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Ladies and Gentlemen of Region L Water Planning Group

It appears the prioritization of projects required to meet the future needs of the San Antonio Water System revolve around stripping the groundwater from the surrounding rural areas.

San Antonio continues to promote the expansion of its economy with the attendant population growth and water demands. They feel that their economy is more important than that of the rural areas, therefore, they have the right to steal the water from the rural areas regardless of the negative consequences to the rural areas.

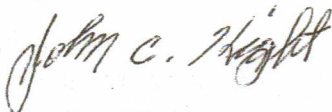
Once the San Antonio Water System has removed the groundwater from the rural areas they have shifted the burden of finding new water to the rural areas which have the least abilities politically or financially to secure water for their continued economic growth.

Water marketers are going to present all sort of scenarios claiming no impact on the groundwater availability. Realistically this doesn't make sense. They are in it for the money, to heck with the negative impacts to the rural area futures.

Future water costs are going to be expensive following the rule of supply and demand. San Antonio needs to accept their responsibility in providing for their own future water supplies without stealing the water from the surrounding rural areas. San Antonio needs to look long-term at sea water desal. Yes, it's expensive, but sooner or later you are going to have to pay the piper.

What San Antonio is doing to the rural areas is like me stealing the gasoline from your tank and leaving you the problem and expense in replacing it. **Not morally right.**

Respectfully,



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