

The Central Texas Water Coalition is opposed to the proposed dam on the Llano River.

In this ongoing drought combined with the huge population growth, drastically low inflows into the Highland Lakes, and our ever-changing climate, why would TCEQ start a potentially new problem impacting drinking water for millions?

The proposed private recreational dam, Permit Application #13524, will literally dam off the one and only water channel of the river at the location that allows the South Llano River to continue downstream through the beneficial dams and lakes all the way down to Lake LBJ. This major waterway provides water for the Highland Lakes and beyond.

TCEQ pending permit #13524 and this proposed private recreational dam and lake on the rivers of the Llano (North, South and Main Llano) would set a precedent that once established cannot be reversed.

If permitted, this could open the door to unlimited private dams being permitted on any rivers in the Highland Lakes watershed. On what basis would TCEQ deny other applicants?

Additionally, there would be the difficulty of enforcing a Permit that authorizes the impoundment of water in a remote area within a river basin without a Watermaster. Despite the permit provisions requiring water to be released downstream, it seems nearly impossible to assure compliance with such requirements.

It's time for the agencies that manage our water systems to stop ignoring our current critical water issues and start saying NO!

It's time to be more conservative with our water and treat water judiciously as it is necessary for life, livelihood, and lifestyle for everyone.

It's time to recognize that we are all in this together!

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