 acres±, inclusive of groundwater estate
 - Lake Monticello (2,001 acres)
 - Multiple small impoundments 66 acre lake and 18 other lakes from 1 - 43 acres ±
 - **Water rights** for Lake Monticello and other impoundments

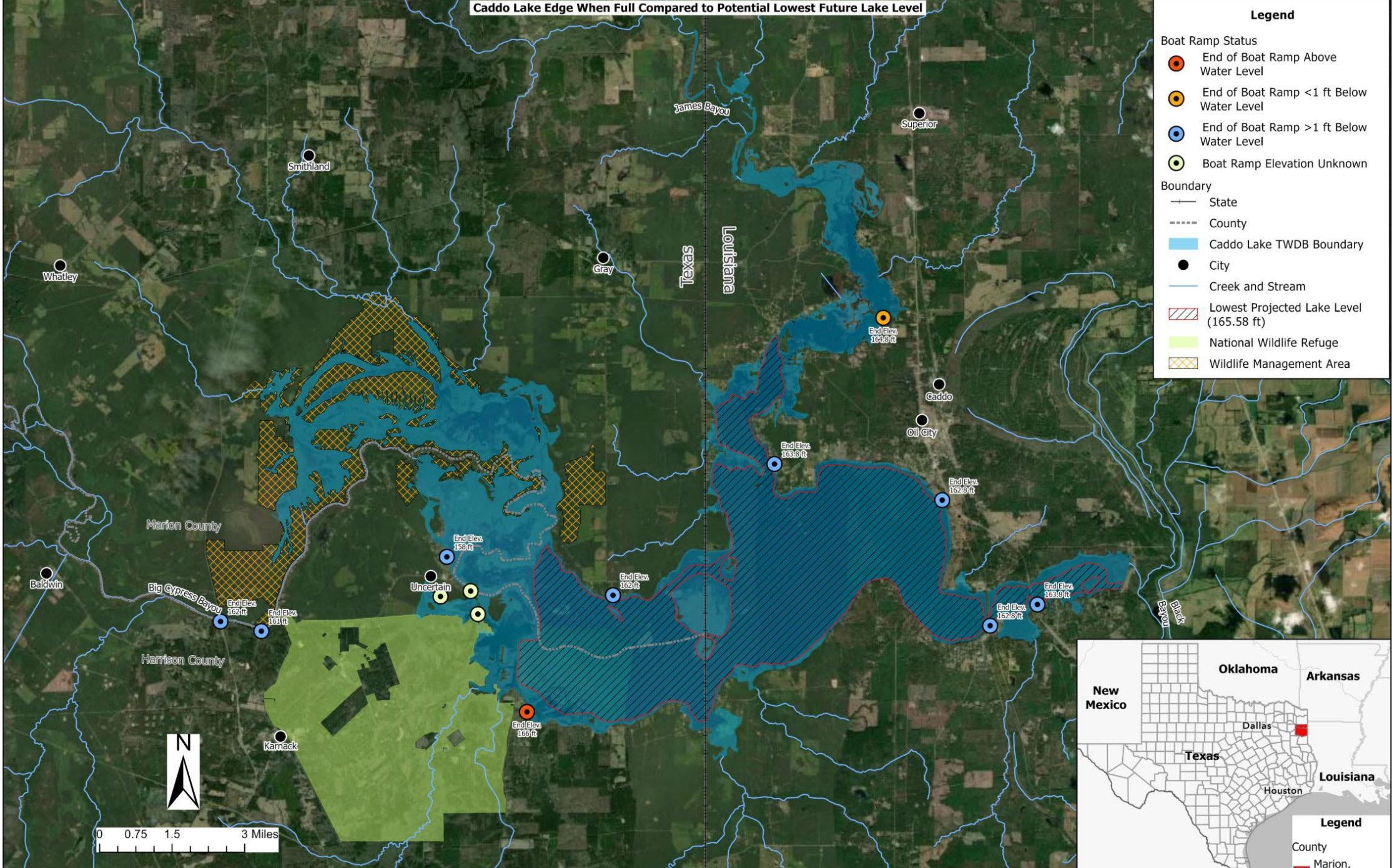


**City of Dallas
Long Range Water Supply Plan**

- Carrizo Wilcox Groundwater – Alt 2
- Sabine – Conjunctive Use (OCR and groundwater)

Caddo Lake Edge When Full Compared to Potential Lowest Future Lake Level

Red outline shows where the water would be at Caddo – starving the irreplaceable wetlands



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Boat Ramp Status

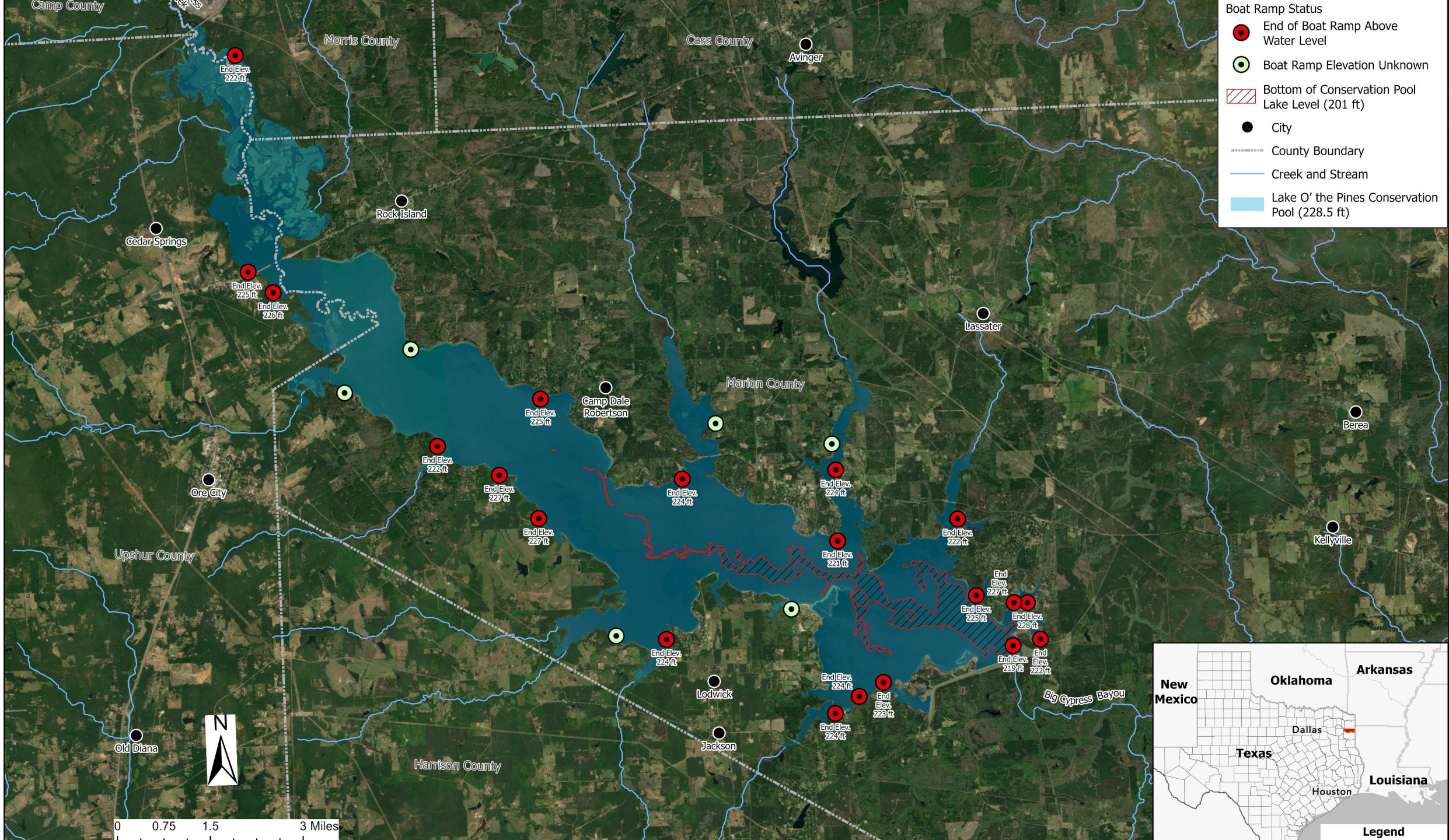
- End of Boat Ramp Above Water Level
- End of Boat Ramp <1 ft Below Water Level
- End of Boat Ramp >1 ft Below Water Level
- Boat Ramp Elevation Unknown

Boundary

- State
- County
- Caddo Lake TWDB Boundary
- City
- Creek and Stream
- Lowest Projected Lake Level (165.58 ft)
- National Wildlife Refuge
- Wildlife Management Area



Source Data: Bathymetric Survey and Physical and Chemical-Related Properties of Caddo Lake, Louisiana and Texas, August and September 1998 (USGS and LDTD 1999)



- Boat Ramp Status**
- End of Boat Ramp Above Water Level
 - Boat Ramp Elevation Unknown
 - Bottom of Conservation Pool Lake Level (201 ft)
 - City
 - County Boundary
 - Creek and Stream
 - Lake O' the Pines Conservation Pool (228.5 ft)



0 0.75 1.5 3 Miles



Legend

Sales Pitch – all of these environmental concerns will be worked out at the Permit process with lots of public input and science.

Fact – That is not how this works. See Lake Ringgold in Wichita Falls, where at the permit process, all the people rose up against it, the science and environmental reports were against it, even a judge found against it, and TCEQ still gave them the permit. They will get the permit regardless. All they have to say is that it is in the Regional Plan (Region C.) And in there they mention no ecological concerns as Lake O the Pines is already a permitted reservoir.

Sales Pitch - There is plenty of water here and it is wasteful not to sell as much as we can:

Fact –The amount NTMWD/DFW needs to justify the \$2billion pipe is TOO much water to sell. While they may legally have a right to do it, it is 53.7% of Lake O' the Pines, it would be a 231% increase over the highest ever amount of water used from our basin. It is common sense that the bayous and lakes will drop and suffer, especially in a drought. Groundwater would also be taken soon and that would harm rural people, agriculture, even timber industry, further harming our area.

Sales Pitch - These cities need this money –

Fact - This would be a quick fix that would be short-sighted and harm the property values, tax base, way of life, and outdoor and tourism economy in the area. Real jobs are what would ultimately help these cities and the real people that live here, hopefully giving our youth not only a beautiful place to call home, but also a job to raise the next generation. 100,000 acre feet of water equals a \$30 billion economic development potential (we can't send that to DFW)

Sales Pitch - Caddo will be fine and has plenty of water coming from Little Cypress and Black Cypress.

Facts - Caddo was NOT fine before the voluntary water releases were made.

Water quality would get worse and salvinia would back up in the lake if nothing was flowing over the mooringsport dam.

During the drought of 2011, the only water coming into Caddo was coming from Big Cypress Bayou.

Even now, with SWEPCO temporarily offline, the people at Caddo don't see that much water.

Lots of the water that is released from Lake O the Pines is taken by paying customers of NETMWD - Marshall (intake in BCB) and even RFE Fracking company - out of the bayou before it gets to Caddo.

During the worst droughts, the ONLY water coming to Caddo is from Lake O the Pines as happened for 6 straight months in 2011 (Nov-June) – Lake O the Pines would drop even more than Caddo as Caddo does have other, smaller tributaries/sources of water.

Sales Pitch - Caddo gets plenty of water - Carollo will do a study of Lake Othe Pines

Fact - The numbers NETMWD reports to you each quarter in their reports to you are not gages and real water numbers. They are "theoretical" and there are 2 different theoretical numbers, neither of which may be right. Flowing water is healthy water. It isn't wasted, it protects the water quality of our lakes.

The Carollo study will not look at all the sales out of the basin. It will not look at environmental impacts. It will not be a volumetric study (which hasn't been done at LOIP since 2009.) Much of the value of the water they say they are releasing is flood water that belongs to the Corps and not water belonging to NETMWD

Sales Pitch – The state will come and take this water away if you don't sell it now.

Fact - There are multiple laws against this. Because this area paid for the water supply and recreation portions of Lake O the Pines construction, there is a special extra layer of protection where this would be the last place that could happen. The Region D Water Plan, now the State Water Plan, has Lake O' the Pines as a 50 year source of municipal and industrial water for OUR region. It is officially spoken for in the State Plan as a source of municipal use. Having a Pipe in here sure does make it easier to take in an emergency, though. The Pipe is the problem. The Lease enables the Pipe. Then the dominoes of Lone Star, Monticello and groundwater all fall to the Pipeline along with Lake O the Pines. That would change the entire dynamic of water in East Texas from abundant to threatened. All of our plants and animals evolved to be in a place with abundant water.

Closing thoughts:

It's too much water to a place too powerful, putting our region in a dangerous position. Having abundant water is a blessing for our way of life, our quality of life, and our future (for people, business, and nature.) Let's give our region the next decade to focus on economic development of our area with our water and to learn from Lake Palestine's mistakes. The water would only be more valuable in a decade.

Dangerfield is one of the 7 cities in charge of the water district through their representative HB 5659 means that the decision to lease or not is in the hands of 5 of the 7 cities.