

Lake Eastex Update

REPORT ON THE EAST TEXAS REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PROJECT June/July, 2000

404 Permit Planning Process Begins

The Angelina and Neches River Authority (ANRA) will submit a 404 environmental permit application for Lake Eastex to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers this summer—an important step in the continuing effort to build this essential water-supply reservoir for East Texas.

The 404 permit process will deal principally with the inevitable loss of some bottomland hardwood and the mitigation of this loss.

Simultaneously to the 404 process, ANRA will seek the Authority's permit for Lake Eastex. The continuation of the permit must be coupled with the

preservation of historically adequate water volume availability.

Current Lake Eastex participants include the cities of Jacksonville, Troup, Whitehouse, Rusk, New London, Arp, Tyler and Nacogoches, Cherokee County, Temple-Inland, water supply corporations from Jackson, Rusk Rural, Blackjack, North Cherokee County, Reklaw, Caro, New Summerfield, Stryker Lake, and Afton Grove, Craft-Turney Water Supply, and one individual, John Moore.

Sweeny Heads Board

Jack Sweeny, group vice-president of Temple-Inland, Inc. of Diboll, has been elected president of the board of directors

for the Angelina and Neches River Authority.

Sweeny, whose board term ends in September, 2001, succeeds Henry Holubec of Lufkin, who remains on the board.

Stewart M. Kenderdine of Palestine was named vice-president and Roy I. Stark, also of Palestine, was named secretary-treasurer.

Other board members are Dominick (Nick) B. Bruno of Jacksonville, Janelle C. Ashley of Nacogdoches, Karen Elizabeth Barber of Jasper, and Kimberly R. Luna, also of Nacogdoches.

ANRA is responsible for water supply and water quality planning for the Angelina and Neches River basin in East Texas.

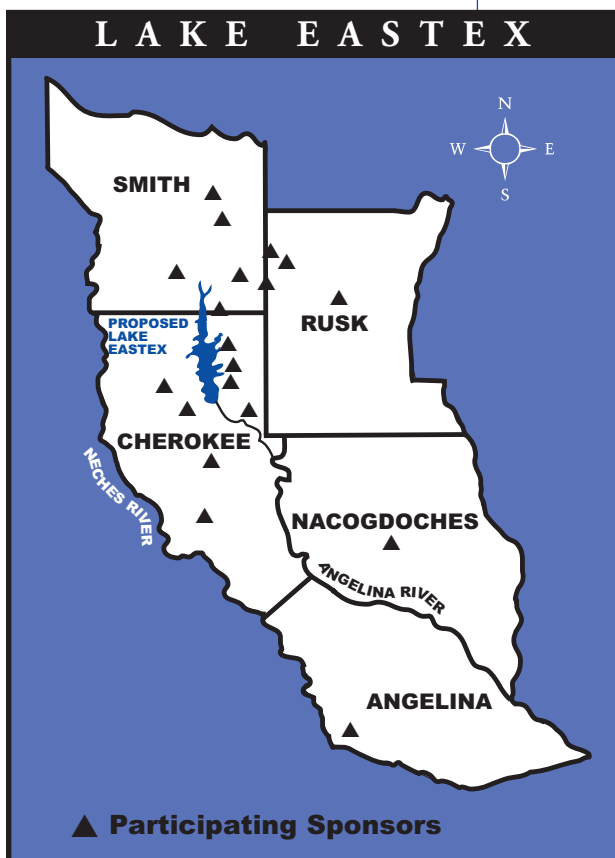





Glenda Kindle of Frankston holds a special award presented to her by the Angelina and Neches River Authority board of directors for her early work on Lake Eastex. Mrs. Kindle was an early proponent of Lake Eastex.

Dealing With Water Quality

In addition to its responsibility for providing adequate water supplies within its service area, ANRA is charged with protecting and enhancing water quality.

As East Texas grows and water uses change, ANRA will continue to monitor and report on water quality throughout the authority's basins as part of the Texas Clean Rivers Program.





Angelina & Neches River Authority

ANRA serves Anderson, Angelina, Cherokee, Henderson, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby, Smith, Trinity, Tyler and Van Zandt counties.

Reneau Named ANRA General Manager

Kenneth W. Reneau, former city manager for the City of Weatherford, Texas, has been named general manager for ANRA.

As Weatherford's city manager from 1983 to 1999, Reneau was instrumental in developing a number of water supply and water quality systems for the city, including the procurement of water rights from Lake Benbrook and the passage of several major bond issues dealing with water issues.

He also served as city administrator for the City of Bowie and assistant tax assessor-collector for the City of Grand Prairie. He is a member of the Texas Water Conservation Association's board of directors.

Reneau holds a BA degree in government from the University of Texas at Arlington and a master's degree in public administration from North Texas State University.



*Kenneth Reneau,
ANRA general manager*

Planning Group Recommends 13 Reservoir Sites

The East Texas Regional Planning Group has recommended 13 sites for new reservoirs in its 20-county area.

The sites were accepted by the group after suggestions were made by river and water authorities with water supply responsibilities in the region. The Planning Group will make the sites a part of its regional planning report to the Texas Water Development Board this autumn.

The Angelina and Neches River Authority proposed one site, Lake Eastex, which already has a state permit for a 10,000-acre lake on Mud Creek in Cherokee and Smith counties.

The Lower Neches River Authority proposed 100,000-acre Rockland Reservoir on the Neches River near Diboll.

The Upper Neches River Municipal Water Authority of Palestine suggested two

lake sites: Weches (33,000 acres) and Ponta (36,000 acres).

The Sabine River Authority proposed nine reservoir sites: Carthage (41,200 acres), Bon Wier (34,540 acres), Stateline, (24,100 acres), Socagee, (9,100 acres), Highway 22, Stages 1 and 2 (6,510 acres), Big Cow Creek (4,618 acres), Kilgore (817 acres), and Rabbit Creek (520 acres).

Parting Thought

Only about 3% of all the water in the world is drinkable. We must all do our part to protect this rare and valuable resource. For home, lawn and car care products, don't just read the label for proper use, but also for proper disposal.

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