September 30, 2010

Honorable Judges:

Living in the Lower Colorado River basin is an honor. As Texans and concerned citizens we have a unique opportunity to shape the future for our children and their children. But we must do it together and we must start today.

The demands on water and our environment are rapidly changing. In all of our counties, the population is growing, tourism is increasing and the needs of our communities are facing new challenges.

The Lower Colorado River Authority has historically been charged with managing our lakes and rivers, responding to the demands of farmers, ranchers while balancing the same needs for industrial customers. From this came the Water Management Plan.

As the WMP evolves, we now have the opportunity to participate and contribute to our future. We have a chance to partner with the LCRA to help define our needs, ensure fairness, search for solutions and be known as innovators.

"If you do the same thing the same way, you get the same results."

You have a Resolution with this letter. This Resolution outlines the need for us to be diligent and active in our future. We are asking you to review the Resolution and present it to your individual Commissioner's Court. If we will work together we can make a difference.

We plan to present all of the approved Resolutions to the LCRA and our legislators. We will meet with you to help define and understand your water issues. Together we can make a difference.

Judge Donna Klaeger Burnet County Judge Nate McDonald Matagorda County