

Bayou flood control and water supply facilities, Colorado River Basin, Tex., located within my congressional district.

As you know, I have had a great interest in this project for a number of years as it has progressed through the various stages.

Officials of the Texas Water Development Board have appeared before this committee and have outlined in detail the technical aspects of this flood control and water supply project, and I shall not take the time of the committee to reiterate these details. I do, however, feel it important to point out that the board has continually stressed the definite need for water supply storage in the Pecan Bayou Reservoir.

The Corps of Engineers, of course, has approved this project and it is recognized there is need and justification for the Pecan Bayou Reservoir for flood control purposes. An unforeseen increase in water requirements in the area would require an earlier construction of the multipurpose Pecan Bayou Reservoir project to be planned to operate in conjunction with water supply features of Lake Brownwood and maximize reservoir yields for water supply purposes.

As the committee knows, the benefit-cost ratio on this project is 2.3 to 1, which I understand is excellent.

I appeal to the committee to include this greatly needed facility in its omnibus bill which is now being written.

If there are details which I may furnish to the committee, I shall be glad to do so and I sincerely hope favorable action may be possible. Water supplies and flood control are imperative in an area such as this which is arid by nature, and from my own personal inspections of the locale, I do have a personal knowledge of the problems which exist. (The information follows:)

This brief is presented for the State of Texas by the Texas Water Development Board. It expresses the views of the agency on the report being considered by this Committee recommending improvements on Pecan Bayou Watershed, Colorado River Basin, Texas.

The Texas Water Development Board is the agency of the State government designated to cooperate with the Corps of Engineers and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in the planning of water resource development projects. Some of the Board's other responsibilities include: the preparation of a State Water Plan, the keeping of such plan current, the administration of the Texas Water Development Fund presently authorized at \$400,000,000, and the development of water resources projects. In the performance of its duties the agency maintains close liaison with the Federal agencies, State agencies, and local political subdivisions.

PECAN BAYOU WATERSHED, COLORADO RIVER BASIN, TEXAS

Brownwood Dam and Reservoir was completed by local interests as a water supply reservoir in 1932. Actions by the Congress in the Flood Control Acts of 18 August 1941 and 22 December 1944 provide for enlargement of the reservoir in the interest of flood control. As a result of a restudy the Corps of Engineers recommends the authorized project be deauthorized and that a multiple-purpose plan of improvement for the Pecan Bayou Watershed, Texas, be authorized to provide for the construction of the following: (1) protective measures for Lake Brownwood Dam to provide for a reconstructed project for purpose of flood control and water supply; (2) channel improvements in the vicinity of the City of Brownwood for purposes of local flood protection along Pecan Bayou, Adams Branch, Tom Williams Branch and Willis Creek at Brownwood, Texas; and (3) two multiple-purpose reservoirs designated Coleman Reservoir on Jim Ned Creek and Pecan Bayou Reservoir on Pecan Bayou, both upstream from existing Lake Brownwood.

EXISTING FACILITIES

Lake Brownwood is impounded by a dam on Pecan Bayou at mile 57.1, a short distance below the confluence at Pecan Bayou and Jim Ned Creek. The dam