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The **Central Texas Water Coalition, Inc**. (CTWC) is a non-profit 501(c)4 umbrella organization formed by the Lakes' members of the LCRA Water Management Advisory Committee. These concerned citizens and business owners were invited by the LCRA in May of 2010 to represent the Lower Colorado River basin interests of the Highland Lakes. This Lakes group met with agricultural interests, municipal and utilities, and environmentalists in a year-long fact finding and negotiating process whose goal was to advise the LCRA on how best to manage our most precious and vital resource, Colorado River water.

Representing Lake Buchanan are Jo Karr Tedder, Rusty Brandon, John Williams and Rick Albers. Representing Lake Travis are Janet Caylor, Kerry Spradley and Dorothy Taylor. Our team also includes David Lindsay, Tom Harrison, Bill Aydam, Clare Miers, Barbara Barron, Susan Auler, Nancy Fisher, Monica Jacobs, Clare Miers, and a host of other action oriented folks who care deeply about our water and our future.

After our experience in an advisory role, and learning about other well established, competing interests in the basin, we determined that a more proactive role in policy formation was long past due. For decades, water policies has been driven by downstream agricultural interests and others who do not fully understand or appreciate the negative effect that low lake levels have on Highland Lakes tourism, businesses, and regional and statewide tax revenues. We are here to help foster change.

We will work closely with all individuals, organizations and businesses in presenting a united effort to preserve and conserve our most valuable asset, our water. By focusing on scientific data and regional fiscal impacts, we will work with our legislators for a basin wide policy that is fair for all, including the Highland Lakes. Senators Troy Fraser and Kirk Watson, Representatives Jimmie Don Aycock and Paul Workman, Burnet County Judge Donna Klaeger, Burnet County Commissioner Bill Neve, and Travis County Commissioner Karen Huber have all been very supportive of our efforts to share this urgent message: **The water we have in the Highland Lakes is precious, limited, and must be protected; there is no new water; and your voice can help protect our water and our future.**

CTWC Board Officers:

President: Jo Karr Tedder, Lake Buchanan: Educator/Administrator (retired) and Community Organizer
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