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The Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce, therefore, earnestly requests and urges expedient authorization of the Aquilla Reservoir Project as recommended by the Chief of Engineers in the report submitted to the Congress by the Secretary of the Army.

Sincerely,

JACK DOBBS,
President, Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce.

WILL BOND,
Chairman, Water Resources Committee, Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce.

PAUL HARVEY,
Vice-President, Industrial Division, Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce.

STATEMENT OF THE BRAZOS RIVER AUTHORITY IN SUPPORT OF THE AQUILLA
RESERVOIR PROJECT

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BRAZOS RIVER AUTHORITY, APRIL 22, 1968

The Brazos River Authority of the State of Texas fully supports the recommendation for authorization of the Aquilla Reservoir as proposed in the report of the Chief of Engineers covering the Aquilla Reservoir on Aquilla Creek, Brazos River Basin, Texas.

The Brazos River Authority, as the agency established by the Texas Legislature in 1929 for the purpose of developing, controlling and conserving the water resources of the Brazos basin, considers the proposed Aquilla Reservoir to be a highly desirable multipurpose project of vital importance in helping alleviate problems of flood control and water conservation in the Brazos basin.

There is an immediate and urgent need for the proposed Aquilla Reservoir as an element of the Corps of Engineers' basin-wide system of reservoirs designed for control of floods in the Brazos basin. In addition to providing flood protection along the lower 20.7 miles of Aquilla Creek, the project will contribute significantly to reduction of flooding in the main stem of the Brazos along the 442 miles between Whitney Reservoir and the Gulf of Mexico. In particular, by checking floods from the last remaining uncontrolled major source of flooding in the basin upstream of Waco, Texas, the project will provide the final assurance necessary to free the Waco metropolitan area from the threat of floods from the Brazos River.

The Aquilla Reservoir is also urgently needed as a source of dependable surface water supply to meet existing and growing requirements for municipal and industrial water. The most pressing need for dependable surface water supplies exists in the immediate vicinity of the project, where the cities of Hillsboro and West face imminent water shortages as their already inadequate ground water sources continue to dwindle. Both cities have requested the Brazos River Authority to supply them water from the proposed Aquilla Reservoir and have expressed an immediate and urgent need for the water. As the agency designated to represent the State and local interests with regard to the water supply aspects of this project, the Authority has notified the Corps of Engineers of its willingness to assume the obligations and requirements of local cooperation for the water conservation storage space in the project. The Authority is prepared not only to furnish the water needed by these cities and by others in the immediate area of the project, but also to operate this reservoir as an element of its basin-wide system of water supply reservoirs to assure the most effective practicable utilization of the water resources developed by the Aquilla Reservoir to assist in meeting present and future water needs in other areas as well.

The Aquilla Reservoir project is considered vitally important to effective flood control and water conservation in the Brazos Basin and is urgently needed to meet immediate requirements for dependable surface water supplies. The Brazos River Authority therefore earnestly requests and urges authorization of the Aquilla Reservoir project as recommended by the Chief of Engineers in the report submitted to the Congress by the Secretary of the Army.

Mr. JONES. The next project is Crooked Creek, Harrison, Ark.